



Snippets

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Newsletter of the Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters Inc

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Clubroom Location: 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie

General Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2 June 2008 at 7.30pm at 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie.

Trade Table will be conducted at the June Meeting

Don't know what a trade table is? You bring along any unwanted items and put them on the trade table to sell. Clearly mark each item with a price and your initial. A percentage of the sale price will be retained by DPAQ.

Royal Darwin Show – support required

Can you help with this club activity? We need a Darwin Show representative to coordinate this event and volunteers to sit at our stall during the show. It is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with all your friends as they wander past the DPAQ table whilst selling them a raffle ticket or providing them with information on the club.

Bernina Best of Australia Quilt Display

The winning quilts from each state exhibition in 2007 will be displayed on 11, 12 and 13 July at a venue to be advised. This is a club activity and helpers are needed to sit the exhibition, sell raffle tickets and act as white glove attendants. Rosters will be available at the June meeting. Contact Joy Baker for further information.

Territory Quilts 2008 Exhibition – Entries Closing 1 September 2008

The Alice Springs Quilting Club Inc is working hard on organising the Territory Quilts 2008 exhibition to be held in Alice Springs from 1 to 9 November 2008. Entries close on 1 September 2008 so there is still plenty of time to get your entry ready to be photographed by 1 September. Contact Barbara McIlvain on 08 8952 3250. The entry form is available at www.darpatchquilt.com.au under the exhibitions link.

Presidents Report

May has seen all the signs of the dry return. Think about what happens in the dry and be inspired to create a master piece for the exhibition. If you are someone that likes traditional work enjoy the cool weather to get started.

We urgently need some volunteers to hang the quilts at the Darwin Show. The roster will be out at the June meeting for volunteers to sell raffle tickets and talk to people about DPAQ. Thank you to Rhonnda for hanging the quilts at Fred's Pass and selling tickets. Rhonnda worked for four days by herself.

Christine Nathanael
President

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DPAQ Activities

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. Attendance cost is \$0.50 for members and first time visitors and \$4.00 for non members.

PIPS Group

The Pretty in Pink group meet 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 our own snacks and lunch.

Contact Marianne Reilly 8945 1326.

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 10am to 2pm. Bring your own project to work on. Light refreshments provided. Contact Rhonnda Franklin 8988 4277.

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

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.

Coordinators: Lyn Bates 8985 1474 and
Lesley Every 8927 5274

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

Thank you to Gerry Wood MLA for providing photocopying of our newsletter

An interview withJoy Baker

Get to know Joy who has taken on the role of Territory Quilts 2009 exhibition coordinator.

What or who got you started in making quilts?

I became aware of patchwork in the late seventies whilst living in Alice Springs. There were many American women residing in Alice Springs and I guess the quilt revival in the USA at the time came with the women to Alice Springs. Classes were offered at the local TAFE (Community College?). I felt I was too busy to take classes and promised myself it was something I would take up later and use up my dressmaking scraps!!

If my life was busy then, my life changed dramatically in 1981 when I had a fourth child, so I waited until 1984 to take my first class at the Craft Council with Dianne Potter, a quilter from WA living in Darwin at the time. Another DPAQ member was also in the class – Alison McShanag.

What keeps you interested?

I could say I want to use up the fabric I have accumulated over the past 24 years but honestly the new ranges of fabric, improved techniques and the young innovative designers are all inspirational.

Has there been a major influence in your patchwork?

I have a great passion for the older quilts and the history of the makers and time. In recent past years I met a quilter in Sydney – Kim McLean – who is combining old quilt designs with modern colourful fabrics from Kaffe Fassett and Amy Butler. Some of Kim's quilts have won major prizes in the USA and two of her patterns are currently available on gloriouscolor.com – Kaffe Fassett's web site.

The impact of patchwork

I have travelled to the UK and USA and attended major exhibitions in both countries. I have also attended a number of exhibitions within Australia.

I have attended three Australian Council of Quilters conferences as a representative of DPAQ and served on the Valuation Committee and held other positions on the committee including president.

I have been a member of DPAQ since it began and have met a lot of wonderful people who have been willing to share their knowledge of patchwork and life when family crisis' occur.

I do some sewing activity every day and I tell everyone 'I don't cook, I sew'.

Territory Quilts 2009 (TQ09)

Territory Quilts began in 1993 when some enthusiastic DPAQ members dared to ask Bernina to sponsor an exhibition in Darwin. The best of show prize was named for Geoff Robinson, the local repair man who had provided excellent Bernina service for years. We had about six months to get it all ready and held the exhibition at the Mirambeena function room. What a success and it is now held every two years in Darwin.

