



Christchurch Quilters Inc.

August 2023 Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello everybody! Welcome to this month's newsletter.

It's great to have a genuine Southern Hemisphere Midwinter festival at last!

January isn't really a new year, apart from the new calendar on the wall. It's a sigh of relief that the rush of Christmas is over; school's out, summer weather begins, a break from work. It's the winter that ends the year; the garden sleeps, business activity slows, we stay home, wrap up warm, use the oven more than the microwave.



As soon as humans knew the rhythms of the seasons, we looked for markers more reliable than the daily weather. The stars ruled the night, and it was easy to believe their power. Did the stars that rose before the rainy season really bring the rain? Before we could buy calendars to tick off the days, we looked for the stars that showed we were past the shortest day - the date which has been mentioned so often over the last month.

This year I'll celebrate by a shared meal with my family. We'll mix old and new, kumara and tofu. We'll look at the old photo album of my kids when they were small. I have a box of old junk from my childhood to bring out. Do you know what this is? You used to buy wool especially for darning. This is a collar stud; men with white-collar jobs had a clean collar every day and a clean shirt on Sundays. They will help me navigate my smart phone. We will remember those who have passed away, and raise a glass to the newest arrival.

It's time for new traditions to begin, which are really old traditions, because they come from the meeting of our human needs and the rhythm of the seasons. I hope you have had a happy Matariki, even if it is only a paid day off work.

Cheers, Annette

**'A note of thanks to you and your members
for the voucher and the very generous donations of food.'**

Staff were very grateful for the food when I dropped it off this morning.'

Nga mihi |Regards, Corinne Haines CEO/City Missioner | Christchurch City Mission

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An update from the Exhibition 2023 Committee:

**The Venue for the Exhibition is Riccarton High School Hall
Wednesday 4 - Saturday 7 October**

Challenge: a 12" x 16" quilt

Theme: Fractured

Deadline: to be handed in at the Tuesday 5 September meeting for member judging.

The raffle quilts are complete; the tickets will be at the **August** meeting ready for you (members) to start selling.

We are asking for donated fat quarters of fabric to come to the meetings in August and September in time to be sorted ready for the raffle.



We will also have a grocery raffle, so we are asking for members to donate for this amazing prize at the September meeting please (non-perishable).

Online submission 1 month before (5 September, CQ members' night)

Quilts to be delivered to Maria/Kirsten/Kim no later than Saturday 23 Sept ready for sorting (notification of addresses later)

A help roster will be out from September. We will need help to move furniture (chairs) in the hall on Monday and again to put back late Saturday after Peek has dismantled the boards Plus the usual help at the door in 2 hour slots Wednesday to Saturday, and for white glove volunteers also.

Community Quilts Update

The count for Community Quilts sits at **72!**

April: 7 quilts

May: 18 quilts (+ 9 from Annette)

June: 11 quilts at June meeting + 5 given to me from Margaret Welsh, (Marie's friend who completes community quilts and were on display at the July meeting)

July: 22 quilts

Sandy has taken 25 quilts back for the Hawke's Bay region after the July meeting and I am in the middle of organizing transport for some of the quilts to the Gisborne region who have again been hit by the terrible weather; the last thing they need!

In regards to community quilt batting please let us know what size you require and this can be cut to suit.

Due to limited storage space at Hohepa we have a **small stash of fabric that is available for community quilts**. Feel free to come to Sit and Sew to use these. The next one at Hohepa is on Saturday 16 August. Charity quilts are a good way to try something new and are great stash busters - take a look at these three free patterns:

Plaid-ish scrap quilt - a great test to sort out colour values

<https://kitchentablequilting.com/products/plaid-ish-scrap-quilt-tutorial>

Granny square quilt pattern

<https://www.quiltylove.com/free-pattern-scrappy-granny-squares-quilt-pattern/>

Grand adventures quilt - a great variation on a half square triangle! One of the first patterns I made.

<https://www.missouriquiltco.com/pages/grand-adventures-quilt-tutorial>

We are also in the process of updating the quilt labels, watch this space!

