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EDITOR'S NOTE

We thank Lindy Briscoe for her valuable help with the computer aspect of this newsletter. Sadly time constraints have meant that she is unable to continue. My niece will help from now on.

Hopefully most of you have been to our great new venue and enjoyed it as much as the committee did.

Be well and sew well.

Judy

COVER QUILT



This lovely quilt top was shown to us by Made by a member of LOVE2PATCH, the Dundee Quilters Guild

who is still in the process of completing it.

She lives in Dundee; we have not heard much from our inland members but wow...

if this is what is taking up their time, we look forward to seeing more.

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FROM THE HOT SEAT

Well, here we go again...

It's FESTIVAL time!! And by the looks of it, it will be a great one.

Loads of planning seems to have gone into it, and everything appears to be running smoothly.

Completing the entry forms was easy-peasy and everything was handled very efficiently.

Those of you who made your quilt last year for our local competition, aren't you glad it's done and dusted?

So, no last minute panics.

I think we are all enjoying our new venue. Convenient for some, not so much for others, but I thank all of you who came from afar – south coast, north coast, midlands, even as far afield as Dundee.

From the quilts that the Dundee ladies showed us, it's evident that quilting is alive and well in Dundee.

Our speaker this month is someone you all know and love, and I know that she will be very entertaining.

Keep the quilting flag flying.

LYN GONZAGA



The attached quilt is one I made in response to a challenge by Rosalie Daceto make a quilt of **"things that I love"**.



SEEN AT OUR LAST MEETING



Speaker **Robbin Opperman**



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You are invited to enter the annual World Quilt Competition, an opportunity to show South African quilts in the USA.



MAY 15, 2017 is the deadline date for Entry Form and JPG images.

The deadline dates **do** allow for quilts entered in the Siyadala SA National Quilt Festival, to be entered in the World Quilt Competition. i.e. JULY 10, 2017 - DELIVERY OF QUILTS to the World Quilt National Competition Coordinator in Durban

The competition has categories for both Traditional and Innovative quilts with cash awards.

The minimum quilt size is 8,361 sq. cms (multiply the length of the quilt by the width).

Quilts will be exhibited at quilt shows in the USA. See: <http://www.worldquilt.com/>

This is the 17th consecutive year that South Africa has taken part in the competition. The American organisers have special shipping arrangements for international contestants so it's a wonderful opportunity to exhibit your quilts in the USA.

Contact Odette Tolktsdorf for an Entry Form or any queries: odetteT@iafrica.com mobile: 074 172 0544

4 DAY DESIGN WORKSHOP IN THE MIDLANDS



Odette Tolktsdorf is teaching a 4 Day Design workshop over two consecutive weekends in the Midlands.

DATES: Sat. 27 & Sun. 28 May and Sat. 3 & Sun. 4 June.

VENUE: Giverny Studio in Curry's Post, 15km from Howick

Learn about important aspects of basic design. A series of design exercises guide you through various ways to explore and arrange shapes, lines, colours and textures. Create small works, A3 to A4 size, using a fused-fabric collage technique.

Students of all levels, working in various quilt styles e.g. traditional, innovative and art, have found the practical knowledge learnt in this workshop to be valuable and effective. No sewing skills and no sewing machine are required for the class.

For more information, please contact

Hermine Coleman at Giverny Studio: hermine.coleman@gmail.com or sms 082 652 5682.

Or: Odette Tolktsdorf: odetteT@iafrica.com or mobile: 074 172 0544

“Scene” at Sisters Quilt Show

6th May 2017

This year for our Quilt Display we decided not only to display the quilts on the pews in the church but also to have displays depicting themes. We had the church as well as the hall to exhibit the quilts. Some of our themes were:

“Wedding” where we had a lovely wedding dress surrounded by a double wedding ring and white and cream whole cloth quilts; “Sewing Room” where we had some of quilting paraphernalia, old sewing machines and quilts in various stages of completion. This is very interesting to the visitors who were not familiar with how a quilt is made; “Teddy Bears Picnic” with some very delightful teddies on teddy themed quilts;

“Christmas” where this year the colour was BLUE’ “Out of Africa” with some quilts with African Themes as well as Sue Cameron’s Tree Spirit which was the talk of the exhibition “Garden” was also a beautiful display of plants, flowers and garden themed quilts.

