



July 2025 Newsletter

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New committee and President Role

We are now into the new financial year with a new committee having been confirmed at our AGM. At the time of writing this newsletter, the committee roles have not been confirmed. We have not yet elected a President and will be having further discussion at our next meeting.

We are very sorry to lose Alison Spurdle and Nicola Drake who are both stepping down from the committee. At the AGM, Nicky acknowledged the valuable contribution they have both made to the club – thank you Alison and Nicola. Alison will continue with her work on Gift Quilts.

The 2025/26 committee are:

Nicky Gardner, Moira Butterfield, Hannie Van Cruchten, Lindy Mckeown, Denise Daniel, Angela Ambler, Judith Havill, Marilyn Maclachan and Shelley Knox.

Following are introductions to our new committee members:

Shelley Knox

I immigrated to Wellington, NZ from Vancouver, Canada in 2004. Shortly after I arrived I met Sue Bracken - she was working in the Post Shop in Tawa. My quilting journey started when I met her. We talked about her quilting and she recommended Jennifer Chiaverini books.

A novice sewer, I plucked up the courage to register for a class Sue was teaching at Tawa College - Postcards. She helped me learn how to sew, what straight lines and what a 1/4" seam was, how to stretch fabric to make the joins fit and she helped me remedy my first effort at binding. I had done what I understood a whip stitch to be - very tight, very visible stitches with quilting thread of course. My first quilt was finished beautifully with Sue's help.

She invited me to join her at a smaller group of quilters - The Committed Quilters. I am now fortunate to be part of this group - several of them are also part of Coastal Quilters which is how I came to be part of this larger group. I found everyone so welcoming - my favourite part is show and tell. The beautiful work that everyone shares each month is truly inspiring. I would call myself a developing quilter.

Next Sit and Stitch

Saturday, 26 July 2025

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open 9.30am

Club Day

Saturday, 9 August 2025

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade, Plimmerton

Doors open: 12.45 pm

Meeting starts: 1.30 pm

Show and Tell – Members' First Ever Quilts

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Merilyn Maclachan - My Quilting Journey

I first learned to quilt when I attended a night class at Aotea College taught by Marge Hurst – probably in the 1990s. We made sampler quilts and I hand-quilted it – it took 4 years to finish!! I made it for our spare room bed and I still love using it.

Over the years I made 21st birthday quilts for our children, cot quilts for the grandkids and a favourite flower one for my Mum, and more recently I have taught two of the granddaughters to make their own quilts. Classes with Sue Wademan and Griet Lombard inspired me with ideas for wall hangings and fabric pictures, and being part of a Fabric Postcard group means I am motivated to try something new for the postcards we send each other every three months.

My latest project is two quilt tops for twin single beds using a book (The Farmer's Wife Sampler Quilt) from the Coastal Quilters library, gratefully borrowed for many months.



July Club Day

Once again we were treated to an excellent talk by Camilla Watson – An Artist's Journey and shown some of her beautiful work (a few photos below). Camilla comes from a long line of artists, she thought she was never a good enough artist but has gone on to win many national and international awards for her quilting work over the years.



A Note of Thanks from Louise on behalf of St Vincent de Paul (for our collection at AGM)

"Thank you very much for once again thinking of those in need in our area. Margaret Wright and I, along with others, put all the tins away on the shelves of our pantry this morning, they are now looking much fuller. I will give the \$62.00 I collected to our treasurer to be banked.

Thank you once again for supporting our "Vinnies" in the area. Helping us to help others."

A thank you letter has also been received from St Vincent de Paul who are so grateful for our help.

2025 Speakers

August: Instead of having a speaker this month, we've decided to have a special Show and Tell. We invite members to bring along the first quilt you made or the earliest quilt you have available. (I'm embarrassed to show mine, but I'll get it out of the boot of my car where it has lain for a couple of years providing good cover from all sorts of stuff being piled into the boot!)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING ALONG ONE OR TWO OF YOUR EARLY QUILTS TO SHOW.

