



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 6 October 2008 at 7.30pm at 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie. We will be discussing the raffle quilt for 2009. It is our major fundraiser in 2009 and funds raised go towards providing the exhibition at the Darwin Entertainment Centre. Bring along any patterns that you think will make a successful raffle quilt.

Shop Hop

Saturday 4 October Registration 8.00-8.30am at the Clubrooms at 96A Winnellie Road. Registration Fee \$20 per person

Enter alone, with a friend or make up a car load. You are welcome to come along if you don't have a vehicle.

Tea and toast, coffee and croissants will be available while you sign on.
Registration includes breakfast, morning tea, lunch and nibbles. BYO mug.

Prizes for the winning car, the winning contestant, the best dressed car, the best dressed group, lucky door prizes, spot prizes etc etc.

Bring small change for raffles and fines.

There will be super specials and great discounts at each shop stop.

It is recommended that you list details and measurements for your current and future projects to enable you to take full advantage of the discounts that will be offered on the day only.

Join in and make it a Great Day on 4 October

For more information or to book a spot please contact:-
Judy Pratt 8927 0604 and Jenny Fisher 8985 2097 or 0431 724 501

Presidents Report

I hope you will support the Charles Darwin Challenge. Not just is next year the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin birth, is also the 140th anniversary of establishing Darwin as well as our 25th

anniversary. You have so many ideas to choose from to create your challenge. It is planned to display the quilts at a public venue during 2009.

The Bernina Best of Australia display was a great success. We are indebted to Karen Brown Gallery for providing such an outstanding venue.

Christine Nathanael

DPAQ Silver Anniversary

For those of you eagle eyed mathematician members, you will have realized that I made a mistake in the newsletter last month. In fact, DPAQ commenced in 1984, not 1983. We will have to celebrate in style next year.

Quilt Donation to Somerville Services

Take a bow you wonderful members of DPAQ. We have donated nine charity quilts to Summerville Homes. Our member Eileen Castles is employed by Somerville Homes and will deliver the quilts. Thanks to all for the donations of blocks, quilts, fabrics, time and quilting effort.

Saturday Stitchers

On 18 October it is planned to continue working on charity quilts. Please come and help sew the quilts, or iron, or unpick or design or choose colours. Bring along from your stash any large pieces of fabric that every time you look at, you wonder, why on earth did I buy that!! They can be used as backing or borders. On Saturday 20 September Lyn Bates and Lesley Every had a very quiet group concentrating on their foundation pieced wall hanging. It will be good to see them at show and tell.

Sew Inspirational Web Magazine

Sew Inspirational is a free quarterly magazine with free projects. Have a look at this new magazine at www.sewinspirational.com.au.

It contains a great article on honing your quilting skills by Kim Bradley. Kim tells us that quilting "richly rewards you for the hours spent practicing the art.....and that's the double four letter word, PRACTICE. The only thing separating a novice from a professional is the practice put into the craft. I suggest making up many quilt sandwiches (at least 40!), leaving them beside your machine and sitting down every day for at least 10 minutes playtime/practice. You will be amazed at how far you can progress in just one week, as that adds up to 70 minutes practice in one week!"

Creativity

I was given a great article by Pirjo Ward she received from Quilting Arts magazine. The first of two tips I thought worth repeating is to trade your stash - fill a bag with fat quarters, beads, found objects, or a mix, and exchange it for one from a friend. The second suggestion is to break your routine; such as if you normally create or sew at night, try the morning; work in a different room, try a new colour range. I shall be on holiday during October and intend on taking advantage of the sewing activities the club offers on work days. I plan to sew most days, as long as our new laying chooks don't drive me away from home. They are very proud of themselves as they have started laying and their cackling is a real chorus to compete with the native birds visiting our garden, including the lorikeets, koel and spangled drongo.

Cavenagh Theatre

Jenny Armour had a phone call from Liz Gammon of Cavenagh Theatre. She is offering the quilters a chance to look through several boxes of dress and other garment patterns (surplus to their requirements) and help ourselves to anything useful. The boxes are stacked near our chair-store door.

Calendar of Events

4 Oct	Shop Hop 8.00am
6 Oct	DPAQ general meeting 7.30pm
18 Oct	Saturday Stitchers – work on Charity Quilts
3 Nov	DPAQ general meeting 7.30pm
1-9 Nov	Territory Quilts 08 Alice Springs Exhibition
2 Feb	Charles Darwin Challenge

Be Creative by the Sea 2009.
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Hand & Machine Embroiderers.

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www.becreativebythesea.com

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Printed program available by post .
Phone/Fax 02 66521483.
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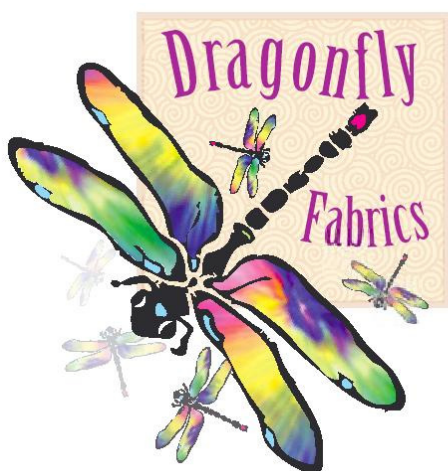
Charles Darwin Challenge

The challenge has been issued by our president, Christine Nathanael.

We invite you to make an A3 size quilt with the theme of anything relating to Charles Darwin.

Bring your entry to our first meeting of 2009 on 2 February.

This will be a travelling suitcase exhibition and your piece will travel Australia for possibly all of 2009.



Dragonfly Fabrics

20% Sale extended until 10 October

At Shop 10, 48 Trower Road Millner NT 0810
Excludes kits. Minimum cut fabric 50 cm. No other discounts apply

Moving shop has been deferred

We are opening on Saturday 18 October at Shop 2, 6 Sabine Road, Millner NT 0810.
Call by the shop if you need something urgently prior to opening.
Phone, fax, email and web the same.
Phone: 08 8948 0691 Fax: 08 8948 0694
Email: dragonfabric@bigpond.com
www.dragonfly.com.au

Member Discounts generously provided by the following

All Art Framing Pty Ltd	Shed 3, 74 Dick Ward Drive, Coconut Grove	8985 5166	15%
Dragonfly Fabrics	Until 10/10/08 at Shop 10 Rapid Creek Shopping Centre, Trower Road then moving to Shop 2, 6 Sabine Road, Millner from 18 October.	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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DPAQ Activities

Thank you to Michael Gunner MLA for providing photocopying of our newsletter

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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 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

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.

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.

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