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President's Patch

Happy New Year, and welcome to Westernport Quilters for another year of fun, friendship and fruitful patchworking.

The 2017 Committee has already done a terrific job in setting the course for 2018, with many events, speakers and workshops planned. Please refer regularly to the Calendar section of the Newsletter to make sure you don't miss anything.

Sincere thanks to the outgoing Committee members – Heather Stafford, Brenda King, Gaynor Backx, Margaret Johnson, Beverley Crank, Lesley Kumar and Min Wood. You've all done an outstanding job. I'm particularly grateful to Brenda King, as she's kindly volunteered to continue as Vice President / Guest Speaker Coordinator until a replacement steps up. Thank you very much, Brenda.

Also thank you to the continuing Committee members. Those of us coming in to new positions are looking forward to the challenge (I think) and the fun (definitely!)

We are hoping one or more members will take on the Caring Quilts role. Min has done such a great job that it might well take a small team to replace her, but that might be fun, mightn't it? I think the Charity aspect is an important part of the Guild, in some form or other.

With the Westernport Quilt Show only a couple of months away, on March the 17th-18th, I hope everyone is busy finishing off their entries for both the Exhibition and the Musicals Challenge. I hope you'll also be generous with your time when volunteering to fill in spots on the rosters for various "staffing" positions required for a successful quilt show. Thanks in anticipation.

Happy Stitching.
Carolyn

Thought for the Day

Animals are such agreeable friends –
they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms

George Eliot

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This Year at Westernport Quilters

January to June		July to November	
16	Meeting – Tyabb - Sit and Sew <i>June Lambert – Indian Textile Tour</i>	July 3	Workshop – Baxter <i>Jenny Millar – Christmas in July</i>
22	Art Appreciation Group	17	Meeting – Tyabb <i>White Ribbon Lunch</i>
		23	Art Appreciation Group
Feb 6	Workshop – Baxter – <i>Brenda Dean Extension Hexagon Illusions</i>	August 7	Workshop – Baxter <i>Sally Rule – Seven Pocket Bag</i>
20	Meeting – Tyabb <i>Janette McInnes – The Plain Needlewoman – talk and trunk show</i>	21	Meeting – Tyabb <i>Kate Marra – Vic Texties</i>
March 6	Workshop – Baxter – Catherine Howell <i>visiting Tutor – Hand Embroidery</i>	18	Saturday Workshop <i>Brenda Dean – Fractured Quilt</i>
20	Meeting – Tyabb <i>Janet O'Dell– Antique Quilts</i>		
18	Saturday – Baxter sit and sew	Sept 4	Workshop – Baxter <i>Lee Vause – Freehand Machine Quilting</i>
26	Art Appreciation Group	18	Meeting – Tyabb <i>Tina Whiteley – Textile Artist</i>
April 3	Workshop – Baxter - <i>Janet Richardson Reverse Applique</i>	24	Art Appreciation Group
14	Baxter Hall <i>Heather Stafford – Felted Silk Scarf</i>	Oct 2	Workshop – Baxter <i>Caroline Sweeting – Twisted Log Cabin</i>
17	Meeting – Tyabb <i>Amber Skehan – The Bays Hospital</i>	TBA	Mystery Bus Trip –
May 1	Workshop – Baxter – <i>Margaret Johnson - Fractured Hexagons</i>	16	Meeting – Tyabb <i>Catherine Thomas – Civil War Quilts</i>
4 th - 6 th	Retreat - Marysville	27	Baxter Hall - Brenda King – Felted Christmas Wall Hanging
15	Meeting – Tyabb <i>Quilt in and Big Morning Tea</i>	Nov	
		20	Meeting – Tyabb <i>AGM and Christmas Lunch</i>
28th	Art Appreciation Group	26	Art Appreciation Group
June 5	Workshop – Baxter – <i>Lee Vause Stencilling on Fabric</i>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Shops Baxter-Tooradin Road Baxter Tavern Baxter Community Hall</p>	
16	Soup and Spud day at Baxter <i>Lesley Kumar – Sewing Organiser</i>		
19	Meeting – Tyabb <i>Andi Herman – Mosaic Quilts</i>		

Workshops start at 9.30 – please arrive in time for a prompt start

Lucky Door Prize Winners November

Palm Beach – Brenda King
 Magic Patch – Carolyn Sweeting
 Yuilles Road – Jean Wrangle
 Yuilles Road – Beverley Wetherall
 Donated prizes – Nina Bates, Janet Richardson,
 Ruth Goodman, Connie Wicks, Irene Mckenzie
 Marie Howells



Best wishes go to all members who are unwell or having difficulties at the moment. You are in our thoughts and we hope that things improve for you and your families.

If you know of a member who is unwell please advise the secretary so that she can send a card.

Deadline for next newsletter is
8th Feb 2018.

Please send any contributions to
news@westernportquilters.org

Demonstrations

Feb Kimono Brooch – Brenda Dean
 Mar Origami Flower Centre
 April
 June
 July
 Aug
 Sep
 Oct

WELCOME

At the welcome desk:

Jan Ruth Goodman, Connie Wicks

Feb

For your information:

The welcome desk closes at 12 noon. The sign-in book is left on the table for latecomers. Money is to be given to the Treasurer, Margaret Johnson.

