



# Snippets

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Newsletter of the Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters Inc

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Clubroom Location: 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie

## General Meeting

No meeting this month. The next meeting will be held on Monday 2 February 2009 at 7.30pm at 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie. Visitors welcome. **A reminder that the annual membership fee of \$40 is due on 2 February 2009, the first meeting of the financial year.**



**Australia Day, Monday 26 January**

## 3D Scrolls Wall Quilt Workshop

Cost \$25 for tuition and pattern to be held at 96A Winnellie Road, 9.30 for 10am start until 4pm. The cost will cover refreshments and light lunch. But as this is a fundraiser, bring some loose change - you just might have a fine imposed for being too early, too late, unpicking, laughing too much, not laughing enough...

Book your place by phone 8988 1301 or by email to [jennyarmour@octa4.net.au](mailto:jennyarmour@octa4.net.au) - first come...The workshop is drawn from Cara Gulati's book 3-D Explosion. To view an example her work, go to <http://www.doodlepress.com/> .

### Requirements for a Wall Quilt approx 40cm x 75cm

Fabrics for background: approx 40cm x 75cm darkish plainish fabric

Fabrics for colourful stripe: 50cm (will do binding also)

Fabric solids or monotonous: Fat Quarters of light and medium or medium and dark to tone with some of the stripe colours

Vliesofix 40cm x 50cm

Tracing paper 40cm x 50cm

Gladbake 50cms

Thread Monofilament thread Madeira brand if possible

Sewing thread to match background fabric

Sharp Pencil

12" ruler

Machine and sewing accessories *including* a new embroidery needle size 75

(Thank you to Barb Mellon for offering to organize the catering.)

## Calendar of Events

26 Jan Australia Day Challenge Sunday

2 Feb DPAQ general meeting 7.30pm and **Charles Darwin Challenge entries received.**

2 Mar Annual General Meeting 7.30pm and DPAQ general meeting

## **Annual General Meeting 2 March 2009**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 2 March 2009 at 7.30pm followed by a General Meeting.

For your information, I have included the sections of the constitution that refer to the Annual General Meeting. You can access a copy of the constitution at [www.darpatchquilt.com.au](http://www.darpatchquilt.com.au) or contact me and I will post a copy (Anne Crossley, newsletter editor, 8932 1986). The order of business will be: first – the consideration of the accounts and reports of the Committee; second – the election of new committee members; and third – any other business.

All committee positions will be declared vacant and elections for a new Committee must be held. A member is not eligible for election to the Committee unless the Secretary receives a written nomination for that member by another member not less than seven days before 2 March 2009. Nomination forms are included in this newsletter and will be available at the February meeting. Only financial members are able to vote.

## **The Government House Quilts**

Five quilts were made in 2005 to hang in the Dining Room at Government House at the request of The Government House Foundation. For a couple of years they will hang instead in The Northern Territory Library in Parliament House.

The quilts themselves were designed to portray the changes in climate, history, industry, and landscape of the Northern Territory from South to North. Accompanying the quilts is a booklet describing the quiltmakers, several of whom were DP&Q members, the philosophy behind the designs, and showing the working drawings, samples and photographs of work in progress.

The Quilts are open to view whenever the Library is open, so it would be a great place to take visiting relatives, and you can get a good cuppa or a meal at Speakers' Corner next door to the Library.

## **December Meeting Report**

- Joy Baker as master of ceremonies asked us all to nominate our committee for election at the AGM and pay membership at the February meeting.
- Reminded us that the hard working Saturday Stitchers coordinators, Lyn and Lesley, have thrown in the un-picker and a volunteer to take on the role in 2009 is needed. Please consider.
- Territory Quilts 2009 open theme is 25 in honour of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Entries 60 x 50 cm.
- Entry forms for Territory Quilts 2009 handed out to all members present. They can be accessed on our web site. Kit quilts and block of the month quilts can be exhibited.
- Olga Walters has been invited as a tutor in 2009. A one day workshop will be held on 7 August and a two day held 8 and 9 August.
- Three gift/charity quilts are pinned and ready to quilt if you would like to practice your quilting skills.
- Jenny Armour has found an innovative use for our numerous rolls of toilet paper – drying the pages of new library magazines after she was caught in the rain. If you see slightly used toilet paper, don't panic!!!
- Charles Darwin Challenge – Christine Nathanael has two bookings for the challenge exhibit.
- Thanks to Marianne Reilly and Saturday Christmas Club for making and donating the generous gifts for the lucky draw.
- Thanks to Jane Price, Jenny Fisher, Sheila McAloon, Judy Pratt, Judy Toy, Rhonnda Franklin, Deborah Selter and Belinda Shaw for making the delicious food and catering for the nights festivities.