Newcomers can expect an amazing array of quilts from the beginners quilts (someone quilting less than a year) to large bed quilts of amazing design, small quilts and art quilts. All techniques will be on display and 'show helpers' to explain just how it was done.

I would like to encourage all members to exhibit something. We can't have a successful show unless the members contribute to it. The club has a wonderful 'bank' of knowledge and most members will be happy to help another sort out a particular problem if one exists or direct to book within the library if need be.

The TQ09 will be operating within the guidelines set by previous committees but as co-ordinator I would appreciate any thoughts members may have which would make TQ09 'the best ever' exhibition.

Saturday Stitches

Have you always wanted to learn hand quilting? Come along on 21 June. Requirements will be advised at the June meeting. Lyn and Lesley are busy getting a calendar of activities ready for the coming months.

The May activity of working on community quilts was a great success. A very enthusiastic group consisting of Lyn Bates, Lesley Every, Jane Price, Jill Mortimer, Joy Baker, Marianne Reilly, Judy Pratt, Phillipa Kirkman, Jenny Fisher and Anne Crossley worked on the donated blocks to prepare quilt tops. At the end of the day we had six completed quilt tops. For those of you that have never joined in a club group activity, make sure you join in next time. It was such a fun day with much laughter and goodwill.

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the raffle winner Janelle Rumble and second prize winner Pat Isaacs. Thanks to Judy Anictomatis for organizing this club fundraising activity.

Pam Holland Workshops

Have you had a look a sample of the projects made at the workshops on the DPAQ website www.darpatchquilt.com.au ? They are fabulous! Pam Holland was an inspiration and some of the positive comments heard were 'the best workshop ever', 'she was so generous with sharing her knowledge', 'her works were divine'. Thanks to the catering duo of Di Howard and Jane Price. Di has provided the spinach dip recipe below for those that asked.

Spinach Dip (recipe provided by Di Howard)

1 cup mayonnaise, Lite	3 cups sour cream, Lite (approx 500-600 ml)
1 packet frozen spinach	2 packet Cup a Soup, Spring Vegetable
1 cup chopped spring onions	Tabasco sauce, few drops

Cook spinach as per directions and cool. Put all ingredients in bowl, mix well, and put into fridge overnight. Cut the top off a cob or vienna loaf and cut into pieces. Remove bread from inside cob and break into small pieces. Pour the dip into hollowed out bread shell when ready to serve.

Calendar of Events

2 June	DPAQ general meeting at 7.30pm 96A Winnellie Road
6-9 June	Mount Bundy Retreat. Cost \$100. Speak to a committee member.
21 June	Saturday Stitchers at 1.00pm 96A Winnellie Road – Hand Quilting
11-13 July	Best of Australia Quilts, venue to be advised
24-26 July	Royal Darwin Show. Contact Pam Hamill 8981 5751 after 6pm. The theme for entries is Christmas in July. Entries usually close 13 June. The Show Schedule is available at most newsagents and electoral offices or at www.darwinshow.com.au .
1 Sep	Territory Quilts 08 Alice Springs exhibition entries close. Contact Jane Price
1-9 Nov	Territory Quilts 08 Alice Springs exhibition

Member Discounts generously provided by the following suppliers:

All Art Framing Pty Ltd	Shed 3, 74 Dick Ward Drive, Coconut Grove	8985 5166	10%
Dragonfly Fabrics	Shop 10 Rapid Creek Shopping Centre, Trower Road	8948 0691	10%
Jackson's Art Suppliers	7 Parap Place, Parap	8981 2779	10%
Janome Sewing Centre	U50 12 Charlton Court, Winnellie	8941 0088	10%
Polkadot	2 Gregory Terrace, Alice Springs	8952 2224	10%
Spotlight Darwin	10% off all quilting fabrics, wadding and associated stock. Show your DPAQ membership card and Spotlight VIP card before purchasing goods.		10%
The NT General Store	42 Cavenagh Street, Darwin	8981 8242	10%
The Sewing Room	Shop 11 Casuarina Village, Bradshaw Tce, Casuarina	8928 1155	10%

Visitors to Darwin

Are you having visitors this dry?
Take them to see the quilts and enjoy our beautiful Government House.

Open days are:

30 May 4.30-7.00pm	31 May 3.00- 6.00pm
8 August 4.30-7.00pm	9 August 3.00-6.00pm

Joy Baker's Yard (or Metre!!) Sale

Joy is attempting to downsize her sewing room and is holding a sale on Saturday 31 May 2008 between 1 and 4pm. Fabric, patterns and books all available at reasonable prices.

*Address: 10 Burden Place, Millner
(off Rapid Creek Road)*