



Snippets

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Newsletter of the Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters Inc

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General Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 4 May 2009 at 7.30pm at 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie. Visitors welcome. Attendance cost is \$0.50 for members and first time visitors and \$4.00 for non members.

You will need to draw a deep breath and have your diary beside you when you commence reading this newsletter as there is so much planned for you in May.

DPAQ Inc 25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 9th May at 7.00 pm at 5 Bayview Street, Fannie Bay.

BYO salad or dessert and drinks.

Partners, family and visitors welcome.

A Guest Speaker has been invited.

Please phone or email acceptance to Judy Anictomatis 0417 819 621 judyanictomatis@hotmail.com
or Anne Crossley 8932 1986 crossley@bigpond.net.au

Celebrating 25 Years

Territory Quilts 2009 and Fund Raiser Sew-a-Thon

A Sew-a-Thon is to be held all day Saturday 16 May from 9.00am. This is a Territory Quilts 09 Fundraiser. Work on your exhibition quilt entry. You will need sponsors for your hourly attendance. Bring food to share.

At the April meeting, Joy Baker encouraged us all to make a big effort and enter a quilt in our exhibition – remember entries close 12 June. She again reminded us that her good friends are making two quilts; if you enter three, you will be included in the will and if you enter five you get her husband!! Remember to attach a hanging sleeve top and bottom.

The Olga Walters workshops are filling fast and the course requirements will be sent once payment is received. Jenny Armour will take over the role of workshop coordinator from Joy.

April Meeting Roundup

- Welcome to Rachael Hewer and Nita De Jager
- Congratulations to Joy Baker for accepting the nomination of Vice President. We still have a few vacancies on the committee. We still have a few vacancies on the committee. Advise Judy if you would like to assist with a task.
- DPAQ will be 21 on 1st May. A 25th anniversary celebration will be held on 9 May. More details elsewhere in the newsletter.
- Birthday wishes to Christine Nathanael, Marianne Reilly, Kay Roberts, Judy Anictomatis and any others celebrating at this time.
- Entries in the Charles Darwin challenge are still being received. Last date to submit your entry is at the meeting on 1st June.
- Everyone is invited to the open garden being hosted by Doreen Dyer on 18 and 19 April at 5 Lippia Court, Karama \$5 entry. Inspect the gardens and support Cradle NT and members sewing quilts of love.
- Alzheimers Australia Making Memories patchwork quilt competition. Submit a quilting block representing a special memory 8.5 inch square including seam allowances plus 80 word submission explaining the memory. More details visit www.alzheimers.org.au closing 25 May. Prizes range from \$750 to \$250.
- Doreen passed on this information from Expertise Events regarding their first ever Textile Art Festival 29-31 May 2009 and bookings for classes are now open online. Visit website, www.textileart.com.au to read the timetable and class descriptions - all are under the convention tab.
- Dena Crain, a quilt tutor from Kenya will be in Darwin 11-14 May and is eager to meet with our members. Contact Judy Anictomatis if you are available to meet with Dena. View her blog at <http://www.denacrain.com/blog/>
- Jenny Armour displayed four new library books: *Card art*, *Patchwork books*, *Celebrate great quilts*, *Mariners medallion quilts*.
- The Sewing Room ceased trading however Orna Bennett still has stock available. Ring her business phone 8928 1155 if you want to check if she has an item you need. It is hoped a Bernina agent will be available soon; email Orna if you wish to continue to receive her emails at admin@thesewingroom.com.au .
- Australia's Biggest Quilting Bee fundraiser initiated by The Australian Council of Quilters for your local Cancer Council. All friendship groups are encouraged to register and hold an individual fundraising function on any day in May or June that suits you. Raise \$50 to go in the drawer. Contact Jenny Armour to register. The official day is 16 May but our calendar is too crowded to fit it in.
- Thanks to Jenny for demonstrating how to attach a hanging sleeve and bringing her samples.
- Show and tell from Kay Roberts and our visitor Nita de Jager. Nita is experimenting with painting patterns on fabric; hopefully she will enter our exhibition and display her fine work.
- Thanks to Julie from the Craft Basket who set up a sale table. Even though the shop has closed various threads and items can still be purchased. Contact Julie on 8988 5444 to visit her at Doxas Road Humpty Doo.



Territory Quilts 09

A photo of your quilt top and entry form due when entries close on 12 June 09
The open theme is 25 in honour of our 25th Anniversary. Entries 60 x 50cm.