Keep up the good work and the whole group are looking forward to seeing what you create!



Library News

We recently did a stocktake of the library books and magazines and as a result of this we have decided to cull some books.

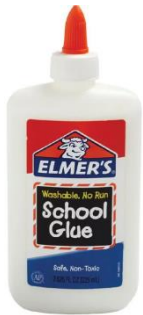
These books will be for sale for \$2 each at our August meeting. There may be some CDs and DVDs available as well.

There were a few missing books and magazines, so please be sure to return all borrowed items as they are quite expensive to replace.

If you are a fan of Log Cabin quilts you may like to check out our book, *Log Cabin Quilts*. It covers the history of log cabin designs (including an example on an Egyptian sarcophagus). There is a gallery of log cabin quilts, including a short article about Luke Haynes, who taught at the 2017 Christchurch Quilt Symposium. Finally, there is an explanation of techniques and a pattern. A very informative little book.

Happy Quilting, Alice

Members' Top Picks and Tips:



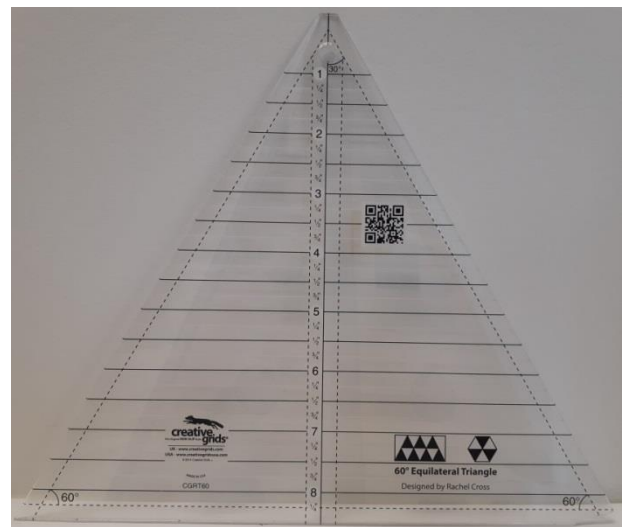
Elmer's Glue Basting (as an alternative to spray basting or pinning) - Giselle

Go to: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CA9P90GHI9Y/?igshid=1n7ruh7ktmnh6>

Only thing I did differently is that I bought a small white paint roller specific for this to use. I use the paint tray and roll on the glue/water solution and I find this is easier than a paint brush or foam brush. Worked really well for the woollen blanket quilt.

60 Degree Triangle Ruler - Daena

This is one of my favourite tools I use it all the time for creating quilts. It makes cutting accurate triangles easy and allows for easy speedy and accurate piecing.



Tweezers – Zena

*I use these tweezers, which I purchased from **Bernina**, to catch the thread when it pokes through the needle while threading the sewing machine needle.*

They are also very useful if you jam up threads around the bobbin.

I have only had the tweezers about 3 months and the cost was around \$20.



If you have bought a **tool** that you love and want to let everyone know about it, or have discovered a **great YouTube clip/blog** about anything 'quilty', or have a **shortcut or tip** you would like to share,

Please email me (Kerian) on keriangill@gmail.com so I can put it in the newsletter.

Experienced or new to this wonderful craft – we can all benefit from any tip that falls our way!

My Quilting Journey - this month Anne Howard is telling us her journey.

How long have you been quilting?

I first took a patchwork class around 2008 but it didn't inspire me as I had hoped it would. It wasn't until after the earthquakes when I discovered 'Stitch' which was a quilting/craft shop in Beckenham. I instantly fell in love with the type of quilts they were doing. I went along to a stitch night that they held weekly and it was there that it was suggested to me that I join Christchurch Quilters, as they had a fabulous library and yearly weekend retreats.

How would you describe your quilting style?

I know I love modern and art quilting. I don't know that I have settled on a particular style yet as there are many things I would still like to try. I love that there are so many diverse types of disciplines under the umbrella of Fiber Art/Quilting.

Who/What inspires you?

