



June 2026 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all

First of all, I would like to thank Lisa for standing in for me at our June's club meeting. I was disappointed to say the least, not to be able to be there for Fifi Colston's WOW journey, I am sure you all enjoyed hearing about Fifi's journey.

We have our AGM coming up in July and as always this won't take long. The Committee has received quite a few nominations, thank you so much for putting your name forward to make sure we will have a strong Committee again.

There will be no speaker at our July meeting as it was suggested to show our own Wearable Arts - this could be anything from a brooch, scarf, waistcoat, jacket, hat or anything else crafty that you would like to show. We will be arranging the chairs like a runway; it will definitely be a fun meeting. Afternoon tea will be provided by the present Committee members.

This will be my last report, our new President will take over from here on.

See all at our next club day.

Hannie

Committee for 2027

You'll be pleased to know that we've received a few more nominations for our Committee. If you're still thinking of joining this great group it's not too late.

Mini Retreat

Friday and Saturday, 26 & 27 June 2026

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open: Friday from 1.00pm

Saturday, from 9.00am

Club Day and AGM

Saturday, 11 July 2026

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade,

Plimmerton

Doors open: 12.45 pm for a 1.30 start

No Speaker – Showcasing our own Wearable Arts

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Subscriptions

Payment of subscriptions (\$30.00 for the year, same as last year) can now be paid. Please include your surname and Subs in the payment reference.

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Mini Retreat

Our next Mini Retreat at St Andrews Plimmerton is coming up this on Friday 26 June to Saturday 27 June. So far 17 people have registered. If you are still interested and haven't registered yet, you can still register online. It is always a fun two days.

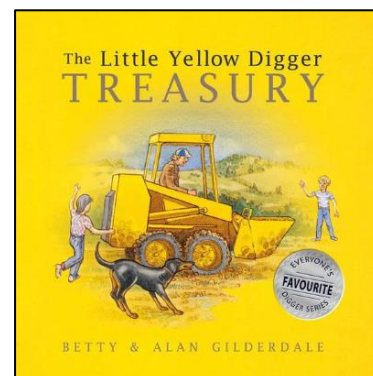
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Our next Mini Retreat is booked for 27/28 November.

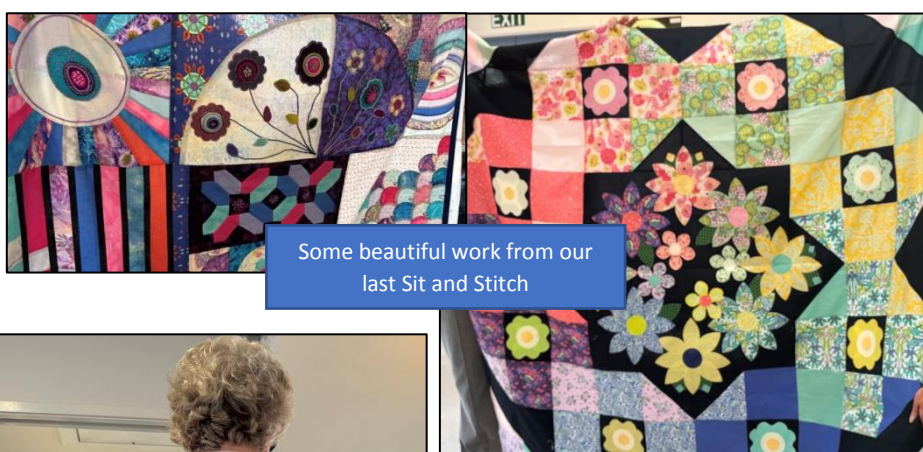
June Meeting Speaker – Fifi Colston

What a great speaker at our June meeting. Fifi kept us entertained for an hour or so – amazing to see the work and hear about the process she goes through and the problems she has to overcome in getting things just right in creating the finished items for Wearable Arts (she has been entering WOW now for 30 years). She starts her creations using Barbie dolls and each of the creations on the dolls displayed have been winners in WOW. Imagine going from a doll to creating something a model can wear and that can last the duration of being taken on/off models for the whole time WOW is on. She has been a finalist in the World of Wearable Arts 30 times and has won many many awards culminating in her last year’s piece ‘Meine Erste Leibe’ which she considers is the most beautiful piece she has done, a huge piece covered in embroidery. Fifi is also an illustrator and many of you will know the Little Yellow Digger books which she has illustrated among many others. So much talent. She sums up her life in the following words: “Persistence is the measurement of your belief in yourself”. – thank you Fifi.