We had a wonderful morning meeting so many friends and Quilters. Once again the food was amazing and very cheap and the cakes literally sold like HOT CAKES. We are so grateful to the congregation of the NG Kerk who so willingly combine their Winter Market with the Quilt display. Thank you to all the ladies who came from far and near to support us.

So yet another Sisters Quilt Display is done and dusted with many very happy and tired Quilters with minds abuzz with what to do next year???



Happy International Quilt Day

Jenny Hermans 2014

May your cottons never shrink, and your colours never bleed
May you have all the notions, needles and pins you need
May your collection of fabric be quite a big stash
So you can choose the value, texture and colours in a flash
May your scissors be sharp, take care to cut straight and true
So you don't have to re-measure, unpick or redo
May your piecing be accurate and neat
May your points be sharp and your seams meet
May there always be power for your machine to sew
Or at least that Eskom gives warning so that you know
May you check the iron surface that it is smooth and clean
Use a pressing cloth so no sticky patches can be seen

May your threads never be knotted or fray
May the buttons and beads you sew on always stay
May your sewing stitches be even and strong
May your embroidery and quilting last long
May your patches be colourful and bright
May you choose the quilting design that is just right
Remember to measure and check once more
Before you make an error and thus get a flaw

May any curves be smooth and circles be round
May your corners lie flat and the quilt edges be well bound
May you have many willing hands on the scene
When laying up and putting the batting between
May your batting never beard as you might have feared
May your dreams of the quilts you plan all come true
May you finish the ones you have wanted to do

Whatever you make and whatever you do
Remember it is a reflection of you...
Quilts give comfort and warmth and love
Your patience and talent go hand in glove...
We know things aren't always perfect
And yet we will try
To do our best before we die

Hope your passion for quilting never ends
May you be surrounded and comforted by treasured quilting friends.



<http://www.quiltsouthafrica.co.za/>



For the last 17 years the Msunduzi/Vootrekker Museum have hung an exhibition in March for the Hayfields Quilters Guild celebrating **National Quilt Day**.

Last year at a planning meeting at the Museum it was decided to combine National Quilt Day with Human Rights day.

We decided to ask KZN Quilters Guild to join us this year and make a Human Rights Quilt.

I asked the ladies to make little A4 size quilts depicting a Human Right. The quilters could choose from a list of Human Rights we gave them.

With excitement these little quilts came in.

It was interesting to see that the most common Rights were housing, education, justice, land and environment. We made a base quilt using blue Shwe-Shwe and with the Title **Hlonipha** (which means respecting each others rights).

The quilt was then quilted. Finally the little quilts and the lettering were stitched onto the base quilt. This quilt is a donation from the KZN Quilters for the museum.

On Friday 17th March we had the opening of the exhibition along with the Human Rights celebration. What a joyous occasion this was. We were completely overwhelmed with the number of people who came, more than double we expected!!

I would like to recommend that Quilters should contact their museums in their area and approach them to hang exhibitions. This is a wonderful way of exposing the public to quilts and it also helps bring visitors into the museums.

Marline Turner

FESTIVAL 2017

SIYADALA: WE CREATE



Siyadala is slowly but surely creeping up on us. The competition quilts are arriving, to date 24 workshops are sold out and due to various requests, a repeat lecture **316 The Tentmakers of Old Cairo** by **Jenny Bowker** was scheduled for Wednesday 5 July at 15:00. Limited number of tickets are still available for this lecture, make sure to book in time.

Computicket

Please make sure that you downloaded and printed all your tickets to show at Siyadala. Without these tickets, you will not have access to the different workshops, lectures and functions. If you experience any problems with your tickets, please contact Sonel Lindique at sonel.lindeque@icloud.com for assistance before you leave for Port Elizabeth.

