



# April 2026 Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All

How quick the months fly by, we are already nearing the end of April and there is definitely a chill in the air.

What an interesting talk and presentation Kay Klitscher presented us with about her 75-year love affair with the House of Liberty and all this from a Tana Lawn dress brought by her grandmother in 1951. Kay delved into the history of the House of Liberty and her curiosity, not only for the love of Liberty cotton, but also collected many other items related to the House of Liberty. Thank you Kay for your lovely display and sharing your knowledge with us about such an amazing store.



Coastal Quilters 40th Anniversary - we now have a small sub-committee under the wing of Marge Hurst, if anyone can contribute, I am sure your help will be appreciated.

Hopefully there are some new Committee members on the horizon, so desperately needed. Please if you have quietly been thinking about becoming a committee member don't be shy come and talk to us.

This brings me to our May workday; let's hope we will be able to make a cup of tea/coffee at our May workday. However 'Be Prepared' in case the kitchen is still in disarray. See also Alison's note under Gift Quilts about help with pinning on our Workday.

Stay safe and healthy.  
Hannie



Our latest March blocks ready for putting together.

### Next Sit and Stitch

**Saturday, 25 April 2026**

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open: 10.00 am

### Club Work Day

**Saturday, 9 May 2026**

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade,  
Plimmerton

Doors open: 10.30 am

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*Celebrating*  
**40** Years

In 2028 Coastal Quilters will be  
40 years!!!

It's time to start thinking/ planning on how we celebrate Coastal Quilters 40 years in 2028.

If you're keen to join a sub-committee/group or have ideas on what we should do, please talk with one of our committee members. We'd love to hear your ideas.

## Next Speakers

**June:** Fifi Coulson (*from Wellington Quilters*)

**July:** tbc

**August:** Lyndy from Stitchbird

## Silverstream Retreat

Only a few more weekends before Silverstream Retreat is upon us, Friday May 1st to Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. So looking forward to it, a long weekend of bliss with no interruptions just sewing and not to forget the yummy food being prepared for us. A week before retreat I will be sending out information about what to bring to retreat. There is not much more to say except, see you there.

You can register online go to Coastal Quilters Retreats. <https://coastalquilters.org.nz/full-retreat-registration-form/>

## Club Workday – 9 May

The first of our yearly workdays is coming up on 9 May at Plimmerton Hall. It was suggested that we use some of the time at the workday to pin some Gift Quilts ahead of the Gift Quilt Workday at the end of May. I will bring along a few of these, and you'll be more than welcome to assist if you'd like to.



## Gift Quilt Workday

### What Happens on Gift Quilt Workday?

What happens on Gift Quilt Workday, I hear you ask? Coastal Quilters supports local charities, such as Porirua Women's Refuge, He Huarahi Tamariki (School for young parents), and Foster Hope, by providing quilts, mainly for children, but there are also quilts suitable for women and parents. We work all year round making quilts, sharing the process around members. To keep momentum going and progress some of the harder quilt-making stages, we have a workday each year. Working together is always a lot more fun.

For our **Gift Quilt Workday on Saturday 30 May**, here is a bit more information:

**Location:** St Andrews Church Hall

**Time:** 9:30am – 3:00pm. This is the time we will be running, and you are welcome to come for the time that suits you.

### What are we doing?

**Morning:**

- Piecing backings, cutting backings and batting for quilt tops, pinning some smaller quilts, quilting, making binding, sewing binding on to quilts, collating fabric collections for potential quilt tops, cutting scraps into usable sizes for piecing, and so on.

**Afternoon:**

- The tasks that have been started in the morning can keep going, but in the afternoon, we will run an easy quilt top sewing session.

- There will be a few different, easy patterns along with fabric from the GQ stash to make into a quilt top. I suggest working in pairs, with one person sewing and the other cutting and/or pressing. You can of course swap over as you need. If you'd like to participate, team up with a buddy ahead of time, or work with someone on the day. If you wish to do a Jelly Roll race, let me know.

