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Newsletter November 2022

Diary:



November 15th
December 6th

Lismore Quilters Visit to MPQ
MPQ Christmas party

Birthdays:



November

Fay F, Janet P,

Message from the President

Here we are, almost November. This year has gone by so quickly. The attendance has been on a roller coaster with a lot of sickness of members and/or their family members. Our thoughts are with those who are affected, and we wish everyone good health from now on.

Christmas is coming up soon and our Christmas party is set for 6th December. Our Christmas challenge set by Marcia Rutledge is to make 2 heart blocks. We are having a social visit by the Lismore quilters on 15th November. We aim to make this day an enjoyable one for these people as they have gone through a lot of hardships this year with lasting effects of the February/March floods. We would like to give them some quilts to take back for distribution to those who have been adversely affected by the floods.

Our last inhouse workshop will be on 1st November with Elizabeth. Next year we are hoping to organise an outside tutor for a workshop for our group. So put on your thinking caps for some suggestions on who and what technique the group would like so it can be arranged.

Happy Quilting
Claudette

Past Month in Review:-

1. During the past month we have had two members on the sick list.

Robyne P. and Alison M.

Robyne is feeling much better and returned last week of October. Alison had a double knee replacement and experiencing a speedy recovery. We are hoping to see Alison soon.

2. Many members took time to visit the Lawrence Quilt show. All were impressed with the displays.
3. Our Inhouse workshop for October was well received. Thanks Claudette and Mary.

And celebrating their Birthday in October

This month was Beth K. and Val W.



We hope you both had wonderful Birthday's .

In House Workshops:-

1st November 2022

Elizabeth B.

Pogaji.

Friendship Day with Lismore Quilters

November 15th has been set aside as a friendship day with Lismore Quilters. Due to the devastation of the Lismore floods in the early part of the year we wanted to extend a hand to the group. We have been making charity quilts to pass on and we also would like to give a small gift to each member that may help them in their quilting journeys. So, we ask our members to bring along a fat quarter and a reel of cotton for this purpose. On the day we will have morning tea and lunch to provide, so a helping hand from members is requested. The rosters are doing the rounds during normal meetings.

Quote of the Month:

“Behind ever Quilter is a big pile of fabric.”

FYI

Scraps and How to use them.

We all have fabric scraps. This month I have included an idea on how to use them. Hope you enjoy the challenge.

. Use your quilt scraps to make a traditional charm quilt.

While the term “charm squares” is widely used today to refer to the 5” pre-cut pieces sold in bundles, the original charm quilts featured much smaller pieces. Often referred to as postage stamp quilts due to the size and shape of the pieces, many charm patterns use a single template and every piece is cut from a different fabric. A true charm quilt offers you the opportunity to use up scraps as small as an inch wide; the template you choose will determine how large your pieces will be. You can use traditional methods to piece a charm quilt, or use a fusible product to speed the piecing process.

Turn small pieces into big pieces.

Love the look of **crazy quilts** but keep ending up with an orderly pattern when you sit down to make one? Consider piecing your smaller scraps into larger pieces of fabric as you go. Each time you complete a project, combine the scraps into a single piece; the more projects you complete, the larger your piece will be. Don't worry about layout, just stitch your scraps wherever they fit; make sure you use straight, not curved lines for best results. Once your scrap piece has grown large enough, use it for a whimsical base for embellishing or for a decorative accent project.

Quilting Tip of the Month.:

Sometimes the easiest tips make the biggest difference. If you square up your blocks immediately, you won't run into problems later! Ensure that your blocks are the same size by using your quilting ruler at every point of quilt construction.

Recipe of the Month

Tuesday morning tea's have become interesting again with members bringing along one of their favourite cakes or slices.

Oatmeal Nutties. (no nuts included)

1 cup of rolled oats	125g (4 oz) butter or margarine
1 cup of coconut	2 tablespoons boiling water
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup of plain flour	2 teaspoons of golden syrup
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup of sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon bi carbonate of soda
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of salt	

Combine in a bowl rolled oats, coconut, flour, sugar and salt. Melt butter, and golden syrup. (Either in a saucepan or by microwave). Stir together until butter and golden syrup are blended well. Add the water to the soda and then add to dry ingredients and mix well.

Place teaspoonfuls of mixture on to, bake paper lined oven trays; allow room for spreading. Bake in a moderate oven (180C) approximately 10 minutes, or until golden brown. **Makes about 30.**

Contributions to this section would be gratefully received.

Happy Creating.....Sue