Functions

If you want to attend the functions at Siyadala, please buy your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. No tickets for the functions will be available at Siyadala as the caterers need the final number of bookings well in advance for obvious reasons.

Cafeteria

Daily lunches and refreshments will be available at the school cafeteria, The Ivy Leaf.

Transport

If you need transport from the Port Elizabeth Airport or a bus terminal, you can contact Igna at igna@shielddtours.co.za to make a booking for transport to your place of accommodation or otherwise request transport from Uber. See the festival programme or website for more details.

White Glove Duty

If you are willing to help with white glove duty during the festival, contact Zelda Basson at 082 469 1754 to add your name to the list.

Registration & Bookings for Workshops, Lectures and Functions

A once off Registration Fee of R150 is payable before you can buy any tickets through Computicket at <https://events.computicket.com/>. As a registered delegate, you receive unlimited access into every nook and cranny of the festival, a tote bag and a vehicle pass for parking on the school grounds for your vehicle! Without this vehicle pass, you will have to park outside the school grounds.

Accommodation

Limited accommodation is still available in the Collegiate Hostel, see Booking Form on the Accommodation page at <http://festival.quiltsouthafrica.co.za> under Collegiate Hostel.

Facebook

Please “like” the page **2017 South African National Quilt Festival, Port Elizabeth** to stay informed of the latest festival news.

Website: <http://festival.quiltsouthafrica.co.za>

KZNQG MEMBERS INFORMATION

KZNQG NEXT OPEN DAY

Venue: Kloof Anglican Church

Date: Saturday 27th May 2017

Time: 9—12 Quilt Display

Quilts from courses run by **Vereker Munro**

Quilts with **Kaffe Fassett** fabrics

If you have one or more:

Drop off points:

Marlene Turner—PMB

Hillcrest—Cotton Tales

Durban North—Bernina

Kloof—Bernina

Durban—Bernina on Musgrave

9—12:

Demonstrations by

Mary Chapman

Nicky Mommen

Bev Essers

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.



I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.



12pm Business. Speaker **Nicky Hunter-Smith** will be sharing her adventures on her recent trip to Bali.

APPEAL:

Please remember to bring past quilting magazines which can be sold at our tables for funds.

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Farewell to One and All!

For someone who always has so much to say, I am lost for words. The decision to emigrate to the US was not a spur of the moment decisions. After many hours, days and months of prayer and soul searching, we decided to step out in faith (even with the rate of exchange R vs \$). We finally gave in to Scott our son and Sonia our wonderful daughter (in law), and allowed them to go ahead with the paper work for us to obtain Green Cards. It has all come about much quicker than we thought. Guess it's all in God's planning.

I have had over 29 years in the quilting world, learning, sharing my passion and above all making the most wonderful memories and many many very very special friends.

You have all, in some way no matter how small, (even if just a friendly hello!}, inspired me, encouraged me and given me the strength to go on and on sharing. I will leave South Africa taking with me all the memories. A HUGE thank you to each and everyone of you for all of this.

I keep getting told "I will miss you". All I have to say is, you only have one person to miss. I have had a life time of cultivating many special friends that I will miss! Far more difficult for me than you.

I know quilting in SA will continue to grow and grow and I wish you all the very best for the future. Again for all that love, and memories I take with me A HUGE THANKYOU.

Lots of love and special blessings
Vereker

QUILTERS' 2017 CALENDAR

MAY 26 -JUNE 4	ROYAL SHOW, Pietermaritzburg
MAY 27	KZNQG Open Day (St Agnes Hall, KLOOF)
10 JUNE	QUILT ACADEMY - Shweshwe Quilt
JULY 3 - 8	SAQG Biannual QUILT FESTIVAL in PE
15 JULY	Quilt Academy
JULY 18-22	Quilt in Clarence (www.quiltinclarence.co.za)
AUGUST 26	KZNQG Open Day; Kloof St Agnes
SEPTEMBER	NO IZOTSHA this year
16 SEPTEMBER	Quilt Academy
OCTOBER 28	KZNQG Open Day; St Agnes Church

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QUILT ACADEMY IS BACK!

