



# September 2025 Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is not such an easy task for me however I shall do my best.

With so many different shows on during last weekend we still had a good turnout who attended Saturday's meeting and what an interesting topic 'Identity theft' who would have thought that so many things can go wrong while you either online, by phone or using your credit card just to name a few. I am sure we all would have heard about different scams going on however identity theft was new to me.

It was an interesting exercise to see which was a scam or identity theft, I am sure many of us were surprised, so please take care and do not fall victim to either.

Joanne will be emailing all the information she talked about to Angela who I am sure will pass this on to all members.

I did mention on Saturday that the Committee had discussed about what to do for our Christmas meeting, suggestions of members who have something to sell sounds like a great idea, please think about it perhaps October workday is good day to share different ideas.

Please all stay safe.

Hannie

### Next Sit and Stitch

**Saturday, 27 September 2025**

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open: 10.00am

### Club Day Work Day

**Saturday, 11 October 2025**

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade, Plimmerton

Doors open: 10:30am-3:30pm

Bring your own machine or hand stitching and lunch.

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## Symposium 2026

The next Symposium will be held in Christchurch 1-6 October 2026.



### *A Request from the Sales Table*

*Over the past year we have worked very hard to sort out items that go on the sales table so we can offer good quality bargains.*

A reminder when you are donating anything: Please think about whether someone else would really want this or is it junk?? The ladies over the last few months have had to take home bags of rubbish that are simply not fit for putting on the table.

They would like to say a big thank you though to everyone for the good stuff that is constantly being donated.

Happy shopping!

## Slow Stitch Group at Arts on Track, Plimmerton Station.

Sunday 21st September 1-4pm

No meeting in October.

Sunday 23rd November 1-4pm

No meeting December.

# Arts on Track

OPEN STUDIOS AND GALLERY

## 2025 Speakers



**November:** Lyndy from Stitchbird

Kia ora, my name is Lyndy and I am a fabric addict! I have always loved sewing and made things for both myself and to sell. It was my fabric addiction that led me to start Stitchbird in 2009.

I could see beautiful fabrics online that were not available here in New Zealand and I needed that fabric! Rather than just buy for myself, I contacted the manufacturers and started

importing fabrics from Japan and Australia, then wool felt from the USA and ribbons from Germany. And so it began ...

Stitchbird is my happy place. It is filled with colour, warmth, personality and a touch of whimsy designed to inspire your creativity and flair! I love both vintage looks and modern vibes and you'll find a mix in store with our vintage sheet fabric packs and vintage slow stitching kits alongside fabrics from contemporary designers like Ruby Star Society and Heather Ross.

We're passionate about design and making and we love sharing this. We love helping our customers and offering our opinions and guidance and being part of the creative design process. While most of this happens in store, we're also happy to talk on video calls and emails.

I still love to sew when I get time and my fabric habit is a lifelong addiction.



## Full Retreat

We only had 11 members attending Silverstream Retreat for the full weekend and one member attended during the day only. A number of people normally attending went to Bali and I am sure they all had a great time, so, let's hope at our next retreat they will be joining us again (we did miss them).

Nevertheless, it was a fun retreat with a number of projects being finished which is always a good feeling, to be able to sew all day, no cooking, no tidying up and lovely meals provided is my kind of weekend.

Georgina brought little Rupert along who loved all the attention and Georgina even got some sewing done.

Jan's husband visited on the Saturday afternoon with three-month old Cam, a gorgeous labrador puppy, Jan and her husband are volunteer puppy raisers/trainers for NZ Guide Dogs, they do such an amazing job.

Our first Silverstream Retreat next year will be the weekend of the 1st /3rd of May 2026, our second Silverstream Retreat been brought forward a week to the 28th/30th August 2026., please mark this date in your dairy.

Don't forget Mini retreat will be coming up the last weekend of November Friday 28 - Saturday 29. Please book online.

Stay safe.

Hannie





## Gift Quilts

A few of the latest Gift Quilts handed in. Once again a very big thank you to everyone for the continued support of all parts of our quilt making for our charity quilts. There will be a few more available to work on from Alison at our work day. Thank you again.

One of the BOM's has been put together and quilted by Marge. Thanks you



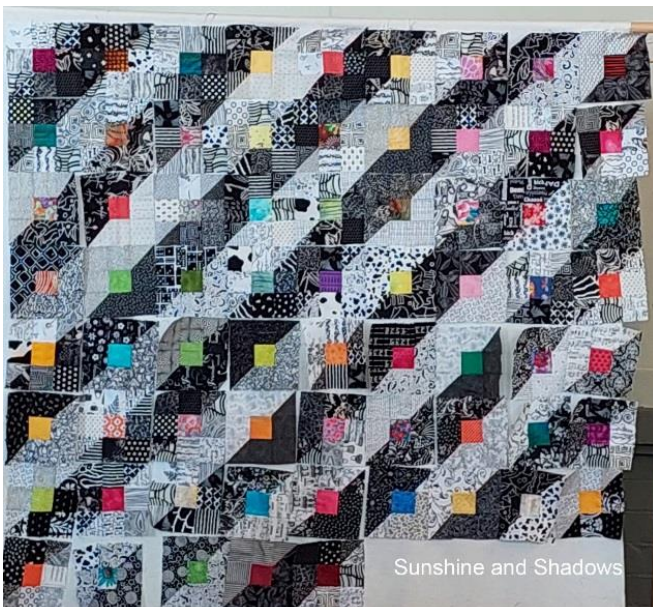
## Block of Month

This month's block is Flip Flop. Instructions have been sent earlier and can also be found on our website.