KITCHEN ROSTER

Co-ordinators – Debbie Higgs/Yvonne Pullin

January

A.M. Lorraine Vidler, Beverley Wetherall,
 Rosalie Cowan

P.M. Roslyn Chidgey, Nancy Diaz,
 Nina Bate

A.M.

P.M.

**It is traditional that ladies on tea
 duty bring a plate to share**

Please note:

**ladies on morning duty need to be there
 at 9.30 a.m. to set up and ladies on
 afternoon duty should stay to help with
 clearing the kitchen.**



**Happy Birthday to you
 Happy Birthday to you**

January Birthday to:

Sue Brumley	Rae Droop
Gail Evens	Vivienne Gaeggeler
Ruth Goodman	Debbie Higgs
Judy Hillman	Brenda King
Nadia Kostiuk	Margaret Moore
Pauline Munro	Kay Tobias
Min Wood	

Diary Dates

SERVICE DIRECTORY

(Remember to take your WQ Membership Card)

Magic Patch Quilting

1525 Frankston Flinders Rd, Tyabb
Ph 5977 3332

Machine Quilting, Fabrics & Classes

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68 Yuilles Rd, Mornington
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10% discount for WQ members

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www.sewingbeecafe.com.au

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Margaret Johnson 9789 0477

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Lee Vause 042 902 4299

Sewing Machine Repairs

Rick Wise
5983 1878 OR 0408 557 606

Darren Ricardo

Gardener/Handyman

Contact Number 0467 166 611
email darren@westernportquilters.org

The Natural Wonders Exhibition

Date: 4th - 29th January

Time: 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Venue: The Residents Gallery at Montsalvat,
7 Hillcrest Ave, Eltham

Entry: Free

Contact: www.montsalvat.com.au or 9439 7712

Applique Guild of Australia AGM

Date: Saturday 10th February

Time: 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Masonic Hall, 840 Mt. Alexander Road, Essendon

Entry: \$6 TAGA members, \$8 guests

Contact: enquiries@theappliqueguildofaustralia.org.au

Or Margaret - 0409 165 601

Seachange Quilters Quilt Show

Date: 16th - 18th March

Time: Friday - 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Sat/Sun - 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Barwon Heads Community Hall,
Cnr Hitchcock Ave and Ozone Road,
Barwon Heads

Entry: \$2, children under 15 free.

Westernport Quilters Quilt Show

Saturday 17th March - 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Sunday 18th March - 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Tyabb Community Hall, Tyabb

Contact: admin@westernportquilters.org

Entry \$5

Vic Quilters Summer Gathering

Date: March 17 2018

Where: The Studio, 91 Wilsons Rd Mornington

Entry: \$5

Guest Speaker - Wendy Williams

Contact: Marion Southey - 0417 500 970

Sue Bolden - 0419 588 516

Patchwork Collections Yarra Valley Inc. Quilt Exhibition

Date: 17th - 18th March

Time: 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Healesville Senior Citizen Hall
Cnr Green Street and River Street
Healesville

Entry: \$5

Contact Pat Biggs - 0418 993 428

Australian Quilt Convention

Date: 5th - 8th April

Venue: Royal Exhibition Buildings

See www.aqc.com.au

Victorian Quilters Inc. Autumn Gathering

Date: 19th May

Hosted by Stawell Quilters Inc.



Cook's Corner



Chocolate Mint Slice Christmas Balls

Ingredients

- 200 gms Mint Slice Biscuits
- 125 gms cream cheese, softened
- 150 gms milk chocolate, melted
- 20 red mini M&Ms
- 10 spearmint leaf lollies, cut into ribbons

Crush the Mint slice biscuits in a food processor

Place crushed biscuits into a medium sized bowl

Add 125 gms of cream cheese and mix well until completely combined

Roll the mixture into heaped teaspoon sized balls and pop onto a baking paper lined tray in the fridge

Take out the red M&M minis from the tube and set aside

Slice the spearmint leaves into fine slithers (you'll get about 5 out of each leaf) and set aside

Melt the chocolate in a deep and narrow heatproof bowl or ramekin on medium heat (50% power) in the microwave on 30 second bursts for 2-3 minutes, stirring each time. You could also use a double boiler on the stove.

Carefully dip your Mint Slice Balls into the chocolate mixture with a fork and place back on the tray (allow any excess chocolate to drip off).

Pop one red M&M and two spearmint leaf slithers onto the top of each of the balls

Place back into fridge to set.

Store in airtight container for 2-3 days.

Fabric Frolic 2018

12th - 28th January

Visit all seven shops during the fabric frolic.

2. When you make a purchase in store your passport will be validated.

3. Leave the completed passport in the container provided at the last store you visit.

4. Drawn 29 January 2018 and winners notified by telephone or email.

Please check individual shop websites for more information.

Toy Sewing Machines

Frustration or Fun?