10 JUNE 2017

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Bring a friend and join us on 10 June for a class taught by Twig:

"Laddered Rail Fence"

Quilt Academy is for anyone who is interested in quilting.

We look forward to seeing old quilting friends and meeting new ones...

It doesn't matter if you are an old quilter, a new one, or a soon to become one - Quilt Academy is all about learning and sewing in a friendly environment.

By the end of the day, you will have either almost finished this quilt top - or be confident to go away and make it bigger.

Bookings, payments, class requirements, directions and other details can be found on:

<https://bookwhen.com/quilt-academy>



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Dates for 2017:

10 June

15 July

16 September

18 November

Venue

Hillcrest holy trinity

Anglican Church

Cnr Elangeni & Nqutu rd

Hillcrest

(beyond Post Office)

Time:

9am - 3pm

Tricks of the Trade

- Tips and advice for quilters sourced by Carol Hodsdon

Mat Care and Neat Endings

When last did you wash your cutting mat? Yes, *wash* with soap and water!

I have mentioned this in a previous issue but confess I had never actually done it. Until last week!

I read an article on Mallee Country Crafts' face book page where a quilter advises us to soak our cutting boards every 6 to 8 weeks. She said that her board was 20 years old and she hadn't needed to change her rotary cutter blade for 2 years! Well I had to try it for myself. And wow, it works!

My mat is not only cleaner but also softer and more pliable. Cutting is easier and the board seals almost instantly. I don't need to press so hard on the cutting blade which will help it stay sharp for so much longer.

What you need to do (every 6-8 weeks) is softly scrub your mat in cool soapy water with a soft brush or scouring pad. Rinse and pat dry. Then lay it flat in the bottom of your bath or shower and wet it thoroughly with cold water. Leave for a few hours or overnight if it's very dry. If you don't have a big bath or your mat is a large one, simply cover it with a very wet towel.

It may not repair very old, deep cutting lines, but you'll know how to treat your next mat. Another tip to preserve the lifespan of your mat:- remember that your board has two sides. Only use the side marked in inches when you need to use those markings to measure your cuts.



If you are using a ruler to measure your cuts then use the other side of the board. (Some are marked with centimetres and others are blank.) It's as good as having two mats!

I have to thank Vereker Munro * for this next clever trick.

We often tie off a line of stitching by pressing the reverse button and making one or two backward stitches. However there are times when we misjudge the reverse function and that last forward stitch is just one too many and the stitching ends in the wrong place!

Vereker's tip: Instead of trying to second guess the movement of the needle, stop stitching at the point where you want to end and then simply drop the feed dogs. The fabric will not move allowing you to make as many stitches on that spot as you desire.

*Vereker Munro taught me to quilt in 1992 when I proudly produced my first sampler quilt in Biggie Best pinks and greens! Countless quilts and a quarter of a century later I still turn to her for advice and her most valued opinions. The quilters of South Africa are going to miss her when she leaves to live in the USA in July. I do hope the quilters of America will treasure her as we have.

Will miss you dear friend!

LIFE OF A QUILTER—VERA BODLE

<http://source.colostate.edu/avenir-museum-celebrates-the-vibrant-life-of-centenarian-quilter>

This delightful article describes the life of lady who only started quilting after turning 80. Here follows a short extract..

“Vera Bodle began quilting at 80 years old as a way to distract her hands when she quit smoking. She set out to make only a couple of quilts, but greatly surpassed her own intentions. In the 24 years that she pursued her quilting passion, Bodle entirely hand-stitched more than 200 quilts.