Bring your tools – Sewing machine, rotary cutter and board, iron, sewing and quilting necessities, etc, but most importantly - your creative brain!

We'll have tea and coffee available but bring your own lunch or purchase from one of the local eateries.

It's going to be a fun day of working together towards creating special quilts for our charity. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

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## Block of Month

If you didn't get a pack on Saturday, instructions for our latest BOM have been emailed out earlier and are also available on our website.

<https://coastalquilters.org.nz/block-of-the-month/>

Judith Havill



## Library

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

## Classes

### Scrappy Quilts Class 18 April

Well after a few phone calls around 8.00 a.m. and speaking to the tutor we decided to carry on and go ahead with the Scrappy Class. I arrived down to the hall with Raewyn Hill and opened up. It was still raining - Mana Esplanade was just starting to become a major problem at this stage.

You know the feeling on a wet day "what a great sewing day" - well at least I thought that's what it meant !!! Anyway after looking out the hall front door and not being able to see Kafe Oranje due to rain - I thought it might be a good idea to cancel. I rang Margaret (tutor) and she was pulled over at Judgeford Golf Course - with big warning signs saying "Mana Esplanade closed" which caused her some anxiety. After another few phone calls it was decided to pull the plug and cancel the class.

I was forever hopeful that the skies would clear and we would be able to have the class but someone else had different ideas! When I arrived the lawn at the back of the hall was just wet - when I left it was up over my shoe tops so one pair of saturated shoes. So apologies for my lateness in cancelling the class on 18<sup>th</sup> April but I was hoping we could get it going.

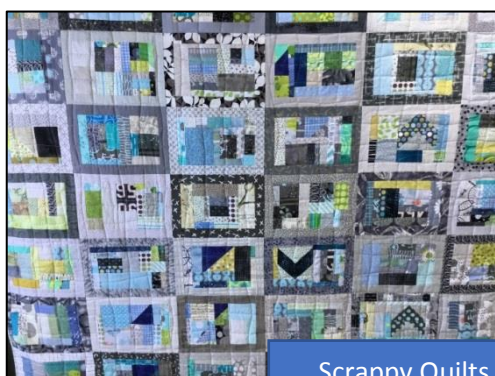
**Rebooking: So, on August 15<sup>th</sup> we have Margaret coming back again to do the class - all our registered participants for the April class will be rebooked into it - if you can't make it - sing out and we will a refund or credit. Please let us know ASAP as I have a waitlist for this class.**

Take care Ladies & Alz  
Ange

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 start of the class.

2026 Dates	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
20 June	<b>Birds Quilt – Marg Rogerson</b>	See photos below	Birds
15 August	<b>Scrappy Quilts – Marg Davidson</b>	<b>All our registered participants for the April class will be rebooked into August. If you can't make it, sing out and we will organise a refund or credit. Please let us know ASAP as I have a waitlist for this class. (See note above)</b>	
tbc	<b>Churn Dash – Di Barnden</b>	Dates will be confirmed soon	Churn
19 Sept	<b>Caddy Bag – Rosemary Ward</b>	“Like a workman’s tool caddy!”	CaddyBag



Scrappy Quilts Class with Marg Davidson



Birds Class with Marg Rogerson

If you have any suggestions of classes that you would like to do, please talk to Angela (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.

## Meeting Helper Duties

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.

June 2026		July 2026 (tbc)
<b>Hall:</b>	Lindy Mckeown	
<b>Kitchen:</b>	Jan Lucas Rhonda Walmsley	
<b>Sales:</b>	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicky Gardner	
<b>Raffles</b>	Shelley Knox	
<b>Quilt Holders:</b>	Bridget Quigan Sally Ross	
<b>Frames</b>	Alz and Janine Armstrong	
<b>Library:</b>	Margaret McLeod	

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 (Nicky) 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.

**Other 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 [mperry1943@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 from Thimbles and Threads included in our June club day raffles,

**Kimono Sale and Boro Classes**

Arts on Track Studio, (Platform 2 Plimmerton Railway Station ) will be having a kimono and fabric sale at the end of April.

