



Snippets

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Newsletter of the Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters Inc

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Presidents Report

Our president and three other intrepid members of the club have braved the cold of Adelaide and attended Quilt Camp. Quilt Camp can best be described as heaven – no meals to prepare, no house work, uninterrupted patchwork classes and fabulous company. I am sure our president, Christine Nathanael, will fill us in at the August meeting.

Thanks to Judy Anictomatis for chairing our July meeting. As usual there were visitors, farewells (Nancy Dold returning to America) and wonderful show and tell. Jenny Armour gave a very useful talk on the different types of rulers and tips on using them.

General Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4 August 2008 at 7.30pm at 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie.

Bernina Best of Australia Quilt Display

The Best of Australia display had to be deferred again. We are hoping to have them to display on the last weekend of August. We are sorry for the inconvenience but the shipping arrangements were beyond our control. Please keep watch on our website www.darpatchquilt.com.au or contact Joy Baker on 8948 1854. I just know it will be special display and well worth viewing.

Royal Darwin Show

I am preparing this newsletter on Show Day. I can't wait to see the display this afternoon. Marianne Reilly tells me it is the biggest display of quilts in a long time. The wonderful people who set up the display and judged deserve a huge thank you.

Territory Quilts 2008 Exhibition Alice Springs

Thinking of going to Alice Springs for the exhibition between 1-9 November 2008 and would like to home stay. Alice Springs quilters are offering to billet our members. Contact Jane Price who is in close contact with the coordinators. Don't forget, entries close 1 September 2008.

Territory Quilts 2009 Exhibition Committee

The first meeting of TQ09 has been held, ably led by Joy Baker. The committee would like your ideas and suggestions of a tutor we could invite. Please bring your ideas to the August meeting or email Joy Baker bakertn@bigpond.net.au.

The exhibition has been booked at the Darwin Entertainment Centre from Friday 31 July through to Monday 3 August 2009 with opening night on Thursday 30 July 2009. The clock is ticking! The committee will have categories and a theme available shortly.

Shop Hop

To be held on 4 October, the first Saturday in October

Prizes and give aways

Cost of \$20 each includes morning tea and lunch.

Start time 8.30am at DPAQ club rooms 96A Winnellie Road.

More information at the August meeting

Useful Hints

- Good Housekeeping Hint - Freeze leftover wine into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces. Leftover wine??????
- You know you are drinking too much coffee when you can thread a sewing machine..... while it's running!

Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

QDIT members would like to thank the Darwin members for some very special and generous donations. We have already packed 20 boxes with some more partially completed and if anyone would like to bring further gifts to our next meeting (the last opportunity) on Monday 4th August special needs are baby toys eg rattles, tiny baby clothes, pencils and drawing/colouring books for older children and hygiene items such as washers, toothbrushes etc. (No lollies)

Also, we will be asking for a gold coin donation to help towards freight costs (estimated at \$8 per box). Thank you all in advance.

Mount Bundy Recipe – Fruity Fudge Fingers baked by Jan Cashion

125 grams butter or margarine

1 cup sultanas

½ cup sugar

1 egg

vanilla

packet arrowroot biscuits (finely crushed)

Place butter, sugar and sultanas in saucepan and bring slowly to the boil. Remove from heat and blend in egg and vanilla. Add biscuit crumbs and mix well. Press into greased lamington tin. Ice with chocolate icing while still warm. Allow to set in refrigerator and cut into fingers to serve. Store in fridge in airtight container. Jan usually doubles the quantities of the fudge and the icing

Chocolate Icing

½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed

1 tablespoon butter or margarine

2 tablespoons water

1 packet chocolate bits

Combine sugar, water, butter in saucepan and bring to boil. Remove from heat and add chocolate bits. Blend until smooth and spread on biscuit.

Request to Members for Quilt Donation from Somerville Services

Somerville Services have written to DPAQ seeking a quilt donation. Would you have a quilt you could donate? Please advise Christine Nathanael if you can support this worthy cause with your donation.

Somerville Disability Services offer a range of services including community based supported accommodation for people with disabilities and brain injuries. Last year Katherine patch workers donated a quilt which has been greatly appreciated by the person who received it.

Saturday Stitchers

16 August Saturday Stitchers – Charity quilts. Come along and have a great time designing, sewing, chatting, laughing and working with others to make our charity quilts. We have a large number of donated blocks and quilt tops to be assembled and quilted.

Calendar of Events

4 Aug	DPAQ general meeting 7.30pm For those of you that wish to, bring your donation for the National Shoe Box collection.
16 Aug	Saturday Stitchers – Charity quilts.
1 Sept	DPAQ general meeting
1 Sep	Territory Quilts 08 Alice Springs exhibition entries close. Contact Jane Price
20 Sep	Saturday Stitchers
4 Oct	Shop Hop
1-9 Nov	Territory Quilts 08 Alice Springs Exhibition

Australasian Quilt Convention moves to a new home and launches its own challenge

Dear Quilter,

AQC are moving in 2009 to Melbourne's iconic Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton Gardens. This new venue will provide a spectacular space for the Quilt Show, expanded space for exhibitors in the Expo, easy access and transport for visitors,

extensive and economical parking, and access to outdoor areas for lunchbreaks.

In addition we are pleased to announce a quilt challenge in partnership with Australian Patchwork & Quilting. Visit www.aqc.com.au for details of the challenge.

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%

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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: 2 February 2009
This will be a travelling suitcase exhibition.

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.

Excess on occasion is exhilarating. It prevents moderation from acquiring the deadening effect of a habit. ~ W Somerset Maugham