Vera Bodle (photo by Don Reilly, DJR Imaging)

Now some of those works are on display at the Avenir Gallery in the University Center for the Arts. Bodle was drawn to beautiful fabrics, bright colors and unique patterns. Her collection of work is a mixture of custom-designed and holiday-themed quilts that draw influence from around the world, most notably Japanese art. Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising staff met Bodle when she was at a very witty and sharp 104 years old. “I didn’t want to live to be 100,” Bodle said in an interview with Denver7 News.

“It crept up on me!” She was a shining model of healthy, productive, positive aging. She enjoyed exercising and reading and attributed her long life to maintaining an active lifestyle and positive mentality...”

May we all grow old the way Vera did !

GUILD NEWS

KLOOF COUNTRY QUILTERS

Nothing is ever too pedestrian at Kloof Country Quilters.

We must be doing something right, as our membership has increased by 11 in the last 6 months. We started our year off with a bang - with not one, but two challenges. One compulsory with consequences, and the other completely optional.

For the Treasure Trove Challenge,, all the guild members (and the visitors) were instructed to help themselves from a veritable mountain of fabric and to use this in some way and to bring these items to show them at our meetings.

As they are displayed, their names are crossed off a list and if a member has not used this fabric in some way up they will face the consequences at our December meeting.

We have seen the most amazing items produced using this fabric: bags big and small, dog and cat pillows, placemats and table clothes, a beautiful scarf and a casserole dish warmer.. I have been absolutely blown away by the creativity displayed!

Our second challenge is a Block of the Month which is to be complete and displayed at our February meeting next year. With close to forty members signed up for this, it promises to be really good.

Our speakers have been amazing: Colleen Roberts, Helga Beaumont and Niri Moodley have inspired us with stories and quilts and crafts. We are so lucky to have such giving and talented quilters in our community.

The year ahead looks bright and full of beautiful quilts – I can't wait!!

With love from all at KC

Twigs



THE VILLAGE QUILTERS OF KLOOF

Well February and March eased us all into working on our latest group quilt. Meeting twice a week was a great time to swap ideas, for most of us to try a new technique and to have time to socialise with our guild friends. As I write this we are hectically trying to get the quilt top finished so that we can get on with the quilting. Why is it that no matter how early we start working on a festival entry (we started in October 2016) the deadline always seem to creep up on us at an alarming rate. Anyway the quilt will be in Port Elizabeth before the 3rd May after which we will be able to take a hike, read a book and doze in the hammock just in time for the amazing Kwa Zulu Natal month of May.

In February we were very privileged to have Nikki Hunter Smith as our guest speaker. What an interesting and warm lady. She recently visited Bali which was her mother's birth place. After seeing the type of fabric that she purchased and hearing stories of her upbringing we were able to appreciate her choice of clothing and her quilts. Nikki is a wonderful speaker and unique lady who entranced us all.

In March we had another interesting speaker. Marline Turner brought a huge pile of her quilts along and taking on the character of a quilt judge, one quilt at a time, she gave a criterion for each of her quilts. There were the good (all of the quilts), the bad (but not so bad), the ugly (not one) and those unsuitable for a National Quilt Exhibition. In other words she wrote a criterion for each quilt. We have no excuse now for placing our quilts in the wrong category. This was a very beneficial approach to the case in hand – entering our quilts for Port Elizabeth.

A very apt and informative talk.

April came along with another treat – after a short background, which is always interesting, Mandy Kirk took us through her quilting life. 25 years spent snatching time between family and her professional life to make some wonderful, different and definitely artistic quilts. Proof that if there is something that you really want to do you can always find the time. In Mandy's case she is also teaching young children to quilt and spends time on committees. Thank you Mandy.

Well our meeting room at the Kloof Methodist Church has been renovated and we now have a very spacious and smart place to hold our meetings. Do come and visit us sometime.

We would love to welcome you on the second Monday of the month.—Colleen



QUEENSBURGH QUILTERS



We started off the year with our annual weekend away at the Zinkwazi beach cottage belonging to one of our members –

Val Madsen. Always a wonderful time of fun, friendship and plenty of sewing – and of course our AGM!