I have a couple of overseas hero's - Jacquie Gering and Brigitte Heitland. I was lucky enough to attend a class with Jacquie at the Symposium in Christchurch and loved it. I have used a couple of Brigitte's patterns - she also designs fabric under the name Zen Chic for Moda, a very clever lady.



*Patio Quilt; pattern by
Monica Solorio-Snow*

What always blows me away is the skill we have in New Zealand – I have seen fabulous work at different exhibitions. There are exceptionally talented people out there!

What quilt are you most proud of?

My first quilt is still the one I love the most. Another is the quilt I did in a class with Rosalie Dace of the Moeraki Boulders.

What's next?

Retirement and more time to spend sewing. I love sewing and working with fabric, so I split my time between quilting and making clothes both for myself and my family.



Workshops



- Sit and Sew:** *Is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, regardless if there is a class or not. NO CHARGE.*
- Venue:** *Artemis Activity Centre, Hohepa Canterbury, 23 Barrington Street (river end). It is like a retreat in the city. We have the facility from 9:00am until 4:00pm.*
- What to bring:** *Lunch, a mug, (tea, coffee, milk supplied), extension cord and multi-box. Sewing machine and all associated things you need. Most importantly - your charming personality.*
- Dates:** *19 August, 16 September, 21 October and 18 November.*
- Classes:** *(If being held) 9.30 am till 3.30pm. Where a tutor is being paid to share their knowledge the cost is usually \$50.00. If there is something you wish to learn or teach please contact Marie Williams.*

Come and join in for some chatter, some lunch, exchange of ideas and even some progress on your latest (or not so latest) projects.

Workshop update July 2023:

The year is certainly flying by.

June was Reverse appliqué with Annette. The feedback was very positive from all who attended.

July was our Stay-at-Home Retreat, held in our meeting rooms. Feedback will be appreciated, the positives and not so positives, particularly feedback pertaining to the venue, and sleep at home decision.

Upcoming events/opportunities

An 'Improv' 2 day class by Rachel Ratten will be held near the end of the year, date to be advised. I am aiming for later November (not Christchurch Show Weekend which is 17-19th). Members from the Guild will also be able to attend this 2 day class.

CQ's Stay-at-Home Retreat

This was held at our meeting rooms (The Philatelic Centre) on 22 & 23 July and I, for one, loved it. What a great place to be with the rotten weather outside!
My happy place ☺

The room had plenty of light, was warm, big enough for the participants to spread out, (I think about 21 members made it), and lots of delicious soups, baking, club sandwiches, small filled rolls wraps and fruit.



Kaye Amos spent the Sunday teaching a few of us how to use rulers which was a big learning curve for this writer, never having done it before but I was very happy with the results and am now on the lookout for second hand ones or sales!

I am going to say a big thank you to the organisers from all of us who attended.

Remember, Marie has asked for feedback from those who attended.

Kerian.





August & September Meetings:

In **August:** Rangiora's **Handzon Shop** will have a table set up to entice us.
Daena will be giving a talk, on behalf of **Ingrid Longhurst**, on the Whisper Project/Exhibition 2023. Ingrid is currently the Central Canada Regional Rep for Studio Art Quilt Associates and a member of the Fergus-Guelph Pod.

In **September:**

- members will judge the **Fractured Challenge**;
- **Speed Dating**, we will have four tables set up and sewing curves, using 60 degree triangles, and an embroidery demo will be three of them.
- **Fabric Swop - Fat 1/4s and larger** please.
Great weather to get into that stash and sort out that fabric that you have fallen out of love with and swop it! It would make it easier if you can staple a label with the size of the piece of fabric you are swopping.
Any left-over fabric will be donated to Creative Junk.

Raffle - Don't forget to bring some change so you can buy a raffle ticket at the door!!