- DPAQ Club Awards. Joy thanked the management committee for their contribution in 2008 and presented awards to:
  - ✧ The store owners that support us, in particular Judith Walker from Dragonfly Fabrics, Fay Gregg from Tricia's Fabrics, Orna Bennett from The Sewing Room and Pam MacLeod from Janome.
  - ✧ Rhonnda Franklin and Quilters Down the Track for coordinating 94 Operation Christmas Child boxes.
  - ✧ Judy Toy for the pet cushions completed and donated to RSPCA.
  - ✧ Lyn Bates and Lesley Every for coordinating Saturday Stitchers.
  - ✧ Tutors of Saturday Stitchers – Jan Cashion, Sheila McAloon, Annette Stacey, Sue Hansen, Doreen Dyer.
  - ✧ All members were thanked for contributions to Quilts of Love, Gift Quilts and the various rosters.
  - ✧ Anne Crossley for contribution to DPAQ.
- It was sad to farewell Jane McMellon who is leaving to live in SA. She will return to visit us in 2009.

## For Sale

### Slimline Personalised Number Plates

Plate Number:	<b>QUILTR</b>
Plate Logo	Slimline "NT"
Colour	White/Black
Plate Size	Slimline
Price	\$100.00 (normally \$140.00)

Contact Barbara 0408 271 655

## Dragonfly Fabrics

- ❖ Scissoroo have arrived and also Sewline pencils and glue sticks are now in stock.
- ❖ New books by C&T - *Let's Pretend*, *Dream Landscapes* and *Loose Change*.
- ❖ "Island Batik" 4 long quarter batik packs.

Judith, Deb and Margaret

Dragonfly Fabrics

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E [dragonfabric@bigpond.com](mailto:dragonfabric@bigpond.com)

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Shop 11 The Village Shopping Centre Casuarina  
[www.thesewingroom.com.au](http://www.thesewingroom.com.au)

Income from a variety of related and supportive focus areas.

- Sole Bernina Agency in the Northern Territory,
- Fabrics – dress and craft
- Classes
- Busy alteration service, which could be outsourced or conducted on site.
- Dry cleaning agency, the only one in the area.

This would be a great business for a sole owner with staff, or a partnership between you and friends, with a similar love of all things to do with sewing. Price to genuine enquiries only

Contact Orna on Ph: 89281155 or 0409287439 or by email admin@[thesewingroom.com.au](http://www.thesewingroom.com.au)

**The Sewing Room is looking for a new owner.**

**If you have a passion for sewing and are enthusiastic about the Bernina brand this could be your dream opportunity.**

The hard work has been done and the business is now reaping the rewards.

- Large client base with regular repeat customers and new customers every day.
- Established website and email newsletter to over 800 subscribers
- Customers from all corners of the NT as well as interstate.
- Located in a popular shopping centre with lots of walk by new customers

## Territory Quilts 09

Entry forms are available on the web

**Closing date for entries is 12 June 2009**

Exhibition dates:

Opening Night Thursday 30 July

Open to public Friday 31 July through to Monday 3 August

Joy Baker, exhibition coordinator, is available to answer questions regarding categories or any other matters relating to the exhibition by phone; see committee members details at end of newsletter or email to [tq09@darpatchquilt.com.au](mailto:tq09@darpatchquilt.com.au)

### Territory Quilts 2009 Exhibition Categories

#### **AMATEUR**

##### **A1. Traditional Quilt**

Includes Whole cloth, hand and/or machine pieced and quilted and quilted, hand and/or machine appliqué and quilted. Min size 150 x 150 cm. Max size 290 x 290 cm

##### **A2. Small Or Wall Quilt**

Min size 50 x 50 cm. Max size 140 x 140 cm

##### **A3. Mixed Techniques – Anything Goes!**

Includes embroidery, crazy quilting, embellishment, and painting. Max size 180 x 180cm

##### **A4. Junior Quiltmaker**

The quiltmaker (one person) must be 16 years or under at date on entry closing. The quilt can be constructed using any technique. Min size 150 x 150 cm. Max size 290 x 290cm.

##### **A5. Beginner Quiltmaker**

A person who has commenced quilting and completed a quilt in the past 2years and has not previously exhibited. The quilt can be constructed using any technique. Min size 150 x 150 cm. Max size 290 x 290cm.

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

##### **P1. Traditional Quilt**

Includes Whole cloth, hand and/or machine pieced and quilted, hand and/or machine appliqué and quilted.