Kerenza is now our new Chairlady and we thank Leanne for her two years of inspiration and enthusiasm.

We are all looking forward to either attending or hearing about the Siyadala Festival in PE.

Lorette, Lynn, Kerenza and I are making the trip down and we are most excited to see the exhibition and especially attend the Tentmakers of Cairo Lecture! Leanne and I have entered quilts for the competition.

Priscilla has just become a granny again for the second time, when her daughter Kirsten had another baby girl called Sarah last week.

In July we will be celebrating Val's 90th birthday – what an inspiration she is to us.

A very talented lady - she keeps knitting and crocheting for her family and for charity as fast as she is supplied with wool and also makes quilts from time to time for her ever growing brood of great grandchildren! We are privileged to have her in our guild!

ROSEMARY HURTER

GRASSROOTS QUILTERS GUILD

In January, Sarojani Naidoo spoke about her trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. Countries which I have now put on my bucket list to visit. Fascinating.

Our speaker in February was MONIQUE LABAT. She has written a cookbook and told us about how she produced it herself on the internet. It's very easy to do yourself.

In March, one of our members, Meena Reddy ran a workshop to make bags (which she makes herself), for rape victims. Usually when victims of rape report the rape, they have nothing with them, so they are given a bag filled with items which they need.

A really worthy cause, so if any of you have old bags or if you make bags, please contact us at Grassroots and we will make sure these bags are passed on to the relevant people.

In April, Heidi Cox of Fabrics Unravelled spoke to us about different types of fabric and identification of fabrics.

It was a real eye-opener. What a dynamic and charismatic lady she is.

Artroots is still going strong, under the leadership of Odette Tolksdorf.

Our group quilt for festival is complete and is outstanding and is on its way to PE. It's such a warm fuzzy feeling when all members of a guild work together to create a thing of beauty.

Our two co-chairladies are standing down in June, and we have decided that we will adopt the BUDDY GROUP system. (this we have copied from Quilters by the Sea – thank you).

We think that members are rather excited to do this, as it gives everyone exposure in the running of the guild and in being in a leadership role without all the stress. If you need to know more about how this Buddy Group system works, then please contact me.

Keep quilting!

LYN GONZAGA

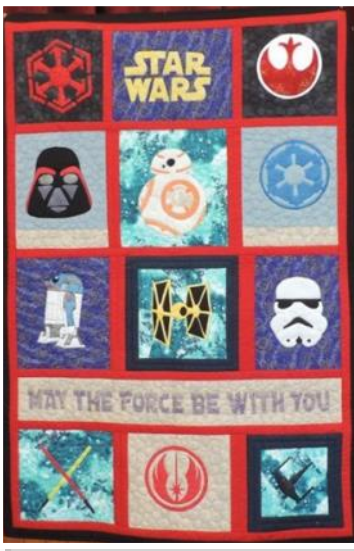
MEANDER QUILTERS' GUILD HOWICK

We had a busy start to the year with our charity quilt and annual Chairlady's Challenge getting us up and going.

Our charity quilt this year has a butterfly theme (see the photo with blocks which were returned). The next step is to select the perfect fabric for the sashing and then on to the quilting. This year's quilt is called the Peggy Frayne Memorial Quilt and we'll be selling raffle tickets for it as soon as its been quilted.

The Chairlady's Challenge started in March with everyone being asked to bring at least one UFO to that meeting. (There were some people who don't have UFO's – can you believe that?)!! Anyway, out came the UFO's and then came the challenge – complete that project before the end of October 2017. There were some members who thought the Chairlady had pulled a bit of “a fast one” for this challenge....

Lindy Briscoe, Howick



Janet Waring
Star Wars Quilt

Janet made this quilt for one of her grandsons who is a total Star Wars fan.