SHOULD BE AN INTERESTING AFTERNOON TO SEE HOW FAR WE HAVE ALL COME WITH OUR QUILTING SKILLS

September: Joanne Knight – Identity Theft

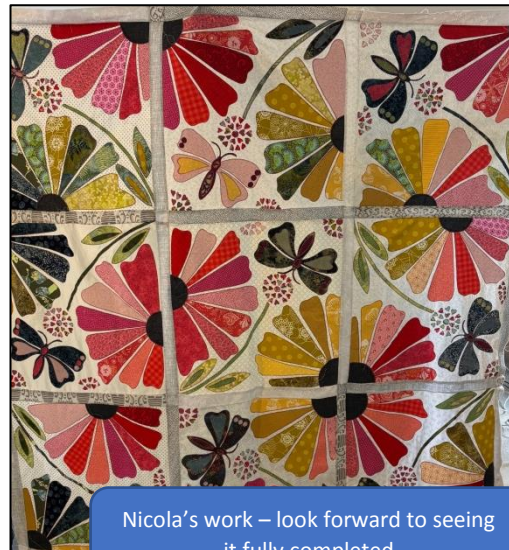
Mini Retreat (Hannie)

Wow how time flies - it has been 3 weeks since our last mini retreat, 23 people attended. As always, mini retreat is a good time to catch up with your unfinished projects whether it be hand sewing or machine sewing or even starting a new project. I love the idea that help is always available with any quilting issues you may have and it doesn't matter how long you have been quilting, if you have a question believe me it will be solved.

Thank you for the lovely shared dinner, lunch, morning and afternoon tea everybody brought along and of course a big thank you to Lesley for making sure we are being nourished for morning and afternoon tea and have a sit down meal at dinner and lunch.

Thank you Lindy for taking photos from the various projects, finished or unfinished.

If you haven't been to a Mini retreat yet, please join us next time on Friday 28/ Saturday 20 November.



Nicola's work – look forward to seeing it fully completed



June Mini Retreat

Don't forget Silverstream Retreat is coming up 5/6/7 September.

Shop Hop Bus Trip Time – 2 August (Raewyn and Jenny)

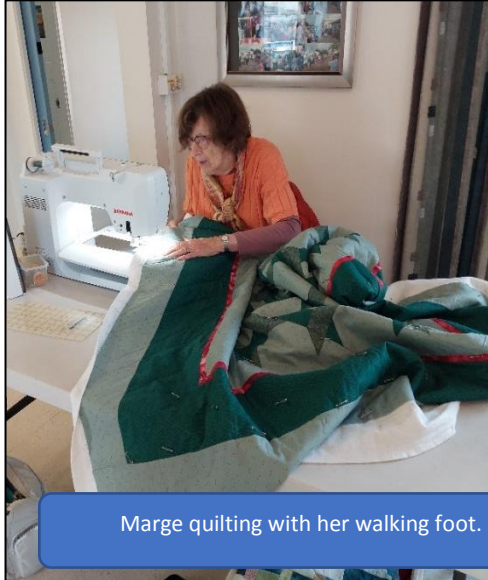
Woweee this is getting closer ... only a couple of weeks to go. Our bus will leave at 7.30am from the Lower Carpark by the field behind the station. Head towards Palmers and instead of going into Palmers go over the little bridge on your right and down into the carpark. We will be picking up folk in Paraparaumu and Waikanae. Our first stop is Waikanae with Fibre Flair, Jenoa and a couple of coffee shops open. On to LevinCherry Pie, Knit World... morning tea. Hidden Hollow, Golf Club Lunch, Amiees, Fox Cottage and ...HOME. You don't have to order from the Menu at the Golf Club, there is a well stocked cabinet of food or, if you wish, bring something from home or extra large morning tea at Levin.

There are still 11 people to pay their BUS FARE...please would you do this by the end of this week so we can finalise the BUS and other bits and pieces.

LETS GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gift Quilts

The Gift Quilt workday held on 5 July was a great success and has set us up well for the rest of the year. There were nine small quilts pinned, quilts quilted, orphan blocks sorted, sewing of backings, borders and blocks, along with the collaboration and chatter that occurs when quilters gather. Thank you to everyone for the continued support of all parts of quilt-making for our charity quilts.



Marge quilting with her walking foot.



