



Snippets

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Newsletter of the Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters Inc

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Presidents Report

The Mt Bundy retreat was a great success, with many quilt tops made and some quilts completed. Thank you to the Cook's Cottage mob for the great cocktails and all those who supplied food. We hope to put together a recipe book with all the yummy recipes.

The Retreat will be in **May** next year. Bookings can be made now and you can pay your money off in easy instalments – see Judy Anictomatis.

If you can give some of your time to set up at the Darwin Show or sit and sell tickets for the raffles please advise Marianne.

If you have any ideas for our monthly meetings please let the committee know.

Christine Nathanael

General Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7 July 2008 at 7.30pm at 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie.

Exciting News – Charles Darwin Challenge issued by Christine Nathanael

Charles Darwin was born 12 February 1809 in Shrewsbury England and died 1882.

Topic: Anything relating to Charles Darwin.

Size of Quilt – A3

Closing date: Our February meeting on 2 February 2009. This will be a travelling suitcase exhibition.

Bernina Best of Australia Quilt Display on display at Wesleyan Manse

The winning quilts from each state exhibition in 2007 will be displayed on 11, 12 and 13 July at the Wesleyan Manse building in the Charles Darwin Botanic Gardens. See Joy Baker at the July meeting to put your name on the roster. I have to say it is the most amazing experience to see the quilts up close and personal. I thought I would feel daunted and never want to quilt again but in fact the quilts in past displays have always inspired me.

Royal Darwin Show

Thanks to Marianne Reilly who volunteered as the Royal Darwin Show representative. She needs assistance to help hang the quilts and sit for a few hours during the show at the DPAQ display. Enter your name on the roster at the July meeting.

Don't Forget entries Close 1 September 2008 for Territory Quilts 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.

An interview withJudy Pratt

I think Quilting takes over your life!

It was not until the latter years that I heard about quilting. I bought a few books and thought when I have the time I will have a go. I made my first quilt with the help of Christine Garrett (the first of her many quilting classes) at the Alawa Shopping Centre. Not long after it was finished I went on holidays to Canada and fell in love with quilting all over again. Sigrid Mackie got me into it again and took me to a few classes at Parap which I enjoyed but did not quite understand what it was all about.

I would drool when I saw the beautiful work that others had done and thought I would never be able to do this. Since retiring I have discovered (with the help from the kind ladies on a Friday, Saturday Stitches etc) that I can now put a quilt together and understand some of the strange sayings they go on about.

I have only been involved in quilting for about the last 6 or 7 years and full on quilting for about 3 years so I have many years to catch up

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## **DPAQ Archives**

Jenny Armour has returned from her very enjoyable holiday is preparing to work on DPAQ archives. As Jenny said 'we need to sort out what we have got, then work out what we don't have and what we need to find'. Contact Jenny if you would like to work on this project.

## **Saturday Stitches**

19 July at 1.00pm. Free-machine embroidery will be demonstrated by Sue Hansen. Sue is a very experienced quilter, embroiderer, artist and dress maker who is always very generous with sharing her knowledge and supportive of all levels of experience.

## **National Shoe Box Collection by Samaritan's Purse Australia**

Quilters Down the Track group are supporting Operation Christmas Child National Shoe Box collections. If you would like to make a donation that will fit in a shoe box bring it along to the July and August meetings and Jenny Armour will take it to the QDTP to assemble in shoe boxes.

Gift ideas are:

Toys – something to love (teddy bear, doll, soft toy, tennis ball)

Educational Supplies – something to draw with/on

Hygiene items – something of personal hygiene (toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, soap)

Other – something to chew/eat/wear (wrapped hard lollies, T-shirt, socks, underwear, cap).

Samaritan's Purse Australia Ltd is a non profit Christian relief and development organisation and a registered Australian Charity. Go to [www.samaritanspurse.org.au](http://www.samaritanspurse.org.au) for specific ideas for donations.

on. I attended the 2005 Territory Quilts with my daughter and she was lucky enough to win one of the daily prizes. One of the items in the pack was a bundle of I Spy Squares which have since been used for 4 Baby quilts. Last year I helped at the 2007 Territory Quilts which I enjoyed very much.

I have only attended a couple of workshops. Pam Holland's work shop a few weeks ago was very enjoyable. She had so much information to give, her adventures and her trips were great to listen to and the end of the day came before you really got started.

My role on the DPAQ committee this year is to organise the meeting raffle and to organise the Shop Hop with Jenny Fisher.

Everything is still new to me and there are so many lovely things you can do. There is always something new in a book or somebody brings something along which you HAVE to make. The list is long .....so there is lots to do.

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## Calendar of Events

|            |                                                                                |
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| 7 July     | DPAQ general meeting at 7.30pm 96A Winnellie Road                              |
| 11-13 July | Best of Australia Quilts at Wesleyan Manse in the Botanical Gardens            |
| 19 July    | Saturday Stitchers – Free Machine Embroider with Sue Hansen from 1-4.30pm      |
| 24-26 July | Royal Darwin Show. Contact Pam Hamill 8981 5751 after 6pm.                     |
| 4 August   | DPAQ general meeting                                                           |
| 16 August  | Saturday Stitchers – Charity quilts. Come along and have a great time          |
| 1 Sep      | Territory Quilts 08 Alice Springs exhibition entries close. Contact Jane Price |
| 1-9 Nov    | Territory Quilts 08 Alice Springs exhibition                                   |

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## DPAQ Website

Have you seen the website lately? Amanda is doing a fantastic job of maintaining the web site and has made more changes. Inspect the show and tell from the June meeting and find out all the latest news. She is constantly updating it. Thanks Amanda.

## The Down Syndrome Association

The Down Syndrome Association has asked for our support. They have a fundraising Dinner and Auction in October. They would like a few craft items to raffle and auction. They will be pleased to receive patchwork/quilted items, dolls, bags, accessories, etc.

I will be giving them two small wall quilts and a couple of embroidered/quilted vests. If anyone

would like to join me, I will be happy to collect a piece from you at our July or August meeting. They will acknowledge DPAQ as a matter of course; however, if you would like a personal acknowledgement from DSA (always good for the CV) please pin to your gift a note of your name and postal address. Thanks you for your support.

Jenny Armour

## Member Discounts generously provided by the following suppliers:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| 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% |

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## *Pfaff bobbins to give away*

Annie Radomski recently bought a new machine which is a Bernina and has a large number of bobbins belonging to her Pfaff machine that she can't use anymore.

Annie has no need for them and is giving them away to anyone who would have a use for them. Contact Annie phone 89825541 (W) 89279707 (H)

## Committee Positions and Contacts

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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

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