April 25 - May 3  
10.00 - 2.30 each day.

On Saturday 2nd May and Sunday 3rd May, Deb Donnelly and Clare Smith will be running a drop in Boro workshop and Kate Jacob will teach people how to roll hems on silk scarves.

\$5 charge to cover materials (needle/thread etc). Make a patch, a panel for a bag or a silk scarf from kimono lining.



# Committee 2025/26

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**Quilt Festival 2026**  
 Stratford War Memorial Centre  
 61 - 63 Miranda Street  
 Whakaoahurangi, Stratford  
 15th & 16th May  
 10am - 4pm  
 17th May 10am - 3pm  
 Theme: Friendship  
 Cost: General \$10.. Under 15 years: Free entry



Quilt Exhibition - Raffles - Guest Exhibitor - Jennifer Potterson  
 Merchant Mall - Quilter's Shop

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ROSE CITY QUILTERS PRESENTS  
**TOTE & GLOAT 2026**  
**SATURDAY 2 MAY**  
 8.30am-5pm  
 FLY PALMY Arena 2  
 61 Pascal Street  
 Palmerston North

GUEST SPEAKER: ANNA PRUSSING

QUILT CHALLENGES  
 QUILT EXHIBITIONS  
 SHOW AND TELL  
 DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLES  
 MERCHANT MALL  
 LIMITED DOOR TICKET SALES

ENTRY FEE: \$25

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**WHANGAMATA PATCH & QUILT**  
**QUILT & TEXTILE ART SHOW**  
 King's Birthday Weekend: **9am-4pm, 30-31 May**  
 Whangamatā Memorial Hall: **328 Port Road**  
 Featuring Guest Exhibitor: **Cherie Gurney**

Come visit many of your favourite merchants, including Pfaff and Bernina

**Aotearoa Quilters Challenges**  
**Raffles**  
**Café on site**  
**Quilts for sale**  
**EFTPOS available**  
**\$5 entry (kids free)**



**Patchwork Unlimited Turua**  
**QUILT SHOW**  
**An Exhibition of Members Quilts & Club Challenges**



**Where:** THAMES CIVIC CENTRE  
 200 Mary Street, Thames

**When:** August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 4pm  
 August 9<sup>th</sup> 10am to 3pm

\$5.00 Entry | Café & Raffles available | Cash preferred, eftpos available

**Featuring Aotearoa Quilters Challenges 2026**

**Merchants:** Aroha Quilts, Tis' The Season, Bowerbird, Flossiphy, Patchwork Passion, Fabric Fixation, Katipatch, Tea Time Quilts.

*Plus!* Explore a wide variety of handmade items in our members artisan market

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For those interested in doing a little knitting see links below for very worthwhile causes.

### Knitted Peggy Square Challenge

Some members may have seen this on Seven Sharp the other night but here is the link to Premmie Knitting Club's Peggy Squares Project which is aiming to donate as many peggy square blankets as possible to hospitals across the country.

Full details are found on this site:

