



Rapt in Quilts

Kapiti Coast Quilters

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Newsletter January 2016

A Note From Judy

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2016. I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year. I hear that the Guild Christmas dinner was enjoyed by those who attended. I was sorry to miss it. My Christmas Day in Canada was everything we associate with Christmas – food, lights, presents but no snow! Our turkey weighed 8.1 kilos. Most of the vegetables came from the supermarket freezer – all prepared and cut up in little cubes ready to put in the pot!

I was so pleased to be home for New Year after almost 5 weeks away. To walk from Auckland International Airport to the domestic terminal in the fresh air and warmth, after mostly grey, damp and foggy days, and a temperature of around freezing, was just the best feeling. I also enjoyed being able to fly into Paraparaumu Airport after 28 hours of travelling and be home 10 minutes later. In all my travels I only saw one quilt shop and that was the day following 36 hours of food poisoning. Needless to say I had very little enthusiasm for selecting any fabrics so my suitcase came home lighter than when I left and minus any fabric!

Our committee met early this week and there are a number of activities planned for the next few months. Some of the activities will need a definite yes if you are going to participate, so we can finalise numbers. More about these further on in the newsletter.

See [What's Happening for dates and deadlines for payments.](#)

I'm looking forward to a busy and exciting year of quilting with lots of new learning. I hope you are too.

Judy

What's Happening?

What	When	Where
1 st Tuesday meeting	19th January 10.30am	Bridge Club Elizabeth Street
Brandon Mably Knitting Class	28th January	Upper Hutt Cossie Club, Logan Street, Upper Hutt
Kaffe Fassett Lecture	29th January	Expressions Arts & Entertainment Centre, 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt
1 st Thursday meeting BOM due	4th February 7.30 pm start	Bridge Club Elizabeth Street
Tuesday meeting BOM due	16th February 10.30am	10 Wakefield Gr Waikanae
Weekend retreat	27/28 February Names by 4 February Payment by 16th February \$20 per day.	Bridge Club Elizabeth Street
Machine quilting class with Sheryl Meech	1 March 9.30am Payment of \$25 due 4 February	Bridge Club Elizabeth Street
Thursday Meeting	3rd March 7.30pm	Bridge Club Elizabeth Street
Wine Country Quilts Bus Trip	13th March Payment of \$10 due 16 February	Bus leaves Bridge Club Elizabeth Street 8.00am
Celtic Rows Class with Anna Williams dependent on numbers	14/15 May	To be notified.

You can check out the quilt on Anna's website.

Duty Roster

	February	March
Hall Set Up and Clear Up	Merle Stevenson Annie Sullivan	Ros Walls Sandra White
Library	Irene Thomas Shirley Thomas	Kathleen White Pat Witham
Supper	Alison Tierney Debbie Walker	Angela Anderson -Hay
Host	Stephanie Peach	Carol Pedersen

Duties

Hall- setting up the hall and tidying up after the meeting.

Library - putting out books and checking books in and out for members.

Supper - set out cups and serve tea and coffee
- cleaning up the kitchen at the end.

If you are rostered on any duty you need to arrive by 7.00pm.

Watch for your name on the duty list and please change with another member if you cannot do your duty.

Kaffe Fassett and Brandon Mably

There will be a lecture at **Expressions Arts and Entertainment Centre, 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt at 7.00 pm on Friday 29 January 2016**. Cost \$40.00. Tickets available from Thimbles and Threads, www.ticketdirect.co.nz or Expressions www.expressions.org.nz

A knitting class with Brendon Mably will be held on Thursday 28th January 2016 at Upper Hutt Cossie Club, Logan Street, Upper Hutt 10 am – 5.00 pm. Cost \$185.00. Limited places available. Contact Thimbles and Threads.

Classes

Sandra Davies has been busy organising classes for this year. The first one will be **Machine Quilting** with **Sheryl Meech on Tuesday March 1**. – see needs list at the end of the newsletter.

Many of you enjoyed hearing **Anna Williams** speak last year. We are able to bring her to our guild to take a class on **Celtic Rows** in May if there is enough interest.

A number of members indicated an interest in Sashiko so Sandra is following up on this for the middle of the year.

Quite a few members want to do a kaleidoscope class again or missed out and I am happy to repeat this. We had some stunning results last time.