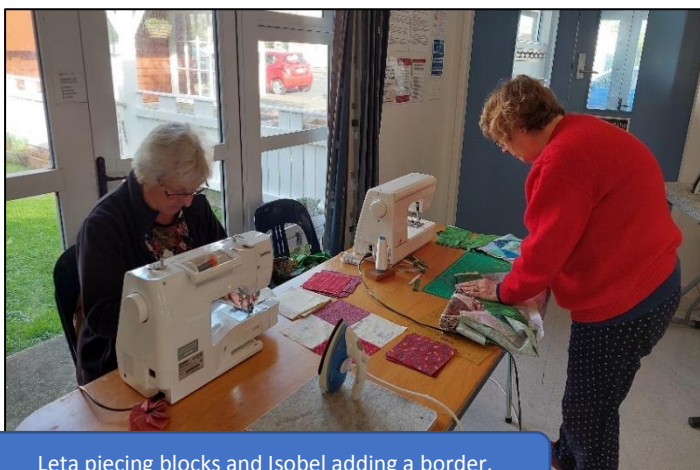
Quilts for pinning



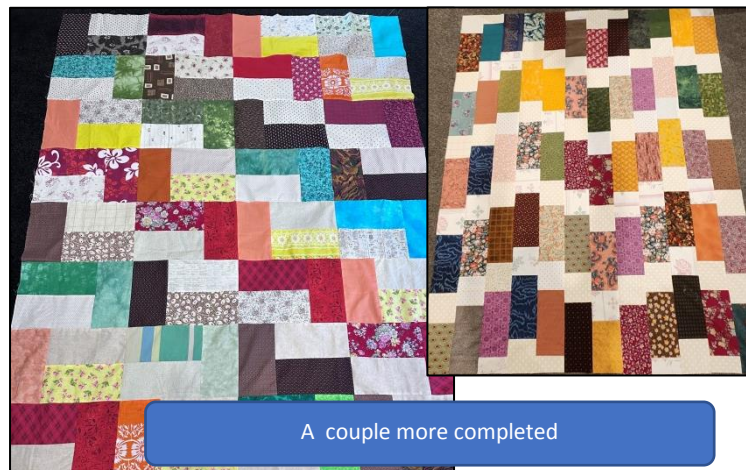
Lisa and Margaret were another sewing and ironing team, putting together a quilt top



Denise working on one pattern, and Prue and Nicky working as a sewing and ironing team assembling another quilt.



Leta piecing blocks and Isobel adding a border.



A couple more completed

Block of Month

A BOM Love Knot put together by Judith and now ready for quilting. Please see Judith if you are keen to do some quilting/binding etc to finish off this beautiful quilt ready for gifting.

The latest BOM is a Jagged X's block and we look forward to seeing these returned at our August meeting. Instructions are attached to this newsletter and are also available on our website.

Please remember also if you have any black on white / white on black fabric scraps please pass them on to a committee member for a black on white / white on black themed BOM.

Thanks for your support
Alison and Judith



Classes

Well the UFO class has been and gone and was an enjoyable class.

NOW we have the **Clear Project bag by Rosemary Ward** – from Pinehaven coming to tutor us. The needs list, if you're interested was emailed out earlier this week.

If you would like to attend this class – which I think will be great – please register online on our website – it is quite easy to do – any problems let us know. I think this bag would be a great present for grandkids – and also to put your projects in and know where they are !!



Have a great week team – and may see some of you at Sit n Stitch on Saturday!!
Ange

Classes Coming Up

If you plan on attending any class can you please remember to enrol online, <https://coastalquilters.org.nz/> and then pay for the class.


- For a class to go ahead there must be a minimum of nine attendees.
- Confirmation of the class going ahead will be made four weeks out from start date
- To secure a place within a class, the fee is to be paid in full at least four weeks prior to the class

For March next year, Diana Carroll is booked to teach a Foundation Piecing class.

We do have the October date now free – so if anyone has any suggestions on what they would like to have a go at please speak up as we need to know people's interests.



Here are the remaining classes for 2025. Doors open at 9.00am to set up machines, tables etc ready to start class promptly at 9.30am. Pack up will be 3.30pm to be away by 4.00pm.

Date	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
16 Aug	Clear Project Bag – Rosemary Ward	This flat zip pouch is ideal for storing your patchwork and other craft projects . One side of the pouch is quilted and the other side is clear vinyl or mesh fabric allowing you to see what's inside. The pouch can be made any size you like. The pouch measures 10 x 14 inches.	ProBag
20 Sept	Quilt as You Go – Diana Carroll		YAYG
18 Oct	tbc	To be confirmed	
15 Nov	Quilted Bags - Clare Smith	Quilted Bags	QBags
21 March 26	Foundation Piecing – Diana Carroll		Foundation

If you have any suggestions of classes that you would like to do, please talk to Angela Ambler (email angelaa@xtra.co.nz) or put a note in the suggestion box which is on the sign-in table on meeting days.