Thanks to all who did the Sunshine and Shadows blocks.

Once again thank you for your support.

Alison and Judith



**New Flip Flop Block**

## Classes

### 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.*

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
15 Nov	<b>Quilted Bags</b> - Clare Smith	Quilted Bags	QBags
21 March 26	<b>Foundation Piecing</b> – Diana Carroll	Foundation Piecing	Foundation



If you have any suggestions of classes that you would like to do, please talk to Angela Ambler (email [angelaa@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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.

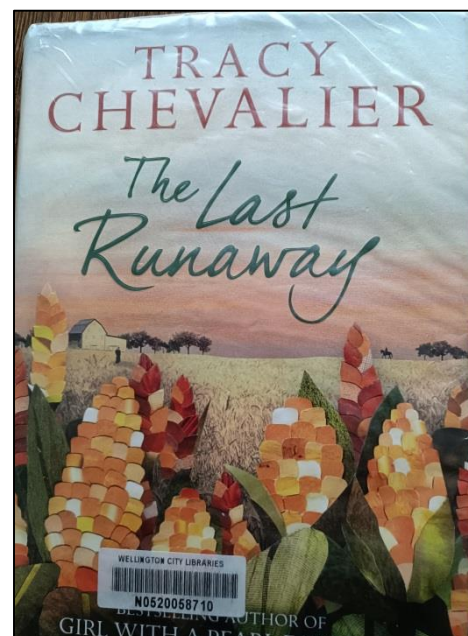
## Book Review (Reviewed by Judith Havill)

### The Last Runaway by Tracey Chevalier

I randomly picked up this book from the library and soon became fascinated with it when I started reading. Although the main story line is about pioneering Quakers, where trapped between duty and conscience while helping and supporting escaping slaves, there is an underlining story about quilting.

A young English Quaker girl travels to America. She must adjust to many changes including the different quilting from her English paper piecing, hexagons and blocks such as Bethlehem Star to the American Quakers applique in reds and greens and the freed slaves quilt of special memory fabrics. She learns of the importance of the number of quilts she needs for marriage, the value of gifted quilts and about the quilting frolic where many sit around a quilt to hand quilt it as a wedding gift.

Quilting provides the support mentally and emotionally for Honor, the young English Quaker and I felt I learnt so much more about the history of quilting in these communities.



## 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.

No duties - October Workday		November 2025	
Hall:		Hall:	Meryllyn Maclachlan
Kitchen:		Kitchen:	Diane Traveller Lynne Kennedy
Sales:		Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicky Gardner
Raffles		Raffles	Sue Haynes
Quilt Holders:		Quilt Holders	Lisa Avery Nicola Drake
Frames		Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong
Library:		Library:	Diana Lacey

## 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](mailto:prudencecw@gmail.com)

Rachel-Mary Perry is our Club Almoner. Please contact Rachel-Mary on 021 1705 151 or email [rmperry1943@gmail.com](mailto:rmperry1943@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](mailto:prudencecw@gmail.com)) know so she can update lists and keep you in touch with Coastal Quilters.

### 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 September club day raffles. from Thimbles and Threads.

## Committee 2025/26

Nicky Gardner	Sales Table	021 0711 571
Denise Daniel	Treasurer	021 433 647
Moira Butterfield	Secretary	021 0345 580
Lindy McKeown	Newsletter/ WebPage	021 2800 315
Hannie Van Cruchten	President/ Retreats	021 0338 070
Angela Ambler	Classes	027 2802 391
Judith Havill	BOM/Gift Quilts	027 3198 235
Shelley Knox	Newsletter	04 476 6942
Merilyn Maclachlan	Speakers	04 237 8481
<b>Off Committee Roles</b>		
Maree Le Comte	Librarian	04 232 4425
Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts	027 337 3493
Alison Spurdle	Gift Quilts	027 306 2822

### Mark these following retreats in your diary

#### Mini Retreats – St Andrews Church Hall

- Friday 28 and Saturday 29 November 2025

#### 2026

- Friday 27 and Saturday February 2026
- Friday 26 and Saturday 27 June 2026
- Friday 27 and Saturday 28 November 2026

#### Full Retreats – Silverstream Retreat

- 1-3 May 2026 and 28-30 August 2026



## Show and Tell







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Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2025		
September	27	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
October	11	<b>Club Work Day</b> , Plimmerton Hall
	18	<b>Class: Scrappy Quilts</b> – Marg Davidson
	25-26	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	25-26	<b>Rose City Quilters Present: Celebration of Quilts</b> , Community Leisure Centre, 549 Ferguson St, Palmerston North, 9.00 – 4.00pm
	25-26-27	<b>Golden Bay Stitch and Quilt Group</b> 10.00-4.00pm, Monday, 10.00-2.00pm, Collingwood Memorial Hall \$3 entry
	31- 2 Nov	<b>Auckland Festival of Arts</b> , Auckland Netball Centre, 7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St Johns, Auckland \$10
November	8	<b>Club Meeting</b> , Plimmerton Hall Speaker Lindy from <b>Stitchbird</b>
	15	<b>Class - Quilted Bags</b> , Clare Smith, St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	22	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	28-29	<b>Mini Retreat</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
December	13	<b>Last Club Meeting for year and Christmas Party</b> , Plimmerton Hall
<b>2026</b>		
March	21	<b>Class: Foundation Piecing</b> – Diana Carroll
October	1-6	<b>Quilting Symposium 2026 – Threads of our Time</b> , Christchurch