Summary of What is Happening – keep watching for updates

Date	Club Night	Workshops	Events & Exhibitions
1 August	Talk on the Whisper Project 2023 Handzon table of goodies		
5 September	Speed Dating Fabric Swap Fracture Challenge Judging		<u>Kapiti Coast Quilters Exhibition 2023, 16-17 September, Southward Car Museum, Kapiti Coast</u> Quilts for CQ Exhibition need to be delivered by Sat 23 Sept
3 October	Opening Night for our Exhibition. Guest Speaker will be Mary McCauley		<u>Christchurch Quilters Exhibition 2023</u> @ Riccarton High School on Wed 4 to Sat 7 October
7 November	<u>Speaker:</u> Rachel Ratten	Rachel Ratten, textile artist & print maker; 2 day 'Improv' course. Date to be advised	<u>The 2023 Festival of Quilts 3–5 November Auckland.</u>
 <p><u>2024 Waikato Quilt Symposium 'Carousel'</u> Wed 2 – Sun 6 October @ Cambridge High School The Organising Committee is made up of members of the Waikato Patchwork and Quilters Guild. The website will be up and running soon.</p>			

For any new patchworkers that have recently joined CQ and are still getting their head around our quilting language, below is an article that appeared on the spoonfulofsugar.com's website. 28 June 2023.

What is a Fat Quarter?

A fat quarter is a quarter-yard of fabric that has been cut to yield a larger piece than a traditional quarter-yard. The term "fat" is used to describe the increased width of the fabric. In contrast, a "skinny" quarter would be the traditional 9" x 44" (or 36") size. A fat quarter refers to a cut of fabric that is 18 inches x 22 inches. The longest side's dimension sometimes varies because some quilting fabrics are not 44 inches wide.

Benefits of a Fat Quarter:

1. *Perfect for smaller projects such as pillows, bags, baby quilts, table runners and more!*
2. *They can be cut into a wide range of sizes and shapes to suit a variety of projects.*
3. *They are perfectly sized to store in small tubs so you can easily see the fabric you have when auditioning fabrics for a new project.*
4. *Great size for beginner quilters and sewers to measure and cut accurately.*
5. *Easy to purchase at quilt stores – pre-measured, pre-cut, and packaged for your convenience. You can even purchase bundles from the same range which make it easy to coordinate fabrics for your next project.*
6. *Ideal for sampler and scrap quilts when you want to showcase a variety of fabrics.*
7. *Fat quarters can always be cut down into smaller squares, rectangles, or triangles similar to the jelly roll or charm pack sizes. Since the pieces are smaller and the cuts are better sized you end up with less waste, scraps and unused material.*
8. *Having fat quarters help you increase your textile collection without having to spend a ton buying the yard.*
9. *Fat quarters are considered the most versatile of all the precut fabric options.*

1 Fat Quarter	18 x 22 inches
99	2 inch squares
56	2 1/2 inch squares
42	3 inch squares
30	3 1/2 inch squares
20	4 inch squares
16	4 1/2 inch squares
12	5 inch squares
12	5 1/2 inch squares
9	6 inch squares
6	6 1/2 inch squares



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You are welcome to post to it, just remember to keep it Quilt/ Christchurch Quilters relevant. Show us your projects you are working on, or inspirational photos. Remember to only add your own photos that you don't mind the public seeing. Links to interesting YouTube videos are ok too.”

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Newsletter Deadline

Deadline material for the next newsletter **Friday 22 September**.

Interesting snippets, articles, book/exhibition reviews, photos, helpful hints etc are all welcome.

Please send them to keriangill@gmail.com

If sending photos with articles please send the .jpegs separately (not embedded in the article).

Many thanks.

From the Editor: *The opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Club as a whole. The information in the newsletter comes from a variety of sources and the Editor, in consultation with the Committee, reserves the right to edit articles for publication. Please let the editor know if you don't want a photo taken of your quilt or published. Also, please verify the time and date of any event advertised in this newsletter prior to travelling to an event. Any errors and/or omissions are regretted.*

Christchurch Quilters Inc. Info

2023 Meetings

1 August, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November, 6 December.

Monthly Meetings are held in The Philatelic Centre, 67 Mandeville Street, Riccarton, Christchurch on the first Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm till 9:30 pm.

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