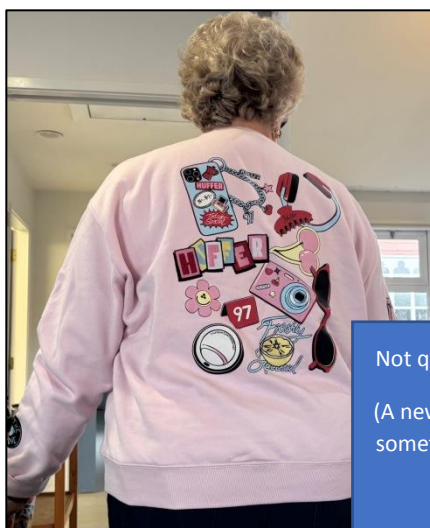
Check out Fifi’s Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/creativefifi?> and you’ll see closeups of her last year’s winning entry and other great stuff.



‘Meine Erste Leibe’



Some beautiful work from our last Sit and Stitch



Not quilted but a new top for Margaret – very bougie!!!

(A new word we learnt, thanks Louise. Used to describe something fancy, luxurious or with a high-class lifestyle. Comes from the French word bourgeois)

Silverstream Retreat

Our next Silverstream retreat is coming up on Fri.28/Sun.30 August, the best part of Silverstream retreat is that it runs from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon this gives you uninterrupted sewing for two days. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided, what more can a quilter want than just to get on with your project or projects if you have more than one.

Gift Quilts

The Gift Quilt workday held on 30 May was a fantastic day of work and socialising. We had around 20 members come along at various parts of the day, and it was a hive of activity. Here are some statistics of what was achieved during the day:

- 9 quilts pinned
- 3 quilts ready for long-arming
- 9 backings sewn or measured
- 1 quilt quilted
- 2 quilts bound
- 4 quilts taken home to quilt
- Multiple partial projects taken home to progress

We have passed on our thanks to St Andrews church for the use of the hall for this charity work. I've also thanked those who came along, but I'll reiterate my sincere thanks for helping with all the efforts on the day.

Thank you so much to everyone else for the parts you're able to do towards creating and gifting quilts throughout the year. To date we have 19 completed quilts which is a fantastic effort for the first 6 months of the year!

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Block of Month

Attached are instructions for our latest Block of the Month, which were given out at our last meeting. Instructions have been emailed earlier and are also available on our website. <https://coastalquilters.org.nz/block-of-the-month/>

Judith Havill

Last BOM put together and quilted.



Current BOM



Wanted

If anyone has a piece of this fabric about 10" x 14" I would love to buy from you. Thanks, Judith

Library

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

Classes

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



Tutor, Marg Rogerson's work



From recent Bird class – everyone's blocks

- 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
18 July	Churn Dash/UFO – Di Barnden	Bring along either your UFOs or try the Churn Dash	Churn
15 August	Scrappy Quilts – Marg Davidson	(See sample below) 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.	ScrappyQ
19 Sept	Zip Up Tray Pouch – Rosemary Ward	“Like a workman’s tool caddy!” (See below and needs list is attached)	CaddyBag



Zip Up Tray Pouch - Caddy Bag with Rosemary Ward

Scrappy Quilts Class with Marg Davidson



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

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.

	July 2026	August 2026
Hall:	Lindy Mckeown	Lindy Mckeown
Kitchen:	Moira Butterfield Marilyn Holland	Nicola Drake Sue Haynes
Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicky Gardner	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicky Gardner
Raffles	Janet Swan	Catherine Doughty
Library:	Margaret Wright	Leta Hunter
Quilt Holders:	Sue Tattersall Di Barnden	Raewyn French Janice Emeny
Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong	Alz and Janine Armstrong

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.
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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

Next Speakers

July: AGM and Themed Show and Tell - Wearable Art (Get your thinking caps on about what you'd like to bring along.

August: Lyndy from Stitchbird

Rachel-Mary Perry is our Club Almoner. Please contact Rachel-Mary on 021 1705 151 or email rmperry1943@gmail.com if you know of someone coping with an illness or bereavement.

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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.

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.

Committee 2025/26

Hannie Van Cruchten	President /Retreats
Shelley Knox	Vice/President
Nicky Gardner	Sales Table
Denise Daniel	Treasurer
Moira Butterfield	Secretary
Lindy McKeown	Newsletter/Website
Angela Ambler	Classes
Judith Havill	BOM/Gift Quilts
Merilyn Maclachlan	Speakers
Maree Le Comte	Librarian
Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts
Alison Spurdle	Gift Quilts

SYMPOSIUM

it's not too late to register – registrations will remain open right through to September but if you want the best choice of classes and lecture tickets, now is the time to get in!

