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## ***Newsletter March 2023***

### **Diary:**



**March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**April 7-8<sup>th</sup>**  
**April 28-29<sup>th</sup>**

**In House Workshop**  
**AGM**  
**Annual Airing of the Quilts**  
**Grafton Show**

### **Birthdays:**



**March**

**Liz R.**

### ***Message from the President***

The Quilt for the RSL Sub Branch is ready to be donated to them to raffle. Funds raised will be used for returned servicemen. Many thanks to Sue and her helpers who have worked hard to complete this project.

Last week we presented Marlene with her Betty Harris award and flowers. Marlene has always been willing to help others and share her skills with the group. She is a very worthwhile winner of this award.

Ursula will be leaving us and returning to her native country of Switzerland later this year. We are sorry to see her go. She has made some wonderful quilts and many friendships while she has been with us. Please make sure you have made a heart block. We will present them to her before she leaves us.

Our Airing of the Quilts will be on 7th-8th April. Currently we are making charity quilts for Cabbage Tree Island Community which was devastated in

last year's floods. We will hang them at the Airing of the Quilts and present them to the Community after Easter in time for the cooler weather.

It is lovely to see some of our past members returning to our group. Welcome back Janet Hall and Linda Hollis.

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

***The completed RSL Sub Branch Raffle Quilt.***



Thanks to everyone who helped to make this quilt, especially Marlene whose mentoring was invaluable. Many hands make light work.

**And celebrating their Birthday in February 2023  
Ursula R.**



*Many Happy Returns Ursula.*

We hope you had wonderful Birthday.

**March Birthday's**

Liz R

## **In House Workshops:-**

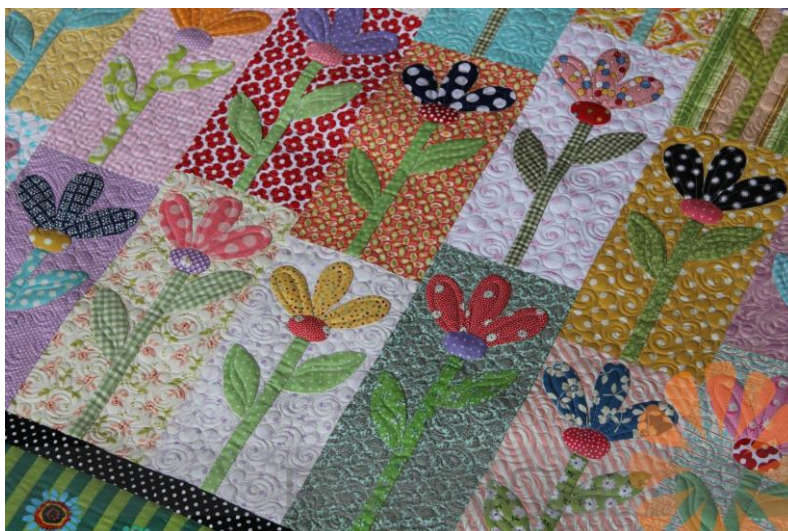
<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Presenter</i></b>	<b><i>Activity</i></b>
7/3/2023	Alison M.	Making and using Bias
4/4/2023	Elizabeth B.	How to square up a quilt
2/5/2023	Claudette H.	Tools from the cupboard
6/6/2023	Alison M.	Braiding Quilt Top
4/7/2023	Neil J.	Dyeing/Applique'- Australian Natives
1/8/2023	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'

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

“Nobody starts out a perfect quilter.”

### **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.



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

Choosing fabrics for a quilt is more than just putting together a stack of fabrics that you love.

These are the precepts that guide the creative process:

1. Start with a fabric that you love. This can be a starting point to build the rest of your fabric collection around.
2. Choose fabric that have contrast in:
  - Colour value- the degree of light and dark
  - Scale of the print – large and small
  - Intensity
  - Colour
3. Every quilt should have “blender” fabrics. These are the fabrics that might not be as exciting, but they work to harmonize the rest of the fabrics. A blender may be a fabric that has all the colours in the quilt. It may be a “chameleon” fabric that looks good with all the other fabrics.
4. Every quilt needs a few “zinger” fabrics. These are those intense, maybe unpredictable fabrics that really stand out. A zinger to me maybe isn’t to you. Let your own style guide what you choose.
5. Try never to make a quilt using fabrics from the same collection. The fabrics may be harmonious, but the quilt will often feel predictable. love to bring in fabrics that are unexpected.
6. Once you have your fabrics. Stack them together. Stand back and look at the fabrics as a whole. What do you need? More light? More dark? More contrast? Now is the time to add what you need to the quilt.
7. Make some of the blocks, and then choose a sashing, by laying the blocks on your top choices. A sashing can change the whole look of your quilt dramatically.
8. Follows the same process when choosing your border. Once the whole quilt is put together, choose the border. Again, the border can have a dramatic impact on the look of the quilt.

Let your own style be your guide. Do what you love. In the end the quilt be yours, not your teacher’s or your friend’s or the quilters from the quilt shop, it is yours and you are the one who must love it. Choose fabrics that make you happy.

**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**

**3 Blue Wrens**

**– Janine McCann – 0422188103**

**Rainbow Patchwork – 75 Union Street, Lismore - 0432417228**

**Sals Sewing**

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

**Chris Timmins – 0418298595**

**Horizon Quilting – Clyde Street, Maclean NSW 2463- 0411867075**

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