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#### **OPEN : AMATEUR and PROFESSIONAL**

##### **O1. Miniature**

A scaled down version of a full sized bed. Maximum 50 cm x 50 cm

##### **O2. Art Quilt (Contemporary Including Pictorial Quilts)**

To be an original design with no similarity to the works of another Artist. Maximum size 290 cm on any one side

##### **O3. Theme Quilt “Twenty Five”**

The theme of “Twenty Five” has been chosen to celebrate the silver anniversary of the Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters Inc. Any style or technique Size 60 cm (w) x 50 cm (h)

##### **O4. Group/Collaborative Quilt**

Quilt to be made by 2 or more people. The exhibitor must be the Owner of the Quilt and must acknowledge all other parties. Any prizes won will be awarded to the Exhibitor of the quilt. Max 290 x 290cm

##### **O5. Commercially Machine Quilted Quilt**

Any top, commercially machine quilted by another. The exhibitor must be the Owner of the Quilt and must acknowledge any other party. Any prizes won will be awarded to the Exhibitor of the quilt. Max 290 x 290cm

##### **O6. Any Other Item**

Table runner, handbag, kit quilt or block of the month quilts and/or quilted apparel (including kit quilts or block of the month quilts that are commercially quilted).



## **Extracts from the Darwin Patchworkers and Quilters Inc Constitution**

### **12. Annual membership fees**

- (1) The annual membership fee is the amount determined from time to time by resolution at a general meeting.
- (2) Except as provided for in clause 12(3), each member must pay the annual membership fee to the Treasurer by the first meeting of each financial year or another date determined by the Committee from time to time.
- (3) A new member who Joins during the second half of the financial year shall pay a pro rata portion of the annual fee, consistent with the period of the year remaining.
- (4) A member whose subscription is not paid within 3 months after the due date ceases to be a member unless the Committee determines otherwise.

### **14. Voting**

- (1) Subject to clause 14(2), each member has one vote at general meetings of the Association.
- (2) A member is not eligible to vote until 10 working days after his or her application has been accepted and the membership fee paid.

### **25. Eligibility of committee members**

- (1) A committee member must be a member who is 18 years or over.
- (2) Committee members must be elected to the Committee at an annual general meeting or appointed under clause 32.

### **26. Nominations for election to committee**

- (1) A member is not eligible for election to the Committee unless the Secretary receives a written nomination for that member by another member not less than 7 days before the date of the next annual general meeting.
- (2) The nomination must be signed by -
  - (a) the nominator and a seconder; and
  - (b) the nominee to signify his or her willingness to stand for election.

### **27. Retirement of committee members**

- (1) A committee member holds office until the next annual general meeting unless the member vacates the office under clause 30 or is removed under clause 3 1.
- (2) Subject to clause 27(3), at an annual general meeting the office of each committee member becomes vacant and elections for a new Committee must be held.
- (3) The President of the outgoing Committee must preside at the annual general meeting until the election of the incoming President is decided.
- (4) Members may serve consecutive terms on the Committee.
- (5) No member of the Committee may serve for more than 3 years in any 5 year period in ally (sic) one position on the Committee nor shall a member serve on the Committee for more than 6 years in any 9 year period. This period commences from the date of their first election to the Committee.

### **28. Election by default**

- (1) If the number of persons nominated for election to the Committee under clause 26 does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the President must declare the persons to be duly elected as members of the Committee at the annual general meeting.
- (2) If vacancies remain on the Committee after the declaration under sub clause (1), additional nominations of committee members may be accepted from the floor of the annual general meeting
- (3) If the nominations from the floor do not exceed the number of remaining vacancies, the President must declare those persons to be duly elected as members of the Committee.
- (4) If the nominations from the floor are less than the number of remaining vacancies, the unfilled vacancies are taken to be casual vacancies and may be filled by the new Committee in accordance with clause 32.

### **29. Election by ballot**

- (1) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies on the Committee, ballots for those positions must be conducted.
- (2) The ballot must be conducted in a manner determined from time to time by resolution at a general meeting
- (3) The members chosen by ballot must be declared by the President to be duly elected as members of the Committee

## **Charles Darwin Challenge (Amended)**

The challenge has been amended by our president, Christine Nathanael to include

**140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Darwin, as well as the  
200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Charles Darwin**

We invite you to make an A3 size quilt

**Bring your entry to our first meeting of 2009  
on 2 February**

**Darwin Patchworkers and Quilters Inc  
Annual General Meeting 2 March 2009  
Nomination form for Nomination of Officer 2009**

We wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to be nominated and understand that I need to be available for meetings of the general committee and the management committee.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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