



Snippets

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Newsletter of the Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters Inc

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Clubroom Location: 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 2 March 2009 at 7.30pm at 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie. A general meeting will follow. Visitors welcome.

As per the constitution, nominations for committee positions are to be received not less than seven days before the AGM, that is by 23 February. It is the sign of a healthy club if more than one nomination for each position is received and a ballot has to be held. A nomination form is included with the newsletter or you could be inventive with your email.

Victorian Bushfires – We need your Help

Keep 14 March free in your diary. DPAQ has organised a sewing day from 9am until late to make quilts to donate to families affected by the fires. A production line of quilt making will be set up or you can work on a quilt you would like to donate. It would be great if friendship groups would donate a quilt. Batting will be provided. It would be wonderful if members donated loved fabrics from their stash to make into really special quilts. Jenny Armour has advised that if anyone wants to send quilts to the Victorian Appeal they can go free via Australian Air Express to Judy Gipps, 21 Durrant Street, Brighton Vic 3166.

February Meeting Roundup

- We had a room full of our presidents, current and past. It was great to get a group photo with Christine Nathanael, Joy Baker, Doreen Dyer, Jenny Armour, Pirjo Ward, Pat Isaacs and Lilian Furre.
- Territory Quilts 2009 Members Exhibition. Joy advised that the Junior Category has been amended and the minimum size has been removed. The theme is 25 – can be 25 squares, 25 colours.
- Olga Walters will be offering a one day workshop on 7 August and a two day workshop on 8 and 9 August.
- Mount Bundy Retreat will be held on May long weekend. Put your name down on the list, cost approximately \$100 as well as providing some food.
- Thank you to Elaine Castles who has taken on the role of Saturday Stitchers coordinator. Elaine will demonstrate foundation piecing on 21 February from 1.00pm at 96A Winnellie Road. Members and friends welcome.
- Charles Darwin Challenge was revealed and the date for entries to be received has been extended. Bring them to the next meeting.
- Barb Mellon discovered how to stop thread unravelling when quilting. She gave us all one of her inventions. Thanks Barb
- Fay from Tricia's Fabrics demonstrated Westalee rulers as seen on ABC The Inventors and advised that the shop will cease trading at Easter.

Report on Australia Day 3D Scrolls Wall Quilt Workshop from Elaine Castles

What a great day was had by all who attended the Australia Day 3D Scrolls Wall Quilt Workshop – and it was well attended with not a spare place on any of the tables or any spare powerpoints. A big vote of thanks to Jenny Armour who provided the patterns and guidance and to Barb and Anne who were the hostesses with the most! We started off with the usual forgotten objects such as feet for the sewing machines, fabric, thread, pencils etc etc. but eventually got underway working on our 3D scrolls. The hardest part of putting them together was colour choice for each of the sections and some of the ladies agonized over this for ages, sometimes having to chance choices half way through. Jenny also spent some time showing us how to do our own 3D scroll designs and it is amazingly easy once you know how. The day was great fun with quizzes, raffles, prizes and shared problems and show and tell as we went along. We also raised over \$200 so the day was a great success from every angle. Thanks once again for the hard work which goes into making these events such fun.

Gate Sitters needed at Open Garden – Dave & Doreen Dyer's Garden at 5 Lippia Court, Karama on 18th & 19th April 2009

Dave and Doreen Dyer are having an Open Garden on 18th & 19th April. 'Cradle' is the nominated charity, and they will be serving coffee/tea etc and will receive the Garden Owners' gate takings (35%).

This is a good opportunity for Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters to promote 'Quilts of Love'. Groups of three members, will be rostered for about 3¹/₂ hours to come into the air-conditioned studio to make/demonstrate 'Quilts of Love' You wouldn't need to bring machines etc, as Doreen will set up a machine, ironing board and cutting board. She will be asking the club to provide some of the donated fabrics/batting, but if you have some fabric you're keen to see made up into a 'Quilt of Love' you could bring that along.

Visitors to the garden will have the added bonus of being able to wander into the studio to watch you make 'Quilts of Love' and ask questions – good way to recruit new members, isn't it?

Doreen will be calling on our 'mates' for 'gate duty', but if short of volunteers (or run out of friends), please put a note if you're willing to gate sit as well.

At this stage more people are needed for both Saturday morning and Sunday morning and afternoon. If you have any queries, please contact Doreen – Email: dverd@inet.net.au Phone: 0412 423 483

Territory Quilts 2009

The minimum size has been removed from the Junior quilt. As at 2 February, it was 25 weeks until quilts are to be delivered and 126 days until entries close on 12 June. Joy Baker is happy to answer any questions you may have.

Included with the newsletter is an extract from Snippets of March 2005 from Jenny Armour on making the hanging sleeve.

Dragonfly Fabrics

All books in stock on special 16-23 February,
15% OFF usual prices (No other discounts apply)

Open Day Ongoing Store Workshops

Saturday 7 March from 10am -2pm

A variety of in store demonstrations of stock and techniques.

Judith, Deb and Margaret

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Charles Darwin Challenge

The closing date for entries has been extended to a date to be advised.

We would love to receive an A3 sized entry from you to add to the wonderful entries received.

To be exhibited at a world conference and an Anglican conference both to be held in Darwin and at Territory Quilts 09.

Member Notices

For Sale - Slimline Personalised Number Plates

Plate Number: QUILTR Price\$100.00 (normally \$140.00) Contact Barbara 0408 271 655

Dog and/or housesitter wanted from 26 March to 10 April (Good Friday).

Dog is 6 year old female golden lab, super friendly and relatively settled. House is 3 bedroom elevated, fully airconned with pool in Millner (within walking distance of Dragonfly Fabrics). Willing to pay kennelling rates for person willing to take dog to their own place.

Alternatively, people willing to form a dog sitters club, let me know. We all seem to travel a lot more these days, with pet care a complicating factor. I'm sure there are many out there in a similar situation. Please ring Jill 89483300.

Calendar of Events

21 Feb Saturday Stitchers – Foundation Piecing
2 Mar Annual General Meeting 7.30pm and DPAQ general meeting
21 Mar Saturday Stitchers
6 April General Meeting 7.30pm
2-4 May Mount Bundy

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 _____