Occasionally a class will have an additional cost for equipment or materials.

- Your place in class is not secured until you pay. Please ensure you register and pay and do not just turn up on the day.
- All classes start at **9.30am (unless otherwise stated)** and are held at the St Andrews Church Hall, Steyne Avenue, Plimmerton unless stated otherwise. Please arrive early to set up your machines etc.
- **It is important we each remember to help clear up our own area (table away & floor clean) before leaving – we are all volunteers!**
- Please be mindful that attendance at any of our classes is for those members who have enrolled and paid to attend. Turning up without enrolment or popping in puts extra pressure on our limited space, time and tutors. Thank you.

When paying online, use the club's bank account BNZ - 02 0524 0056822 00 and please remember to include your name and the Payment Reference for the class you are doing. Classes are \$40.00 for members and \$55.00 for non members.

Library

Please talk to our librarian Maree if you have any particular books or magazines you'd like to see in the library.

Symposium 2026 Announcement

The big announcement this week is that the next Symposium will be held in Christchurch 1-6 October 2026.



Meeting Duties (All helpers to arrive by 12.45 pm)

If you are unable to do your duty please find another member who you can swap with but if you are stuck contact a committee member. Our pool of members able to contribute, especially with heavy lifting, is limited so we really appreciate your offers to help on the day, even though you may not have been down for any duty.

August 2025		September 2025	
Hall:	Lindy McKeown	Hall:	Prue Cooke-Willis
Kitchen:	Catherine Doughty Leta Hunter	Kitchen:	Jean Grant Mary Hutchison
Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Prue Cooke-Willis	Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Alison Tierney
Raffles	Anne Briggs	Raffles	Christine Hiddleston
Quilt Holders:	Sandra Baird Raewyn French	Quilt Holders	Sue Tattersall Di Barnden
Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong	Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong
Library:	Marilyn Holland	Library:	Pauline Procter

Helper Duties

If you are new to helping out with duties, the following is a simple version of what is expected.

Hall	Please arrive by 12.45 to help put out chairs in the hall and at the end of meeting help stack any unreturned chairs to back of hall.
Kitchen	Simone brings milk, biscuits and cups etc. Prior to start of meeting, you need to put out cups, biscuits, coffee, milk in jug, make sure zip is boiled and teabags put in pot ready for the tea break. Help pour tea during break and afterwards wash up any cups and tidy up kitchen area.
Sales	A committee person (Nicola) will direct you as to what is required eg put out fabrics, books etc on sales tables, take in sales and after afternoon tea help pack up and count all money taken in.
Raffles	Sit at raffles table and sell raffles! At end of afternoon tea, count up money taken which is then given to Denise Daniel (Treasurer)
Library	Maree and librarian helpers will give you a container of pens and as books are taken out, members name and date of return are written on library book cards. (Return date of books is the month following). Cards to be put in numerical order in container and given back to Library Helpers at end of break.

Helpers:

Jean Corin, Denise Field, Verena Coleman (Sales Table), Simone Etheredge (Chief Tea Lady), Maree Le Comte, Louise Shirkey, Judy Elliot (Library), Prue Cooke-Willis (Gift Quilts & Membership), Lesley Hall (Mini-retreat, Sit 'N' Stitch), Alz and Janine Armstrong (Frames & Photos), Rachel-Mary Perry (Almoner), Raewyn Hill (Greeter) .

Membership: Prue Cooke-Willis 027 337 3493 Email: prudencecw@gmail.com

Rachel-Mary Perry is our Club Almoner. Please contact Rachel-Mary on 021 1705 151 or email mperry1943@gmail.com if you know of someone coping with an illness or bereavement.

Coastal Quilters Bank Account Number

Payment of classes, retreats, subs, bus trips etc, please include your surname and the reason for payment eg subs, Bus trip, class name (payment reference)

Account Name: Coastal Quilters Inc.

Bank: BNZ - 02 0524 0056822 00

Account No: 02 0524 0056822 00

Have you changed your address –snail or email or phone contact?

