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Diary:



February 3rd
March 21st

General Meeting
AGM (to be confirmed.)

Birthdays:



February

Ursula

Message from the President

Welcome to 2023. We have begun our year slowly with more members returning as the month of January ended.

Last week some members worked on a quilt that Sue is making which will be donated to the RSL for them to raffle to raise funds for returned servicemen. We also had fabric for sale, courtesy of past member Carol Connelly, who also had a patchwork shop. Dianne is helping her.

Our first General meeting will be held on 7th February when we will decide on a date for our 2023 AGM. Members need to think about nominations for the committee for 2023. All current positions held will be declared vacant.

We have had some stunning “show and tell” so far this year. Let’s keep it going throughout the year.

We are planning our “Airing of the Quilts” for this coming Easter, April 7th-8th. We will need items for the sales table, so it’s time to start making those now.

Happy QuiltingClaudette Hough

Past Month in Review:-

1. During the past month we have had members on the sick list.
Robyne P.
Robyne is feeling a bit better, and we hope to see her soon.
2. Our Christmas party was very successful, and everyone had a great time.
3. 2022 ended on a positive note and 2023 looks more promising.
4. The sales table days, one in December and one in January were hugely successful. Dianne has been helping Carol Connolly to clear her fabric stash. At \$1 a fat quarter and reasonable prices on everything offered, everyone went home happy. The first sales day netted \$400. A happy result for all involved.
5. Our inhouse workshop to make the donation quilt for the RSL Sub-Branch went very well, and we are on track to finish by end of February, ready for them to sell raffle tickets before Anzac Day.

And celebrating their Birthday in January 2023

*Claudette, Colleen, Helen G., Lorraine and Karen.
Many Happy returns to you all.*



Claudette was the only Birthday girl attending.

We hope you all had wonderful Birthday's.

In House Workshops:-

31st January 2023. *We used this day to start on the charity quilt for the RSL Sub-branch to raffle.* Volunteers, Marlene, Debra, Val, Dianne, Marie, Marcia R. and Sue, worked extremely hard to get as much done as possible. Thanks everyone, 11 blocks out of 12 were near completion. Marlene and Sue took them home to finish. One more sewing day should see the top ready for the next step.
A list of inhouse workshops will be available by next newsletter.

Quote of the Month:

"As ye sew, so shall ye rip."

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.



Cute quilt made with 2-1/2" squares and white fabric. Blocks are 4 x 4. 2-1/2" squares as well as the final border. I must try this one myself. The sashing strips are made with 4 , 2-1/2" squares, the corner stones are a 9 patch block of 2-1/2" squares which include a white 2-1/2" squares in the set. Everything is 2-1/2" wide so those leftover jelly roll pieces can be used as well as other 2-1/2" strips. Maybe we can set a challenge to see who can come up with the best version???????

Quilting Tip of the Month.:

Joining rows? Start in the middle.

When sewing long rows, it is easy to create bowed seams. One way to keep these straight is by starting to sew from the middle of the seam to the edge, then rotating and sewing the other side from the middle out. Check seams are straight at regular intervals with your quilting ruler.

Happy Creating.....Sue