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October 2017 **SCCQ Newsletter No.135**

Next Meeting:	13 December 2017, 10 for 10.30 a.m.
Venue:	Uniting Church Hall, Page St, Moruya
Host:	Out of the Blocks

Do you have any items of interest you would like to share with your fellow Guild members? Would you like to receive our Newsletter via email? Please email to sccq.editor@gmail.com.

News from the Groups

Batemans Bay Patchworkers and Quilters

The last two months has seen us involved in a number of different activities.

1. Julie Woods conducted a workshop on Superior threads, we learnt about the right needles to use for different threads and altering machine tensions for the best results. This was a very worthwhile workshop, some of us even found 'bits' on our machine we didn't know we had!!!
2. We had a 'blitz' on charity quilts with many being finished to be distributed
3. Canberra Quilt show was our distraction by bus with Ulladulla ladies, a pleasant day out.
4. With the installation of an EAD machine in our hall, Janine from SES came to teach us how to use it and give us the latest CPR information.
5. The holidays saw some members doing 'granny duty'
6. Our retreat next year is underway with the planning.

Altogether, it has been a productive 2 months and our membership continues to grow.
Margaret Foster, President

Cygnets

Cygnets is now a very small group of only 5 members. (One of whom is a chef who works for half the year up in the Snowys.)

However, we continue to meet monthly and talk about grand plans and stretching ourselves with various textile workshops. At this stage it continues to be just talk but you never know we may surprise ourselves and come up with a project that we all agree with and produce something new. Always hopeful!

Nevertheless, we enjoy meeting, stitching and contemplating the possible.

Dalmeny Quilters

It seemed like a collective sigh went up after our Quilt Show last Sunday. A lot of hard work by our members, for another successful show. More than 120 quilts, wall hangings

etc were hung and viewed by many. The Quilt Show viewer's choice was Saturday: Helen Hennessy and Chris Moody. Sunday: Lyle Mead and Tracy Coomer.

We are hoping we can donate \$1,000 each to our 3 nominated local charities. The raffle quilt was won by a visitor from Kilmore, Victoria.

Our group will be back to usual business soon. Two in-house workshops this month. A visit by some of our members to Quaama Quilters and the hanging of quilts in Braidwood.

Another workshop in November and then our Christmas gathering in December.

Thanks to everyone who came to Narooma the long weekend. It was great to see so many familiar faces.

Gerringong UFO Craft Group

With Christmas just around the corner we see knuckling down to get all our gifts up and running. Work is being done on Christmas runners, wall hangings, serviettes etc.

Last week we were unable to use our normal meeting place as the driveway was being resurfaced. Four of our members now live in the Blue Haven Retirement Village in Kiama, and they hosted last week's meeting in one of the community rooms. They are all very happy there and it was really lovely for the rest of us to see and experience their hospitality there. Because of sickness and carers duty we had not seen a couple of them for a while, so it was a lovely reunion type morning.

One of our members is about to welcome her family from overseas, and as they have never been to Australia before, we are all looking forward to a welcome for them in a couple of weeks time.

The support, friendship, understanding, laughs etc that we share each week is truly indicative of the great group of ladies that our members are.

Night Owls

Over the past couple of months members have been participating in Quilts with a Story and we have been fortunate to have seen some interesting, stunning and much-loved quilts. All very different.

Recently members were treated to another one of Margaret Foster's informative talks. This time the topic was textiles and why some cotton fabrics are better than others. Cost does not always determine quality.

Twelve members recently participated in a Mystery Morning and machined away without written instructions or knowing what the finished piece was going to be. Whilst everyone admitted to being outside their comfort zone everyone seemed to enjoy the morning.

Using a piece of digitally printed fabric, twenty-two members are participating in a challenge. The general opinion is that the fabric is lovely but at this stage are not quite sure what they will make. All will be revealed at our Christmas party in December.

Out of the Blocks

Finally, it is spring and we can leave the fire, putting our knitting down and get out those quilting projects.

We have had a couple of get togethers since SCCQ last met, including meeting up at the Canberra Quilt Show. An excursion to wonderful Rosedale by the sea had us making silk paper and experimenting with it's usefulness. Sheila has made some beautiful embellished covers. This outing was a lot of fun and we are hoping to hold a retreat in that spot sometime in the future. The silk paper making created great enthusiasm leading to a workshop at Pepperlane planned for next week where we will be playing around with Lutrador, Modge Podge and textile mediums making covers for diary style books or journals.