If so, please let Prue (prudencecw@gmail.com) know so she can update lists and keep you in touch with Coastal Quilters.

SUBS FOR 2025/2026

Subscriptions are \$30.00 for 2025/26 year, same as last year, and are now due. They can be paid either at our next Club day or by internet banking (details below) , thank you.

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SUGGESTIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS?

Have you any ideas for a class, project, book or speaker? Please speak with one of our committee or put your ideas into the Suggestion Box on the table in the front foyer. We welcome any suggestions.

Club Day Raffles

We'll have more \$25 vouchers included in our July club day raffles, from Thimbles and Threads.

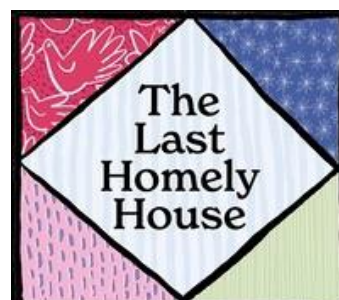


Committee 2025/26

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Off Committee Roles		
Maree Le Comte	Librarian	04 232 4425
Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts	027 337 3493
Alison Spurdle	Gift Quilts	027 306 2822

An interesting Youtube site to follow:

The Last Homely House <<https://thelasthomelyhouse.co.uk>>






Quilt Exhibition 2025
 Southward Car Museum
 Otaihangā Kapiti Coast
13 - 14 September
9am to 4pm



**KEIRUNGA
 QUILTERS
 EXHIBITION**
2-10 AUGUST 2025
 10AM-4PM
 HAVELOCK NORTH
 FUNCTION CENTRE
COT QUILTS FOR SALE \$50.
 (PROCEEDS TO SCBU)

ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION




QUILT FIESTA
CAPITAL QUILTERS 40TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT
SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2025
AT SACRED HEART COLLEGE, LOWER HUTT

Everyone is invited to join us for:

- A Trunk Show by Deborah Dorward from Australia
- A Giant Show and Tell
- Shopping at the merchants
- A day of fun and surprises

**SAVE THE DATE – MORE
 DETAILS COMING SOON.**



Quilt Fiesta
 Capital Quilters 1985 – 2025
 Celebrating 40 years

13th September 2025
10am – 4pm
 Sacred Heart College
 65 Laings Road
 Lower Hutt

Spot prizes → Raffles → Trunk Show → Merchants

Tickets \$10
 Pre-sales at Club Meetings
 Door sales available on the day

- Bring a quilt for show and tell and get a free raffle ticket

ROSE CITY QUILTERS PRESENTS

**CELEBRATION OF
 QUILTS**

**25-26
 OCTOBER**
 10am - 4pm

Community Leisure Centre
 569 Ferguson street
 Palmerston North

Members' Quilt Exhibition
 Special Guest Exhibitors | Challenge Quilts
 Raffles | Merchants | Onsite café

Proudly sponsored by


The next Wellington **Fabricabrac** is **20th September 2025**

10am to 1pm

[St Annes Hall](#), Emmet Street, Newtown, Wellington

Mark the date on the calendar now and start making plans, be it

- destashing your treasures to have a [table](#)
- making a shopping list for your next makes
- getting your fellow fabric lovers together for a road trip
- deciding on lunch time meet up in cafe so you can shop, eat, shop and eat