These tiny treasures have given pleasure to both young and old for more than a hundred years. Toy sewing machines were small, often highly decorated and they worked!

Over the next few months we will follow the story behind these fascinating toys.

Toy sewing machines made their appearance more than a hundred years ago. The Americans and the French were the first to design and make these miniatures, but it was the German manufacturers who cornered the market.

In the past girls were taught the basic skills of sewing and embroidery. Education was thought to be a waste for young women, the ability to sew was considered a much more useful attribute.

The early machines were expensive and difficult to use, but with mass production came lower prices making them more affordable for the average family. By 1890 there were hundreds of sewing machine manufacturers and it wasn't very long before toy sewing machines appeared on the scene.

The first toy sewing machine (TSM) was patented in France in 1862 but the French never developed their market and it was left to the Americans, the Germans and the British to manufacture these toys. Ironically, these early models were not produced by sewing machine manufacturers but were made by companies turning out items such as locks, keys and chains. Were these toys or simply miniature versions of the real thing?



**Clockwise from top right, Peerless Automatic by Smith & Egge, Connecticut (1896),
Tabitha by Daniel Judson, London (1895),
Reliable by Foley & Williams, Chicago (1905 – 1908).**

The early machines were made of cast iron and were very heavy for their size. They were small (some only 12cm high), and they all used a single thread to make a continuous chain stitch. The needle carried the thread down through the stitch plate where it was picked up by a loop and carried forward to form the next stitch. These toys were simple in design with minimal moving parts but were not the easiest of devices to use. It's quite probable that many children gave up in frustration and banished the machine to the bottom of the toy box.



Westernport Quilt Show – 17th-18th March 2018

The Team includes:

Carolyn Sweeting – Coordinator + Quilt Stands

Janet Richardson – Forms + Entry lists, delivery and collection of quilts

Brenda Dean – Advertising

Debbie Higgs and Yvonne Pullin – Catering

Rae Droop, Janet Taylor and Bron Mills – Trading Table

Martina Burnell and Glenda Daff – Quilt Challenge

Judy Beresford – Quilt Raffle

Louise Wrangle – Traders + Lucky Dip and door prizes

Lorraine Vidler – Rosters for volunteers

Bron Mills – Floats and money collection

Of course, the reason for, and most important part of the Show is the exhibition of Quilts, so we hope you're on the job with that!

Timeline

2017

September – entry forms will be on the web site or available at the meeting

November – raffle tickets will be available for sale in December

2018

20th February – our February meeting. Cut off date for entries.

Entry forms should be given to Janet Richardson

Rosters available

February – at the meeting. Debbie and Yvonne will have list for people willing to make slices for the show tea room.

Raffle tickets to be returned to Judy Beresford

Quilt Show

Friday 16th – Quilts and challenge quilts to be delivered to the Tyabb Hall between 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Items for the trading table to be delivered to the hall at these times. Items put on the trading table will attract a 10% commission for the club.

Friday/Saturday/Sunday – deliver slices for tearoom.

Anytime up the February meeting we are seeking donations suitable for the lucky dip. They do not have to be quilt related. Please do not wrap any donations.

Finish your quilt or challenge quilt.

Challenge for the Quilt show

The theme is - Musicals

Your quilt should depict the title of any popular musical from any era. The quilts will be displayed at the quilt show and visitors will be asked to guess the title of the musical. There will be a prize for the person who can guess the most titles and a prize for viewer's choice.

Your quilt can be square or rectangular but must be **no more than 12-inches or less than 8-inches on any side**. Rectangles can be portrait or landscape orientation.

If you gained a few kilos over the Christmas break maybe this will help.

Exercise for people over 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10lb potato bags.

Then try 50lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

For Sale

BRAND NEW BROTHER NS55 SEWING MACHINE WITH WIDE TABLE.

Machine valued at \$594 is light weight so would be great for workshops. Table valued at \$100. Will sell for \$350. If interested please call me on 0409 619 850 or 9799 6420.

Brenda King

For Sale - Elna 5100 sewing/quilting machine and / or Elna 845 Overlocker.

As I have recently upgraded to a larger machine, my Elna 5100 Quilting Sewing Machine is in excellent used condition and available for sale. It has 30 built in stitches, 6 one-step buttonholes, built in needle threader, adjustable speed control, clip on presser foot, Feed dog system and many other features for all your sewing and quilting needs. Instruction Manual included. Additional extras include a Walking Foot with instructions (cost \$69 used once) and a Circular Sewing attachment (cost \$85 Never used). Further information is available On-line for this particular model. For Sale at \$390 including extras.



Also available for sale is my Elna 845 5-thread Overlocker which also is in excellent used condition. Can be used as a 3, 4 or 5 thread. This is a current model and although the RRP is \$1999 it can be bought new for as low as \$1299 on-line. This machine would suit a 'new' purchaser at a bargain price of \$590. See on-line for all the different stitches available on this fantastic Overlocker.



Please contact Rosalie Cowan on 0412 118 325 to arrange for pick up of either of these machines from Hastings or happy to deliver if local. Inspection welcome.