<https://www.premmieknittingclub.org/peggy-squares> Premmie Knitting



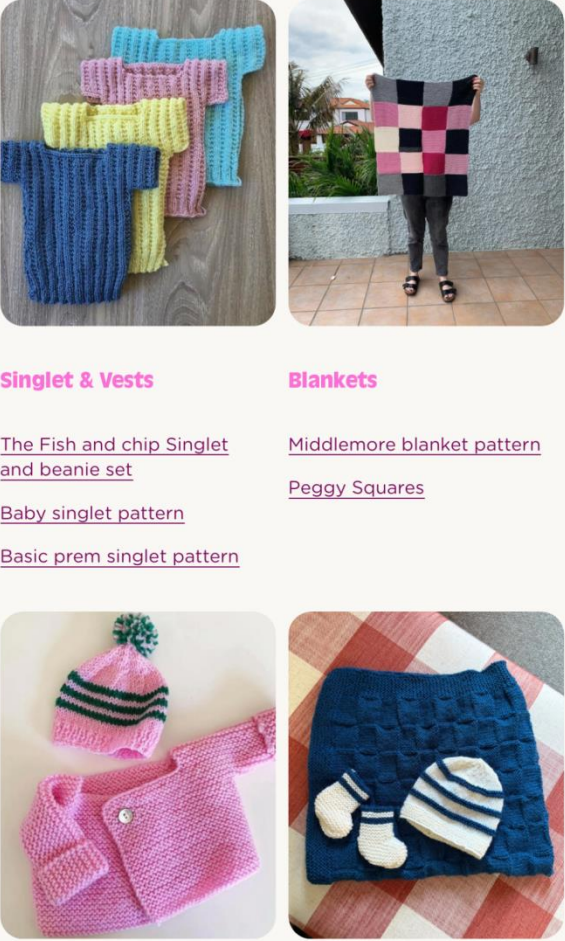
### Other knitting ideas for Neonates Wellington:

Raewyn is a good contact for collection of any knitting you may like to do for Neonates in Wellington. Wool must be used in any donations.

- Beanie in Brick Stitch (see pattern attached to email)
- Patterns for Singlets and Vests, Booties, Cardigans

<https://www.premmieknittingclub.org/patterns>

### Patterns, Ideas & Guidelines



**Singlet & Vests**

- [The Fish and chip Singlet and beanie set](#)
- [Baby singlet pattern](#)
- [Basic prem singlet pattern](#)

**Blankets**

- [Middlemore blanket pattern](#)
- [Peggy Squares](#)

# Show and Tell



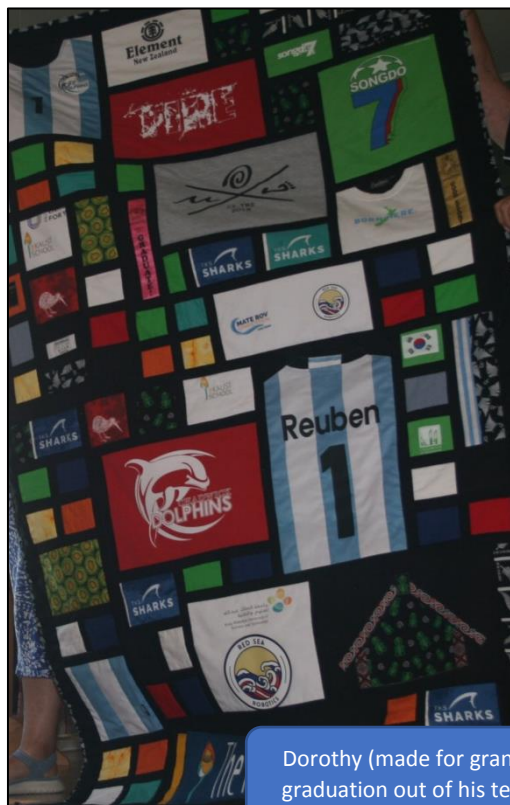
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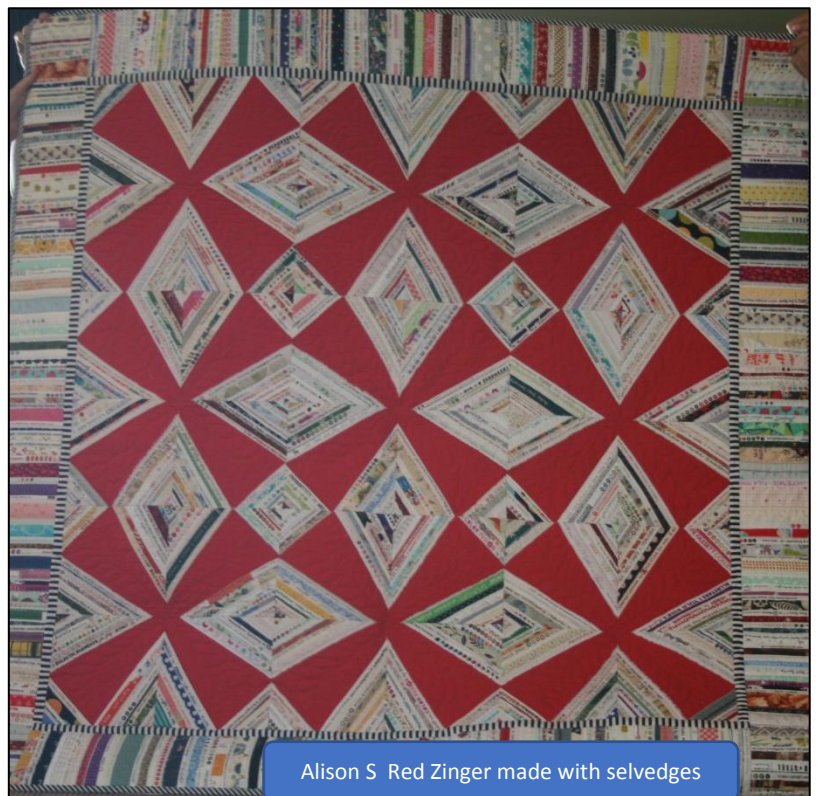
Rachel-Mary