**AUCKLAND
 FESTIVAL
 of Quilts**

VENUE
 Auckland Netball Centre,
 7 Allison Ferguson Drive,
 St Johns, Auckland

DATES
 31 October - 2 November 2025

TIME
 10am - 4pm Friday - Saturday
 10am - 3pm Sunday

info@aqg.org.nz

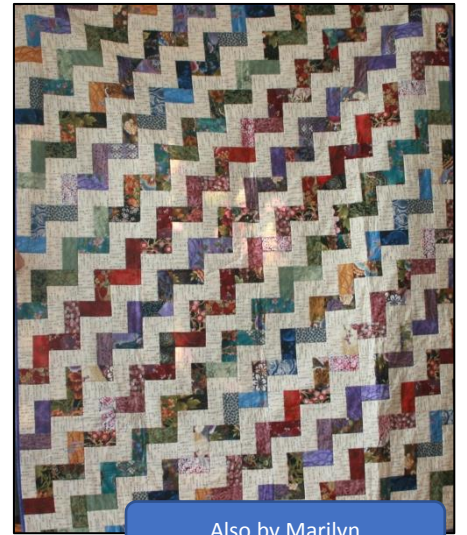
Show and Tell



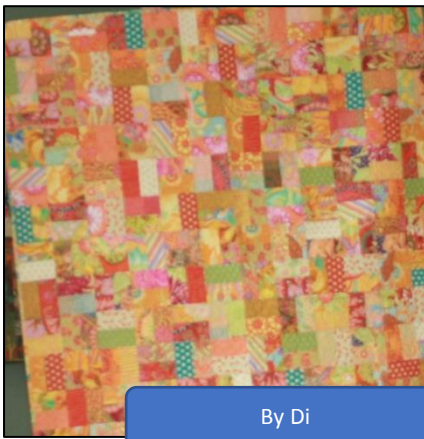
Lindy's drunkard path



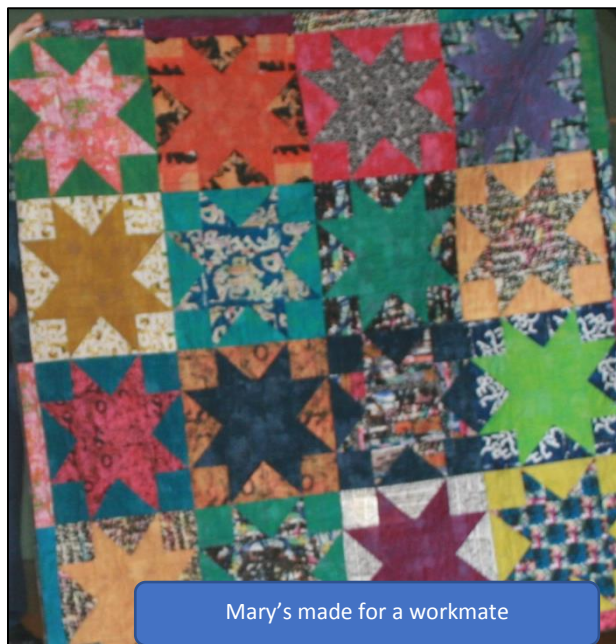
Marilyn's



Also by Marilyn



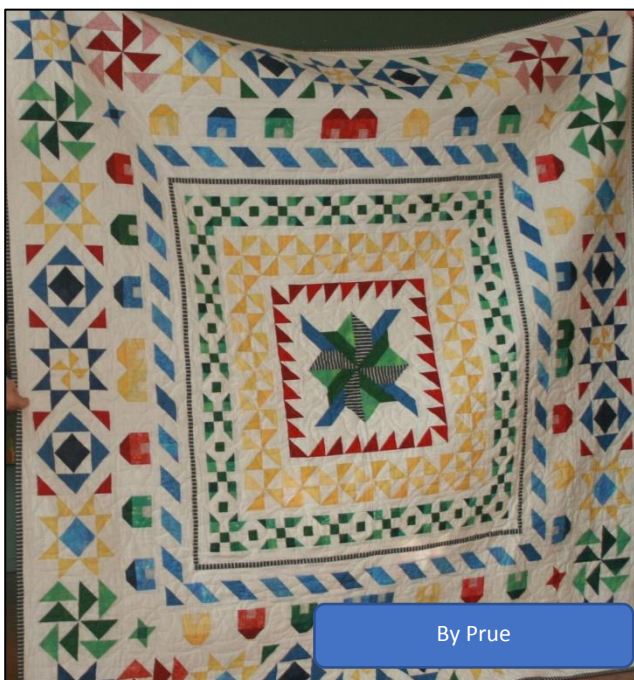
By Di



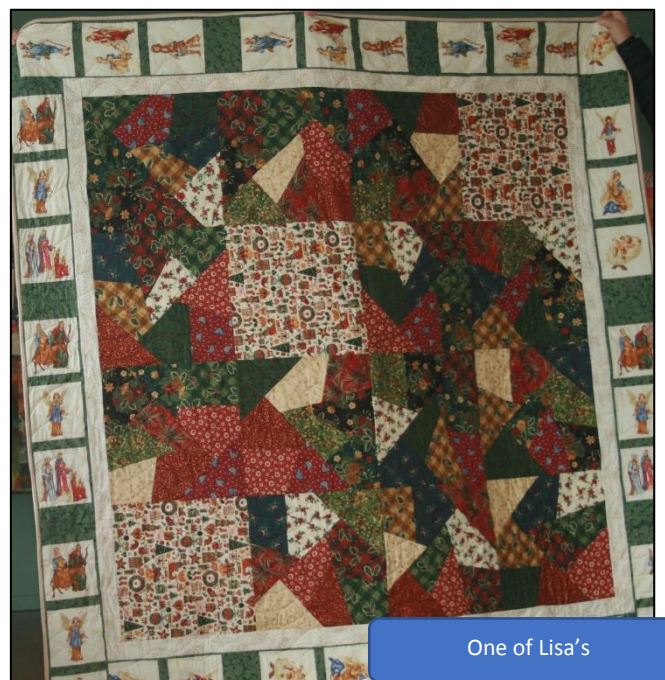
Mary's made for a workmate



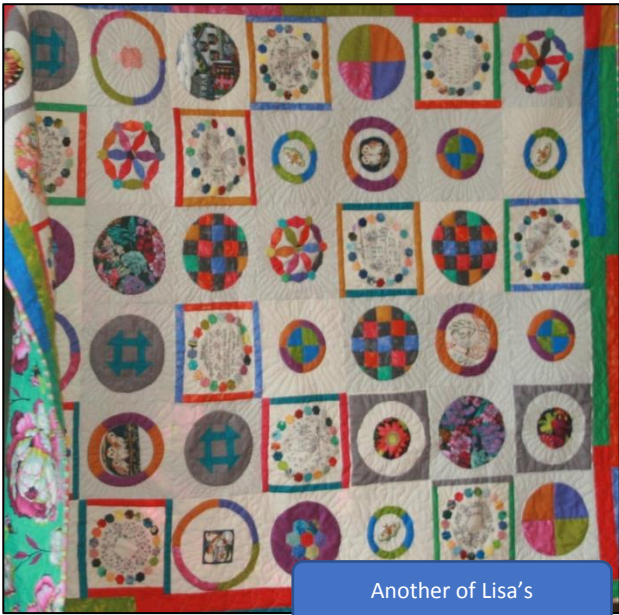
Nicola's sashiko bag



By Prue



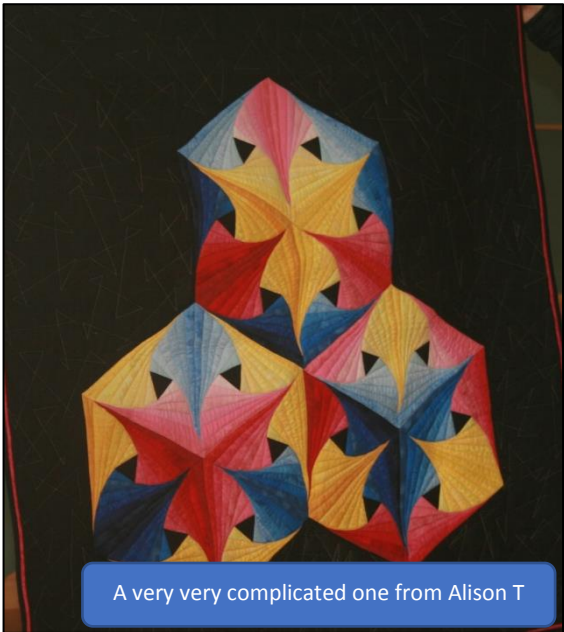
One of Lisa's



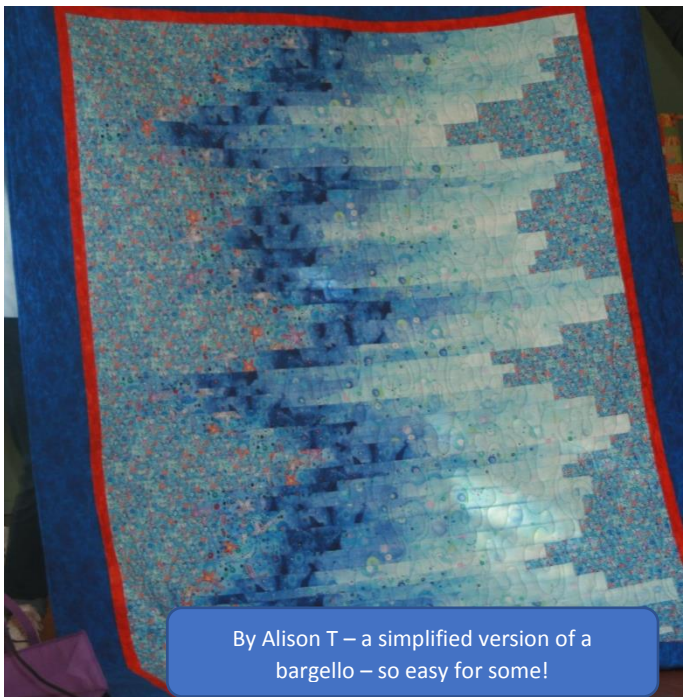
Another of Lisa's



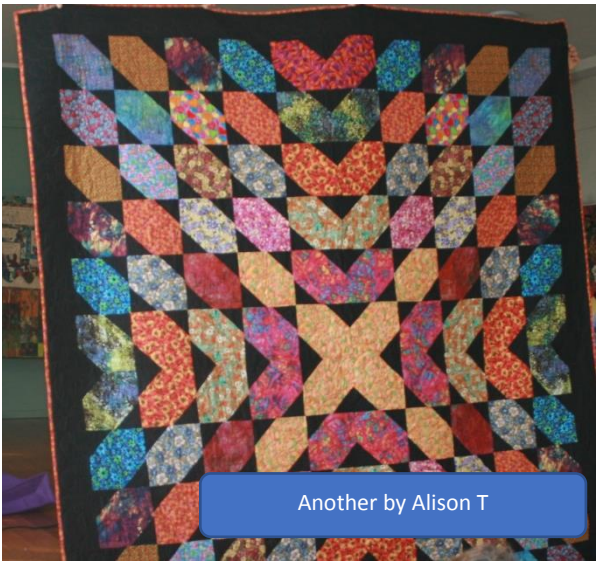
Lisa modelling another of Alz's creations



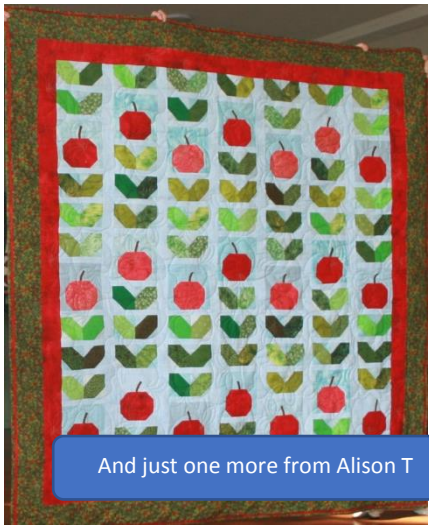
A very very complicated one from Alison T