Sandra, Martha Allyson Judy and Joan had a great time at Marilyn's Gathering at Ulladulla. Sandra and Joan did One Stitch Sashiko and there is a photo from Joan included. Martha and Allyson learned from Wendy Williams. A great time was had by all and they are looking forward to next year.

Many of us went to the Dalmeny Quilt Exhibition and we were impressed by the whole show, and of course their wonderful quilts, particularly their block of the month challenges and how many people participated.

I love how seeing other people's work creates inspirations in the rest of us.
Wishing you all a creative spring season!
Cheers from Penny

Nowra Quilters

Our group have had 2 in-house classes. One with Jenny Behrendt who helped us make a lovely sewing equipment bag in August. In September Moya Eaton-Bray did a wonderful hexagon demonstration sharing lots of different methods of using hexagons. Moya also invited a guest speaker Danni from the Quilting Patch at South Nowra who did a demo on her new hexagon templates she has created. Thankyou Danni, Moya and Jenny.

Our 3rd class was with Margaret Foster sharing sample and methods of 9 different quilt as you go. It was an excellent class and I have already watched several ladies using the techniques. Thankyou Margaret for all you did to make our class a big success.

Our ladies have worked hard on charity quilts both as donations of fabrics from several different directions and have made some lovely quilts to share with others.

Our upcoming event will be our 4 day retreat next week at Billowview in Gerringong. This will be our 4th year where we share lots of ideas, sewing projects, followed by friendship, laughter, secret stories and sometimes we even manage to get a bit of sewing done not to mention lovely homemade goodies and a great view both out the front and the back. We have 14 joining us this year which is loads of fun. Enjoy.

Our year has been busy. Thank you to the many hands and support that makes our group, happy friendly and productive.

Cheers Nowra President. Terri Pearson

Quaama/Cobargo

Present at the meeting

Tuesday Twitterers

Present at the meeting

SCCQ HOSTESS ROSTER

Year	Date	Group
2017	Wednesday 13 th December	Out of the Blocks

October SCCQ Meeting Minutes – see attached

Club Events

Is your club holding an event? Please contact the SCCQ Publicity Officer for inclusion in the SCCQ Newsletter and in the events section of the SCCQ Web page.

Club	Event	Date	Where	Notes
2017				
Braidwood Quilters	Braidwood Airing of the Quilts	25 &26 November 2017	Braidwood	See: http://braidwoodquiltevent.org.au/
Bungendore Quilters	Bungendore Quilt Show	25 &26 November 2017	Bungendore	See: https://www.bungendorequilters.com.au/exhibition-c1cuz



Trading Table

Contributions of fabrics, patterns, sewing notions etc. are always welcome.

All you wonderful cooks out there, how about a pot or two of chutney or jam, or even a batch of scones, biscuits or cakes.

The gardeners could furnish the table with pots of seedlings or produce. Any items would be most welcome.

10% of the selling price goes to SCCQ – balance to seller. Items to be priced and marked with seller's name.

*Want to know more? Contact: **Margaret Herzog. Phone: 44712849***



Quilt Appraisal

To have a quilt appraised, fill in a quilt appraisal application form found on the SCCQ web site: <http://www.southcoastcountryquilters.com/forms.html> and have four photographs of the quilt: Two of the whole quilt, two of a section and a close up to show detail.

Please send the form to the Appraisal Coordinator:

Debbie Adam, Appraisal Coordinator

C/- SCCQ, PO Box 828, Batemans Bay NSW 2536 (at least one week before the meeting)
or telephone: 44722418

Valuations cost \$15.00 per member

Do you need to contact the SCCQ? There are several ways you can do that:

- Contact a Committee member using the phone numbers at the top of this Newsletter.
- Email the Editor of this Newsletter (scccq.editor@gmail.com).
- If you need to post items, send to the SCCQ Secretary, PO Box 828 Batemans Bay, NSW 2536
- Visit the SCCQ web site (www.southcoastquilters.com)

October SCCQ Show and Share





"Home Sweet Home"
 HOME -
 is where my garden grows, for the birds n animals to come
 and rest and smell the nectar of life, that our Mother Planet
 provides

 is where my textile stash lives – overflowing with fabrics,
 pins n needles, threads, paints, wools, gathered objects,
 drawings n tools

 is where my artistic obsession finds it's colourful life
 SWEET -
 with the memories of a fun filled life
 HOME -
 is my Sanctuary - where happiness, love, warmth, cuddles,
 laughter, friendship n peace all flow in a colourful embrace

 is where my loved ones flock and my best friends roam

 Tracy Coomer
 2017