Lesley Cuff

A new member, showed us her quilt featuring a quirky cat fabric incorporated in a snowball design

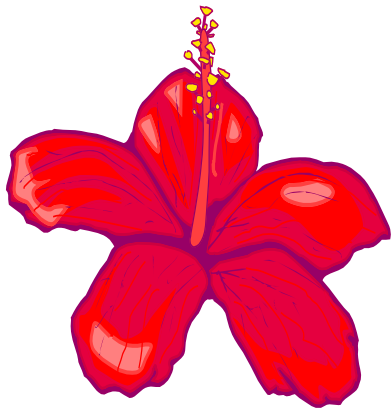


Members
contribution for
a charity quilt



Denise Webber

has promised to “do something” with this beautiful Baltimore block she made some time ago!



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We have all breathed a sigh of relief at the arrival of cooler weather and welcome rain. Now all of us hand work ladies can haul out our quilting projects and get going with some hand quilting.

Our UFO challenge is going great guns with 1 of our members finishing hers before her stipulated time! It gives the rest of us hope that it can be done!

Our association with Bowlers for Babies has come to an end - this was a heart - warming project where we made quilts/blankets and knitted items for new moms in the provincial hospitals in our area. We even had a huge donation of goods from a lovely couple who visited from Wales! They had so much stuff for us, I'm not sure where they put their luggage.

We have launched our Strip of the Month (sans the Chippendales!) Ann Oberholzer, our very own accredited teacher, very kindly agreed to design and demonstrate a strip quilt. Very exciting - lots of new techniques and designs to be learnt.

Our Tips and Advice for April gave us another use for our rubber gloves. Move over dishwashing and hello to quilting. The cut off fingers of the gloves are useful for guiding the fabric along whilst you are quilting. We also learned how to make a pouch - handy for a small sewing kit - or for a number of uses.

Happy quilting to everyone!

Margi Anderson

TOLLGATE QUILTERS GUILD

What a lovely venue St Agnes Church is. It is so wonderful to look around and see the vendors and the quilts all around us.

We were inspired by the beautiful quilts that Lyn Gonzaga has made at our February meeting. At our March meeting Beth Barkus and I demonstrated delightful little Easter themed appliqués.

In April Mandy Kirk took us on her quilting journey and what a journey it has been. Her quilts were amazing. For National Quilt Day in March 2017, Tollgate put on a quilt display at Glenashley Library.



The display of quilts was absolutely gorgeous. We were in the children's library downstairs and we caught the interest of the younger generation. We had hunt the Easter Bunny (on a quilt) and rewarded them with an Easter Egg. Moms and/or Dads were there with them and so they all had a look at the quilts and were very impressed.

One delightful Dad left his 12 year old son under our care while he went to fetch his wife as he was sure she would love the quilts. She did and I think we might have a new quilter in the making. We also had Eva, Beth's granddaughter, sewing a raggedy bag on Beth's sewing machine. Everyone was very impressed that someone so young could be quilting. She did finish the bag during the morning (in between her duties as Easter egg bunny). It was a delightful morning and so worth the time and effort.

**Happy Quilting,
Mary Chapman**

THE MIDLANDS QUILTERS

I cannot believe it is the end of April already, the Easter holidays have come and gone, only 9 weeks to Midwinter really!!.

Hopefully all the ladies are busy with their challenge quilts for the garden show we the committee members are looking for a bumper crop of beautiful Africa quilts for this years show, with cooler weather on the way no excuse for quilting.

Tiiu Excell was our guest speaker for the month of February always a most interesting talk and beautiful quilts.

March meeting we had the pleasure of Coleen Roberts as our guest speaker who took us along her quilting journey it never



Colleen showing her quilt to Midlands Guild

ceases to amaze me what wonderful talent we have in KZN. April saw us been entertained by our very own Nicky Hunter-Smith, personally I have to admire her with her ability to put quilting into a completely different perspective, just sew and cut and piece together and there is the most wonderful quilt, Nicky I wish I was as brave as you well done. In closing Midlands quilters Guild lost our very dear member and friend Ann Duckworth, our condolences to her family, all at the guild will miss her for her friendship and inspiration. Until next time happ quilting.