By Alison T – a simplified version of a bargello – so easy for some!



Another by Alison T



And just one more from Alison T



Some of this month's completed gift quilts

Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2025		
July	26	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
August	2	Club Shop Hop Bus Trip (details in newsletter)
	2-10	Keirunga Quilters Exhibition , Havelock North Function Centre, 10.00 – 4.00pm Gold coin donation
	9	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Pavilion
	16	Class - Clear Project Bag – Rosemary Ward
	23	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
September	5-7	Full Retreat, Silverstream
	13	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	13	Quilt Fiesta – Capital Quilters 40th Anniversary Event , Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt
	13-14	Kapiti Coast Quilt Exhibition , Southward Car Museum, Otaihangā - 9.00 -4.00 pm
	20	Class – Quilt as you Go – Diana Carroll
	20	Wellington Fabricabrac – 10-1.00pm St Annes Hall, Emmet St, Newtown, Wellington
	27	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
October	11	Club Work Day , Plimmerton Pavilion
	18	Class - tbc
	25-26	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	25-26	Rose City Quilters Present: Celebration of Quilts , Community Leisure Centre, 549 Ferguson St, Palmerston North, 9.00 – 4.00pm
	31- 2 Nov	Auckland Festival of Arts , Auckland Netball Centre, 7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St Johns, Auckland \$10
November	8	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	15	Class - Quilted Bags, Clare Smith , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	22	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	28-29	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
December	13	Last Club Meeting for year and Christmas Party
2026		
October	1-6	Quilting Symposium 2026 – Threads of our Time, Christchurch