



MACLEAN PATCHWORK & QUILTERS

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Newsletter April 2022

Diary:



April	Artist of the Month at Ferry Park Gallery
April	8x8 Art Competition
April 16th-17th	Airing of the Quilts
May 2-3rd	Maclean Show
May 26-29th	Australasian Quilt Convention Brisbane Exhibition Centre, South Bank.
June 29th - July 3rd	Sydney Quilt Show- Homebush
July 8th - 10th	Our Quilt Exhibition

Birthdays:



April

Dianne L, Mary W.

President's Message:

What a month it has been! Floods, closed roads, untold damage for many unfortunate people in the Northern Rivers area and there is the ever present Covid 19 pandemic.

As a group, we have started a Flood Fundraiser and we will gratefully accept donations of cash. This will be donated to the people who need it. I have investigated donating to the Cabbage Tree Island Aboriginal Community who have been devastated by the floods. I have contacted Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation in Maclean. They are already working with that Community and any cash donations are used to buy vouchers for groceries and hardware which are then given directly to members of the Community. Mudyala is a registered charity and will provide us with receipts for any donations. They are in great need as many homes were lost. If the group is agreeable we could put donations to this needy community.

April is our turn to be Artist of the Month at Ferry Park. Take time to check out our display there. While you are there take a look at the 8x8 art competition entries which will be on display for the month of April.

Our Airing of the Quilts is on at Easter in conjunction with the Highland Gathering. We will need items for display and for sale at this event, so keep those needles busy. We also need plenty of volunteers on the day.

Happy Quilting

Claudette Hough.....President.

Events: -

April -

Artist of the Month at Ferry Park. - A display of work made by Maclean Patchwork and Quilters. A chance to sell off some of your completed items if you wish to. Ferry Park will take 25% commission so please price your item accordingly. This is an opportunity to exhibit some the wonderful work our group has been producing over the past years. Also to attract new members to our group?

The display was set up on Saturday 26th March with Marlene S. heading the charge with Barbara Fowler, Sharon Davis, Dianne Lyons and a very helpful couple of Ladies from the Gallery. Check out the photo's on the Blog.

May - Australasian Quilt Convention-

Do we want to organise a group to attend?

July - Quilt Exhibition -Mini Quilt Challenge -

Our members challenge for this is to create a mini quilt no more than 24 inches square. Our raffle quilt has been selling well and will be drawn at the exhibition, so get your tickets now.

In House Workshops.

5th April 2022	<i>Elizabeth B.</i>	Prepare for Quilting- sandwich piece and work out basic designs.
3rd May 2022	<i>Claudette H.</i>	Tools from the cupboard- Quilting templates.
7th June 2022	<i>Alison M.</i>	Free motion quilting using a domestic machine.
5th July 2022	<i>No workshop -</i>	<i>Exhibition.</i>
2nd August 2022	<i>Marlene & Barbara</i>	Applique over cupboard.
6th September 2022	<i>Neil J.</i>	3D Trees.
4th October 2022	<i>Mary W. & Claudette H.</i>	Machine appliqué & stitching using domestic machine.
1st November 2022	<i>Elizabeth B.</i>	Pogaji.

Member of the Month

This segment of the newsletter is to be used to meet our Members and get a bit of an insight into their likes and experiences as a Patchworker.

Our Chosen Member for this month is ***Lorraine K.***

Q.	A.
1. How long have you been a member of MPQ?	-2017
2. When did you start your Patchwork journey?	-1997
3. What started you on your Patchwork journey?	-Have always sewn. Natural Progression
4. Your favourite type or style of Patchworking?	-Love them all.
5. Favourite fabrics, type etc?	- Modern
6. Did you have a mentor? And who?	-Margery Malthouse- Sew Exciting, Grafton
7. Favourite Patchworker?	-Too many to list.
8. Favourite colours.?	-Blue and White and black
9. Preference for Hand sewing or machine.?	-Machine
10. Favourite supplier, online or Shop?	-South Grafton Textiles and Spotlight

Next Month's Member will be: ????????????

Quilting Tip of the Month.

- **Press The Fabric Properly.** One of the most common issues we face while quilting is uneven fabric. This happens when the fabric is not pressed properly.
- **Stick To Certain Types of Cloth.** Different fabric exhibits different behaviour. People often like to use the special cloth to make their quilt look and feel special.
- **Be Consistent.** Consistency is the key to achieve the best quilts. The process of quilting is not just stitching multiple fabric blocks together. Without proper estimations and planning, you may end up making a quilt that doesn't have consistent patterns and is unpleasant to look at.

Quote of the Month:

"Based on my calculations, I'll be finished with my quilting projects five years after I'm dead."

FYI.

Need magazines or books to help with your patchwork journey?
Don't forget our substantial Library or see Sharon D. She has many preloved magazines and books looking for a new home.

Happy Creating.....Sue