Symposium

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



To find out more information:

<https://quiltsymposium.com>



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A QUILTING AFFAIR
Exhibition

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FRIDAY 17 & SATURDAY 18 JULY 10.00 AM - 4.00 PM
SUNDAY 19 JULY 10.00 - 3.00 PM

MERCHANTS
MEMBERS CHALLENGE
RAFFLES

\$10.00 ENTRY FEE

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

Where: THAMES CIVIC CENTRE
200 Mary Street, Thames

When: August 7th and 8th 9:30am to 4pm
August 9th 10am to 3pm

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

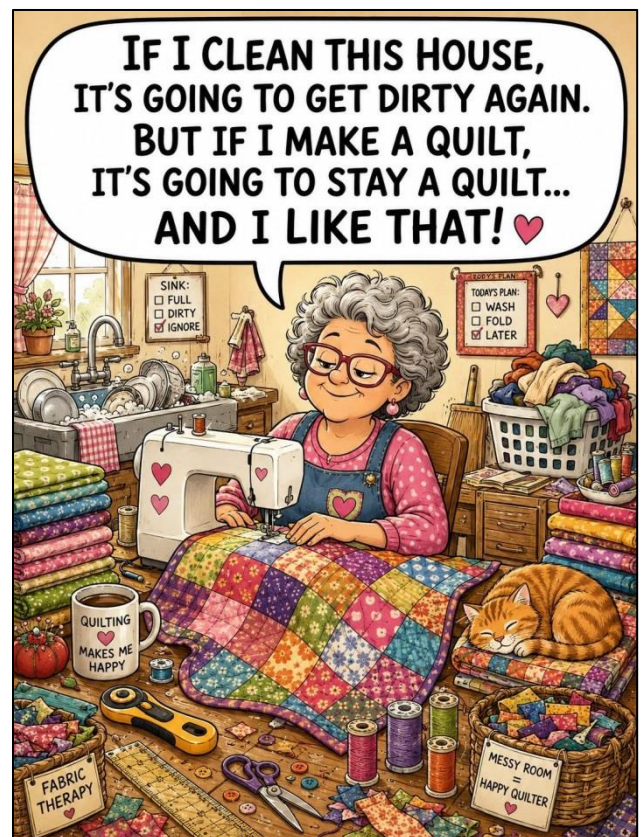
Featuring Aotearoa Quilters Challenges 2026

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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Have you ever wanted to make perfect leaves and stems – check out Sue Spargo's page here:
https://mailchi.mp/suespargo/creative-classroom-perfect-stems-and-leaves?fbclid=IwdGRjcASoDfJleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZA8xNzM4NDc2NDI2NzAzNzAAAR79Jyql8C1dvh6CjJdKb2p0QoAnp_XK5WA9VPoYlrfXYdzBqZ0T8TFkhY7JLA_aem_Li8_4Ymf2s5bll_pk9hs5g



Show and Tell



Alison T's left and above



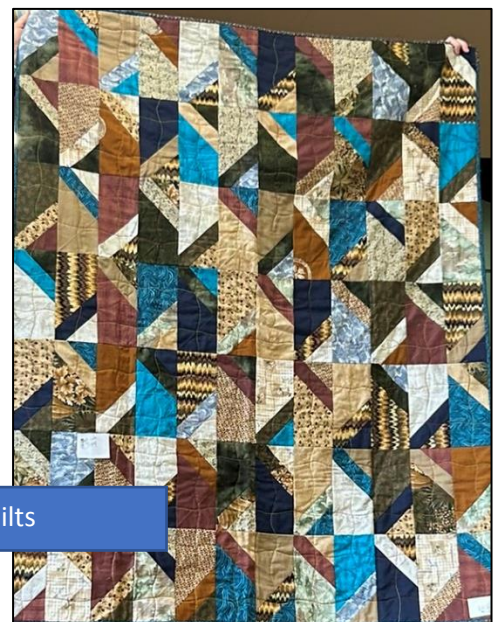
Alison S



Close up above of Dorothy's



Marge's



Gift Quilts

Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2026

June	26/27	Mini Retreat, St Andrews Church Hall, Pimmerton 1.00 pm start on Friday 26 June
July	11	AGM and Club Meeting, Pimmerton Hall
	18	Class: Churn Dash/UFO – Di Barnden
	18-19	Taupo Quiltmakers – A Quilting Affair Exhibiton – Great Lake Centre, Story Place, Taupo 10.00-4.00 \$10.00 entry
	25	Sit and Stitch, St Andrews Church Hall, Pimmerton
August	8	Club Meeting, Pimmerton Hall
	7-8	Quilt Show Patchwork Unlimited Turua, Thames Civic Centre, 200 Mary St, Thames \$5.00 entry
	15	Scrappy Quilts Class – Marg Davidson, St Andrews Church Hall, Pimmerton
	22	Sit and Stitch, St Andrews Church Hall, Pimmerton
	28-30	Full Retreat Silverstream
September	12	Club Meeting, Pimmerton Hall
	19	Caddy Bag Class – Rosemary Ward, St Andrews Church Hall, Pimmerton
	26	Sit and Stitch, St Andrews Church Hall, Pimmerton
October	1-6	Quilting Symposium 2026 – Threads of our Time, Christchurch
	10	Club Work Day, Pimmerton Hall
	24	Sit and Stitch, St Andrews Church Hall, Pimmerton
November	14	Club Meeting, Pimmerton Hall
	27/28	Mini Retreat, St Andrews Church Hall, Pimmerton
December	12	Club Meeting, Pimmerton Hall
2027		
May	14-16	Great NZ Quilt Show, Hamilton