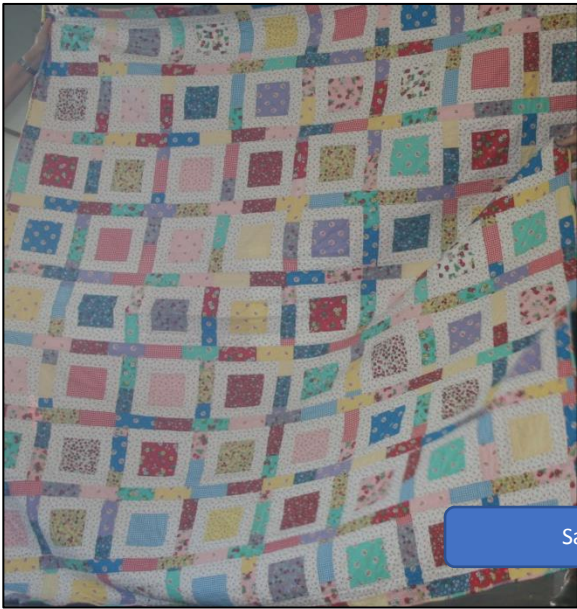
Left and Above: Alison T's



Dorothy (made for grandson's graduation out of his teeshirts)



Alison S Red Zinger made with selvedges

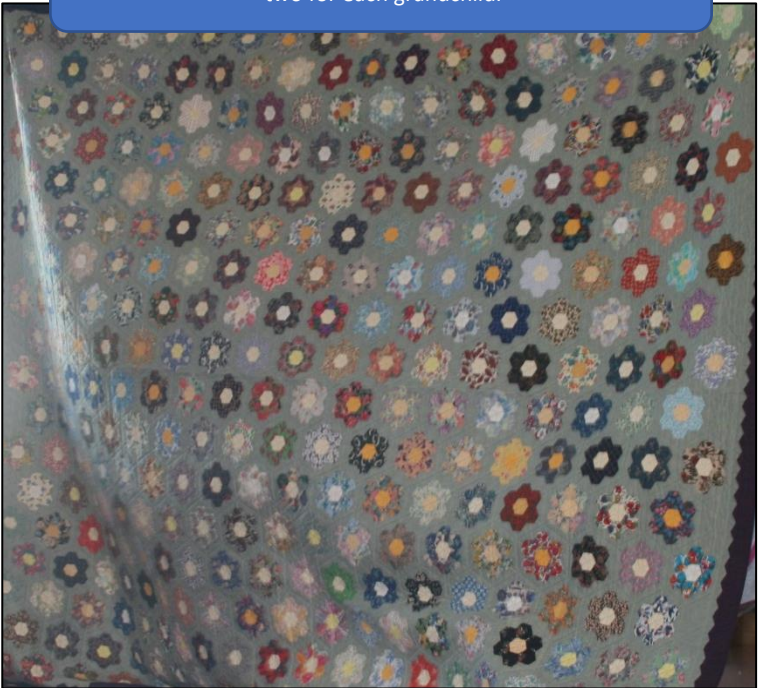
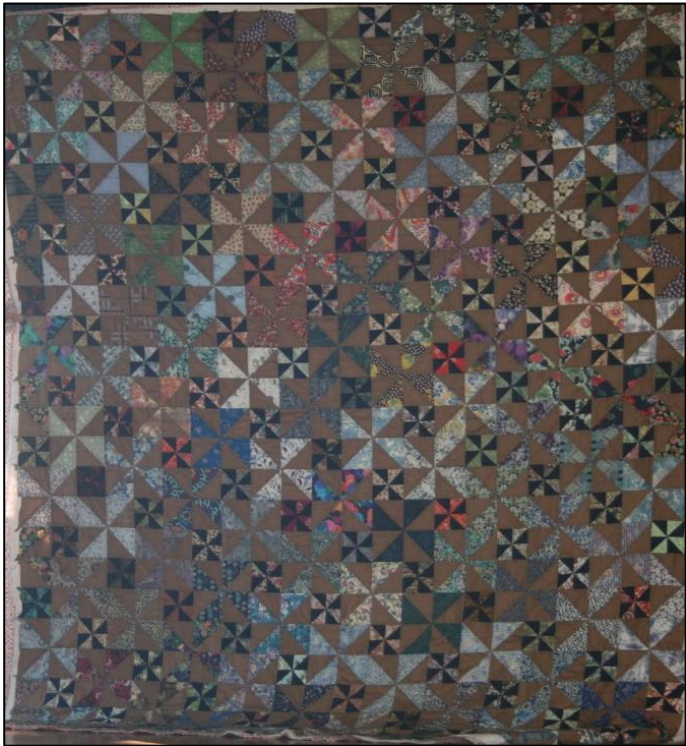


Sara's



Lindy's (Jen Kingwell Halo pattern)

Following are a few from Marge's collection – working on two for each grandchild.





And a few closeups of Marge's - hope you can see the beautiful hand quilting.



<b>Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2026</b>		
April	25	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
May	1-3	<b>Full Retreat Silverstream</b>
	2	<b>Tote and Gloat 2026</b> , Fly Palmy Arena 2, Palmerston North 8.30 – 5.00 pm
	9	<b>Club Work Day</b> , Plimmerton Hall
	15-17	<b>Quilt Festival 2026, Taranaki Patchworkers Exhibition</b>
	23	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	30	<b>Gift Quilts Workday</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	30-31	<b>Whangamata Patch and Textile Art Show</b> , Whangamata Memorial Hall, 328 Port Road
June	13	<b>Club Meeting</b> , Plimmerton Hall
	20	<b>Class: Birds Quilt</b> , Marg Rogerson
	26/27	<b>Mini Retreat</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
July	11	<b>AGM and Club Meeting</b> , Plimmerton Hall
	25	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
August	8	<b>Club Meeting</b> , Plimmerton Hall
	7-8	<b>Quilt Show Patchwork Unlimited Turua</b> , Thames Civic Centre, 200 Mary St, Thames \$5.00 entry
	22	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	28-30	<b>Full Retreat Silverstream</b>
September	12	<b>Club Meeting</b> , Plimmerton Hall
	26	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
October	1-6	<b>Quilting Symposium 2026 – Threads of our Time, Christchurch</b>
	10	<b>Club Work Day</b> , Plimmerton Hall
November	27/28	<b>Mini Retreat</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
December	12	<b>Club Meeting</b> , Plimmerton Hall
<b>2027</b>		
May	14-16	<b>Great NZ Quilt Show</b> , Hamilton