Calendar of Events

2-4 May	Mount Bundy - sleep over, quilt over, party over!!!!
4 May	General Meeting 7.30pm
9 May	DPAQ 25 th Anniversary Dinner, all members invited
11-14 May	Dena Crain visit
16 May	Exhibition Sew-a-Thon TQ09 Fundraiser from 9am
16 May	Fred's Pass Show
25 May	Alzheimers Australia making memory block competition closes
1 June	General Meeting 7.30pm and last day for entries in Charles Darwin Challenge
12 June	TQ09 Entries Close
20 June	Australia's Biggest Quilting Bee 9.30-4.00.
17 Jul	Purchase midnight oil to assist in completing your quilt!!
TBA Jul	Deliver TQ09 Quilts
31 Jul-3 Aug	Territory Quilts 2009 Exhibition
7 -9 Aug	Olga Walters Workshops (1 day and 2 day)
7-11 Oct	Best of Australia

Victorian Bushfires

A total of 93 quilts, large and small have been completed; what a magnificent effort from our members and friends in the community. The quilts were displayed at our April meeting and the photos will be put up on our web site.

Saturday Stitchers

A huge thank you to Yvonne Boyd for kindly demonstrating how to make a split 9 patch quilt. It was great to be in a room with so many excited patchworkers. It certainly caught everyone's imagination.

Charles Darwin Challenge

The closing date for entries has been extended to 1 June meeting. We would love to receive an A3 sized entry from you to add to the wonderful entries received already. To be exhibited at a world conference and an Anglican conference both to be held in Darwin and at Territory Quilts 09.

Australia's Biggest Quilting Bee

A mystery workshop will be held on 20 June at the club rooms from 9.30am-4.00pm. Bring a plate of food to share and an item to donate for the prize basket with an entry fee of \$3. Donated items could be a magazine, thread, fat quarter etc etc. Come to the meeting on 4 May for more information.

Committee News

- The charge for room hire has been set at \$3 per member and \$5 for non members for the various activities held.
- Workshop fees for members are calculated for each individual workshop. The workshop fee for non members will be the calculated fee plus \$30 per day.
- Our librarian, Jenny Armour, is reviewing the items and identifying books that are not regularly borrowed
- Requests for donation of quilts is to be directed to the committee in the first instance.

Changes to *Quilting and Collecting: Homage to the Wagga Exhibition*

Due to circumstances entirely beyond the control of Cynthia Harvey Baker, her exhibition has had to change venue, date and times. It will be held at Katanning Art Gallery from 4-16 July 2009. Phone Adim Hajat, Art Gallery and Library Coordinator 08 9821 4310.

Committee Members and Contacts

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Friday Stitchers

Friday Stitchers is held every Friday from 10am at the clubrooms. You are welcome to attend and work on your current projects. The charge is \$3 and covers DPAQ costs only. Please bring your own snacks and lunch. Contact Marianne Reilly 8945 1326.

Christmas Club

The Christmas Club meets the second Saturday of each month from 10am at the clubrooms. Each month you will work on a different Christmas themed project. The charge is \$3 and covers DPAQ costs only.

Contact Marianne Reilly on 8945 1326

Advertising Rates

Quarter Page \$20

Half Page \$40

Bank Account

BSB: 015-896 Account: 258685721

Gift Quilt Coordinator

Judy Toy

Quilt Valuation Service

Karen Conway is the convenor 8927 1418.

Fees \$15 members, \$40 non-members

\$30 fast track members only

General Meetings

General meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm at 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie. (No meeting held in January.) Please arrive from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start and sign the attendance book when you arrive. Don't forget to bring your show and tell and coffee mug. Attendance cost is \$0.50 for members and first time visitors and \$4.00 for non members.

Quilters Down the Track

Meet at The Beehive, Fred's Pass Reserve on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. They also meet each Tuesday from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Bring your own project to work on. Light refreshments provided. Contact Rhonnda Franklin 8988 4277.

Saturday Stitchers

Saturday Stitchers is held on the third Saturday of each month at the club rooms 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie from 1.00 to 4.30 pm. A sewing activity is demonstrated by a volunteer. Cost \$5 plus any activity costs.

Coordinator: Elaine Castles H 8945 4785 W 89204100.

Remember to bring along your own 2 metre extension cord when coming to a sewing day at the club rooms.

