

MACLEAN PATCHWORK & QUILTERS

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Newsletter April 2023

Diary:



April 7-8th
April 25-26th
April 28-29th

Annual Airing of the Quilts
Maclean Show
Grafton Show

Birthdays:



April

Dianne L, Mary W,

Our AGM was held on 21st March 2023 and we now have a new Committee. Thank you to our past Committee who did a wonderful job through some trying times. Your contribution was invaluable in keeping our Group together and relevant.

To our new Committee, congratulations.

Left to right
Chris Bale,
Debra Patch,
Marlene Sheehan,
Marie Young and
Robyne Plater



Committee for 2023-2024.

President:	<i>Chris Bale</i>
Vice President:	<i>Marlene Sheehan</i>
Secretary:	<i>Debra Patch</i>
Asst. Secretary:	<i>Robyne Plater</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Marie Young</i>
Asst. Treasurer:	<i>Lorraine Kelly</i>
Auditor:	<i>Bob Turns</i>
Publicity:	<i>Sue Carl</i>
Blog:	<i>Sue Carl</i>
Librarian:	<i>Marlene Sheehan</i>
Workshop Co-Ordinator:	<i>Mary Williams and Claudette Hough</i>
Catering Officer:	<i>Sharon Davis with back up from Marlene</i>
Newsletter:	<i>Elizabeth Buzzell</i>
Social Officer:	<i>Penne Carr</i>
Meeting Representative:	<i>Chris Bale and Debra Patch</i>

Message from the President

I feel honoured to take on the position as President and with the other members of the Committee would like to thank the previous Committee for their service over the past two years, dealing with COVID and the floods of 2022 wouldn't have been easy, but we seem to have come out the other side in good condition and with new members joining all the time, so job well done.

Being new to this position I ask you to bear with me while I learn the ropes, with some members to help us adjust I am sure it won't take long.

Our first priority is to prepare for the "Airing of the Quilts" at Easter. Our raffle quilt is finished, and our Sales table is attracting a lot of items. So keep up the good work.

Happy QuiltingChris Bale

**And celebrating their Birthday in March 2023
Liz R.**

Many Happy Returns Liz

We hope you had wonderful Birthday.

In House Workshops:-

<i>Date</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Activity</i>
4/4/2023	Elizabeth B.	How to square up a quilt
2/5/2023	Claudette H.	Tools from the cupboard
6/6/2023	Alison M.	Braiding Quilt Top
4/7/2023	Neil J.	Dyeing/Applique'- Australian Natives
1/8/2023	Marcia R.	Tumbling Blocks
5/9/2023	Mary W. & Penne C	Crazy Patchwork
3/10/2023	Mary W. & Penne C	Decorating & Embroidery on Crazy Patchwork.
7/11/2023	Elizabeth B.	Shaggy Applique'

Scraps and how to use them.

Scraps of fabric are endless; you can't avoid them so why not use them.

Just a couple of idea's: -

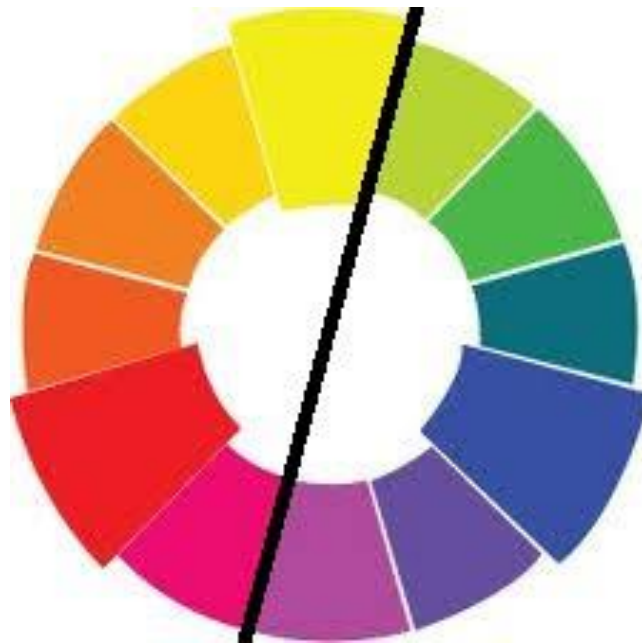
Half square triangles., Hexagons, squares, diamonds. Using 1"strips. The possibilities are endless. Make them up into blocks, and one day you may have a very colourful quilt.

Quote of the Month:

“Beautiful things come together one stitch at a time.”

Quilting Tip of the Month.:

Warm and Cool Colour Demo for Quilters



Of all the Colour Theories, the warm/cool concept is very practical and manageable for quilters. It is easy to understand.

Starting with a 12 point colour wheel, divide it in half keeping the yellow and green divided.

The warm side consists of yellow/orange/red.
This may make you think of fire and sun.

The cool side consists of green/blue/purple.
This may make you think of cool water, grass and sky.

This month's Recipe- contribution from Liz R.

Ginger Beer Fruit Cake

Ingredients:

1kg mixed fruit
375ml Ginger Beer
1 cup Caster sugar
250 grams butter or margarine
2 cups of self-Raising flour
4 eggs lightly beaten.

Method:

Heat oven to 140 deg. C, line cake tin with two layers of baking paper.

Put fruit, ginger beer, butter and sugar in a saucepan and slowly bring to boil until butter has dissolved. Set aside to cool.

Mix in the eggs and flour and pour into cake tin. Cook in slow oven for about 2.5 hours.

NOTE:

I added chopped glace cherries, dried apricots and dates, just a few of each. I also added spices eg. Cinnamon, mixed spice and nutmeg. I cooked in two loaf tins and cooked them slightly less timewise, until skewer came out clean.

For your information:

Fabric Vendors- Clarence Valley

South Grafton Textiles – 45 Skinner Street, South Grafton-66423990

Horizon Quilting – Clyde Street, Maclean – 0411867075

Rainbow Patchwork – 75 Union Street, Lismore - 0432417228

Quilting Services.

Art N Quilting Studio – 66560788/ 0438334073

– Sandra Kelly- 90 Sandy Beach Drive, Sandy Beach NSW 2456

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– Janine McCann – 0422188103

Rainbow Patchwork – 75 Union Street, Lismore - 0432417228

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– Sally Butt – 0427526918 2 Rutland Street, Lawrence NSW 2460

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Happy Creating.....Sue