These classes will all be dependent on numbers of course and we are looking at offering them to other guilds as well, so that they can be economically viable.

Christmas Dinner

This year only about 30% of our members attended the Christmas Dinner at Parkwood.

Christmas is a really busy time of the year with many functions and often it is not realistic or possible to attend every one of them.

At this time the committee is considering a mid winter Christmas dinner and then just having a shared lunch/supper at our usual club meetings at the end of the year.

I would appreciate your feedback on this.

BOM and Bag Challenge

A reminder that the block of the month is due at our February meetings. The instructions are included at the end of the news letter.

Sandra has the bag challenge underway. 17 people have their names down to do this. If you want to do the challenge and haven't put your name down please contact Sandra Davies. Remember you will get a bag with a number of miscellaneous items to use in any way you wish.

Wine Country Quilts Bus Trip

I have booked a 49 seater coach for this trip. The cost is \$10 per member or \$20 for non members.

We have a number of Coastal Quilters who are keen to come with us so it is imperative that you get your **name down by 4 February** and your money paid by **16th February**.

After that time any remaining seats will be offered to Coastal Quilters.

Retreat

The dates for this have had to be changed as there were previous bookings for the Bridge Club that we were unaware of. The dates are now **Saturday and Sunday 27/28 February**.

The cost for this will be \$20 per day and you may elect to come for 1 or 2 days but we must know **by 4 February**. The \$20 will include morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch. Come for a day/s of sewing and companionship.

There will need to be a limit to the numbers so- "first come first served" We already have quite a list of names but are aware that circumstances may have changed and you no longer wish to participate. Please let us know what you are going to do.

Club Resources

The club has a number of resources for members to use. The details are available are on the web site. Don't forget there is the cutter that can be used to make appliqué shapes.

We are looking at buying a light pad for the club. This will be available to use at the meetings, or to borrow and use at home.

New Quilt Shop

Did you know there is a quilt shop in Foxton? I haven't visited there yet but have heard good reports.

It is called Fox's Cottage and has quilting and knitting supplies. It is at the southern end of Foxton on SH1.

Phone 02102358076

Email foxscottage@yahoo.co.nz

Facebook.com/foxscottage

Needs List for Machine Quilting Class

Needs:

2 - 16inch squares of plain fabric basted together with safety pin

2 - 16inch squares of plain fabric

1 - 16inch square of batting

Safety pins for basting these together

Sewing threads any type at least one matching and one a contrast

Sewing machine clean and oiled and Manual

Spare Needles

Blue washaway Pen or any non permanent pen

Scissors and usual sewing equipment

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

" CONCENTRIC CIRCLES "

(a variation of "Courthouse Steps")

The theme for this project is - ' IN THE PINK '

Because you have until February to complete this project you are required to do TWO blocks; a positive and a negative.



CUTTING

This design requires 5 different fabrics – a selection of lights and darks. To achieve the desired effect the fabrics need to alternate eg. A-light

B-dark

C-light

D-dark

E-light

For the 2nd block reverse the order of colour

Cut –

Fabric A – 1 square 1 ½ x 1 ½ inches

Fabric B – 2 squares 1 ½ x 1 ½ inches

2 strips 1 ½ x 3 ½ inches

Fabric C – 2 strips 1 ½ x 3 ½ inches

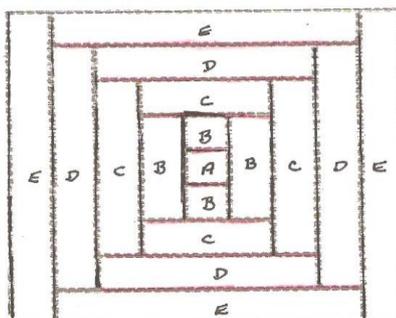
2 strips 1 ½ x 5 ½ inches

Fabric D – 2 strips 1 ½ x 5 ½ inches

2 strips 1 ½ x 7 ½ inches

Fabric E – 2 strips 1 ¾ x 7 ½ inches

2 strips 2 x 10 inches



The extra width and length on fabric E will allow some room when trimming the block to 9 ½ x 9 ½ inches finished size

Using ¼ inch seams, sew the 'B' squares to opposite sides of square 'A'. then sew remaining 'B' strips to 'A'. Continue to attach the remaining strips in alphabetical order.