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Darwin Patchwork and Quilters Inc

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Celebrating 25 years

Australian Council of Quilters' (ACQ) Annual Conference, Sydney 14 and 15 Feb 2009

Report from ACQ Delegate, Jenny Armour, and Observer, Judy Anictomatis

Of the many agenda items at this year's conference, I have picked the following as most important and most urgent for members to read about and discuss:

- Insurance
- Code of conduct for best of show quilters
- Quilt study groups
- National Judging standards
- Definition of a professional quilter
- Accreditation of quilt teachers
- National Standards for Valuation
- Australia's Biggest Quilting Bee
- Culturally significant quilts

In order to best inform members of these issues, I should like, with the Editor's permission, to enlarge on a couple of topics each month in Snippets, so that readers can get the general drift, and discussion can ensue at the next DP&Q meeting.

In this issue, I will address the topics of Australia's Biggest Quilting Bee, and The Definition of a Professional Quilter.

Australia's Biggest Quilting Bee

I hope 2009 will see many quilting events to support this fundraiser for the NT Cancer Council. Every dollar raised in the NT stays in the NT, and we have contributed over the last 8 years to the more than \$338,000 dollars raised by quilters across Australia.

All this could not have happened without the leadership of the National Co-ordinator, Barbara Hallion of South Australia. After 8 years, Barbara would like a break so the ACQ is looking for a volunteer to take over.

So please, think about whether you could do this. You need a telephone and email, you keep in touch with the sponsors and with each state's ABQB Rep. You update the brochure before sending it off to the Cancer Council for printing, post bundles of brochures and raffle tickets to each state in March/April, and keep a record of the funds raised reported to you by each state. so that at the year's end you know how much was raised by each state and across Australia. (You do not handle money.)

You also let the sponsors know who has won prizes so they can despatch them to the winners.

So, is there anyone in DP&Q who would like to nominate for this position? If you would like to talk about this, please contact me.

Professional Quilters

The Definition of a Professional Quilter for the purposes of entering judged exhibitions, was drawn up originally at the ACQ Conference I think in 1999, and it has been honed and refined every year since. The discussions this year concerned the publishing of quilts and instructions in magazines and the teaching of patchwork classes for financial gain, and the general consensus seemed to be that if a quilter is making enough to live on, he/she is a professional, whereas many quilt teachers do it for the love of the craft, and probably do not get paid enough to cover their travel expenses and time and materials to make samples. Likewise writing a book or patterns to be published and sold is the indication of a professional quilter, compared with amateur status for those who allow their quilts to be published in magazines even when a modest fee is paid for patterns, samples and written instructions.

So the final wording of the revised definition will be (new phrases in square brackets):

- ***[For the purpose of judging at this exhibition] a Professional Quilter is defined as someone who teaches or publishes in the field of quilting; sells, designs or participates in making quilts for financial gain; and/or has won Best of Show or 2 First Prizes (blue ribbons) in any major judged competition, excluding Viewers' Choice.***
- *'Financial gain' is defined as any amount above the cost of creating the quilt, cost of creating any article, design, teaching aids including samples, notes and travelling expenses.*
- *A Major Show is a State or Territory Guild judged exhibition or competition, a National or International competition or exhibition. Verification of awards may be required.*
- *Having exhibited as a Professional, amateur status cannot be resumed [except by review by the Exhibition Committee following a written application by the quiltmaker]*
- *Any person entering a winning quilt as an amateur and who is found to be of professional status will forfeit their award and prize, even after the event.*

Your DPAQ exhibition committee will be reviewing our own membership against the criteria and advising members if they are now considered "Professional".

Remember, a fat quarter has fewer calories than a piece of mud cake!

Free Workshops

Have you looked at the Sew Inspirational web magazine at <http://www.sewinspirational.com.au/> yet? The reference was in the October Newsletter. The Autumn issue has interesting articles and I liked the look of the free Ken Smith workshop that is free to download.

Also, have a look at the felted handbag project with Christine Marshall. Felting is so much fun if you haven't tried it yet.

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Spotlight Darwin	10% off quilting fabrics, wadding and associated stock. Show DPAQ membership & VIP card before purchase.		10%
The NT General Store	42 Cavenagh Street, Darwin	8981 8242	10%

DPAQ Objects and Purpose:

- To promote the art and craft of patchwork and quilting to members and the wider public;
- To encourage and maintain high standards of craftsmanship and design in both traditional and contemporary quilting;
- To foster interest in the history of patchwork and quilting;
- To organize exhibitions and workshops;
- To publish a newsletter and maintain a website;
- To maintain a library for ongoing education of members; and
- To support charitable causes.