Jill Krog—Midlands Quilters Guild

KZNQG - GUILD DATABASE

Area	Guild Name	Contact	Is Chairlady a member of KZNQG	Telephone	Cell	Email	Monthly Meeting Date	Time	Venue	AGM Month
Amanzimtoti	Cottage Patch	Daphne Reinbach	No		0846798097	daphne@reinbach.com	1 st Monday	9 - 12	Toti Library	March
		Denise Muldal	No			muldalc@futurenet.co.za.				
Margate	Hibiscus	Margi Anderson	No	039-315 1767	083-4095094	margi@mtnloaded.co.za	4 th Tuesday		Village of Happiness, Margate	
PMB	Truro Quilters	Asha Soni	No	033-391 3072		Asha.soni@gmail.com	1 st Tuesday	9am	Truro Community Hall	
Richmond	Richmond Country Quilters	Lauren Walsh	No		083-7991853	mycountrystudio@gmail.com	4 th Wednesday	2-4pm	Richmond Bowling Club	
Underberg	Underberg Patchwork Guild	Anita Turton	No	033- 01 1711		anita.turton@telkomsa.net	4th Thursday		Underberg	
Ballito/Salt Rock	Sheffield Night Owls	Fiona Walker	Yes	032-946 0874	083-3117330	fifrog@telkomsa.net			Various homes	
Dundee	Love2Patch Quilters Guild	Marilie Bruyns	Yes		071-6036083	marilie.bruyns@yahoo.com	quarterly	2 - 4 pm	Dundee Moedergemeente	
Durban North	Quilters-by-the-Sea									
Glenwood	Tollgate	Mary Chapman	Yes	031-762 2508	083-6098210	mary.stan@telkomsa.net	3 rd Tuesday	7-9pm	Glenwood Community Church	Aug
Hillcrest	Sew Wot	Jenni Scott	Yes	031-776 4061	084-5128148	jenniscott167@gmail.com	last Wednesday	6-8:30pm	Cotton Tales	
Hilton	Midlands	Moiria Ryder	Yes	033-239 5690	082-6868939	marline@iafrica.com	3 rd Thursday		Hilton Methodist Hall	
Howick	Meander	Lindy Briscoe	Yes	033-330 8117		nomajuba@telkomsa.net	Last Thursday	1:45 – 4pm	At Luke's Hall Howick	
Ixopo	Quilting@Home	Clare Smith	Yes	033-343 2999		awhsmith@telkomsa.net	1 st Saturday	10am -3pm	Denise Muldal's home	None
Kloof	Kloof Country	Felicity Crouch	Yes	031-767 4695	084-460 84433	felicitycrouch@gmail.com	1 st Tuesday	9.30 to 12	Veteran Car Club, Village Rd	
Kloof	Village Quilters	Jane Zietsman	Yes	031-767 1685	083-7788182	isabel@icon.co.za	2 nd Monday	9:30 to12	Methodist Church, Kloof	
PMB	Hayfields Quilters Guild	Marline Turner	Yes	033-396 3009		marline@iafrica.com	Last Tuesday	2:00-4pm	N.G.Kerk Dryden Road	
Queensburgh	Queensburgh Quilters	Kerenza Richter	Yes	031-464 1857	083-378 90527	kerenzabrent@gmail.com	1 st Monday		Various Homes	
		Barrie Buttigieg	Yes	033- 212 4389	074 -8892390	buttigieg.barrie5@gmail.com				
Scottburgh	Pleasure Time	Jenny Evans	Yes	039-976 1021	082-586 2044		3 rd Wednesday	2pm	Dutch Ref Church Scottburgh	
Westville	Grassroots	Sarojani Naidoo	Yes	031-262 4430	084-0827510	sarojani.naidoo@gmail.com	4 th Wednesday	9 to 12	Westville Library	
		Gill Lewis	Yes	031-266 3522	071-3029321	gillywilks@gmail.com				

