



## MACLEAN PATCHWORK & QUILTERS

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## Newsletter May 2022

### Diary:



**May 2-3rd**

**May 26-29th**

**June 29th - July 3rd**

**July 8th - 10th**

Maclean Show

Australasian Quilt Convention

Brisbane Exhibition Centre, South Bank.

Sydney Quilt Show- Homebush

Our Quilt Exhibition

### Birthdays:



**May**

**Sue.C.**

### Presidents Message:

Our Airing of the Quilts event on Good Friday and Easter Saturday was very successful. A huge thank you to everyone for your participation and your help in making our first public event for 3 years such a success.

Our sales table did very well and our sales stocks are now quite low. We will need more for our Quilt exhibition coming up in July so keep those machines buzzing.

Our monthly in house workshops are back to a regular timetable again now on the first Tuesday of the month. The May workshop will be a demonstration of templates that come with our subscription to Today's Quilter Magazine. These are in our library and are available to be borrowed with the magazine.

We have had a few cases of Covid 19 within our group recently. If you develop symptoms, please get tested and if positive, follow the directions from the NSW Government.

Beth is recovering well after her surgery last week. We all wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

**Happy Quilting**  
**Claudette Hough**

## **Airing of the Quilts Easter 2022:**

We ran the Airing of the quilts from Good Friday till Easter Saturday. As this event hasn't been run for 3 years the excitement was palpable. A good number of volunteers turned up on the Thursday afternoon to set up the displays ready for 9.00am Friday. Thanks everybody. Great job.

The visitors were complimentary and the kitchen staff out did themselves serving the teas and coffee's and the abundance of food choices.

Even though the weather was not the best the visitors came and appreciated our efforts. Over the two days we raised over \$1,300 plus and our raffle quilt raised \$290.

The raffle quilt was won by Jessica Leslie, who was so excited to have won the quilt she had admired only hours before. Jessica is a budding patch worker and a worthy winner.



## **Coming Events: -**

### **May 3rd- 4th. Maclean Show.**

Maclean Showground. It appears some showground events have been cancelled due to the weather. More reasons to look at the craft exhibition.

### **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.

Entry forms are now available from Elizabeth if you wish to participate in the exhibition. All members of our district will be invited to participate. Prize money is offered.

We are hoping to acquire a pavilion at the Maclean Showground for the exhibition. The sales table will require donations so here is a chance to clear out your excess of projects.

## In House Workshops.

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

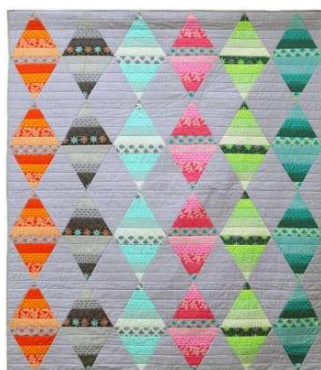
## Member of the Month

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 **Claudette H.**

<b>Q.</b>	<b>A.</b>
1. <b>How long have you been a member of MPQ?</b>	-2004
2. <b>When did you start your Patchwork journey?</b>	-1990
3. <b>What started you on your Patchwork journey?</b>	-Have always sewn. I did a Commercial needlecraft course at Tafe.
4. <b>Your favourite type or style of Patchworking?</b>	-Love them all.
5. <b>Favourite fabrics, type etc?</b>	- Taken in by beautiful fabric.
6. <b>Did you have a mentor? And who?</b>	-Inspired by many wonderful quilters.
7. <b>Favourite Patchworker?</b>	-I Love to experiment.
8. <b>Favourite colours.?</b>	-Blue and White
9. <b>Preference for Hand sewing or machine.?</b>	-Machine
10. <b>Favourite supplier, online or Shop?</b>	-Where ever the beautiful fabric is.

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



## ***Quilting Tip of the Month.:***

If you are like me, 'yourself' healing mat gets used quite a bit, especially around the holiday time of year. I am finding myself buying a new mat much too frequently. So here are some easy home remedies to make 'yourself' healing mat, as well as your blades last much longer. (*This info is directly from an **olfa** dealer*).

**Directions ::** Fill you bathtub with room temperature water (not hot, not warm, and not cold) In the water add 1/4 cup of white vinegar and a squirt of dove dish soap for a good lather. Use a mushroom brush (soft bristle brush) and scrub the mat gently getting a good lather with the soap. Then rinse 'yourself' healing mat with cool water getting all residue off the mat. You can dry it with a cotton towel, or air dry. It does not matter how you choose to dry it. (*Do not dry it in direct sunlight or it could damage the mat*)

The reason for this method is the materials that make 'yourself' healing mat absorb the water and make the mat supple again. Not only does this make your mat last longer, but it keeps your blades from dulling so quickly because you are cutting into a softer surface. Makes sense right?

**Haven't had a chance to test this theory so if someone wants to give it a go let us all know.**

## ***Quote of the Month:***

*"A bed without a quilt is like the sky without stars"*

## **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.

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**Happy Creating.....Sue**

