

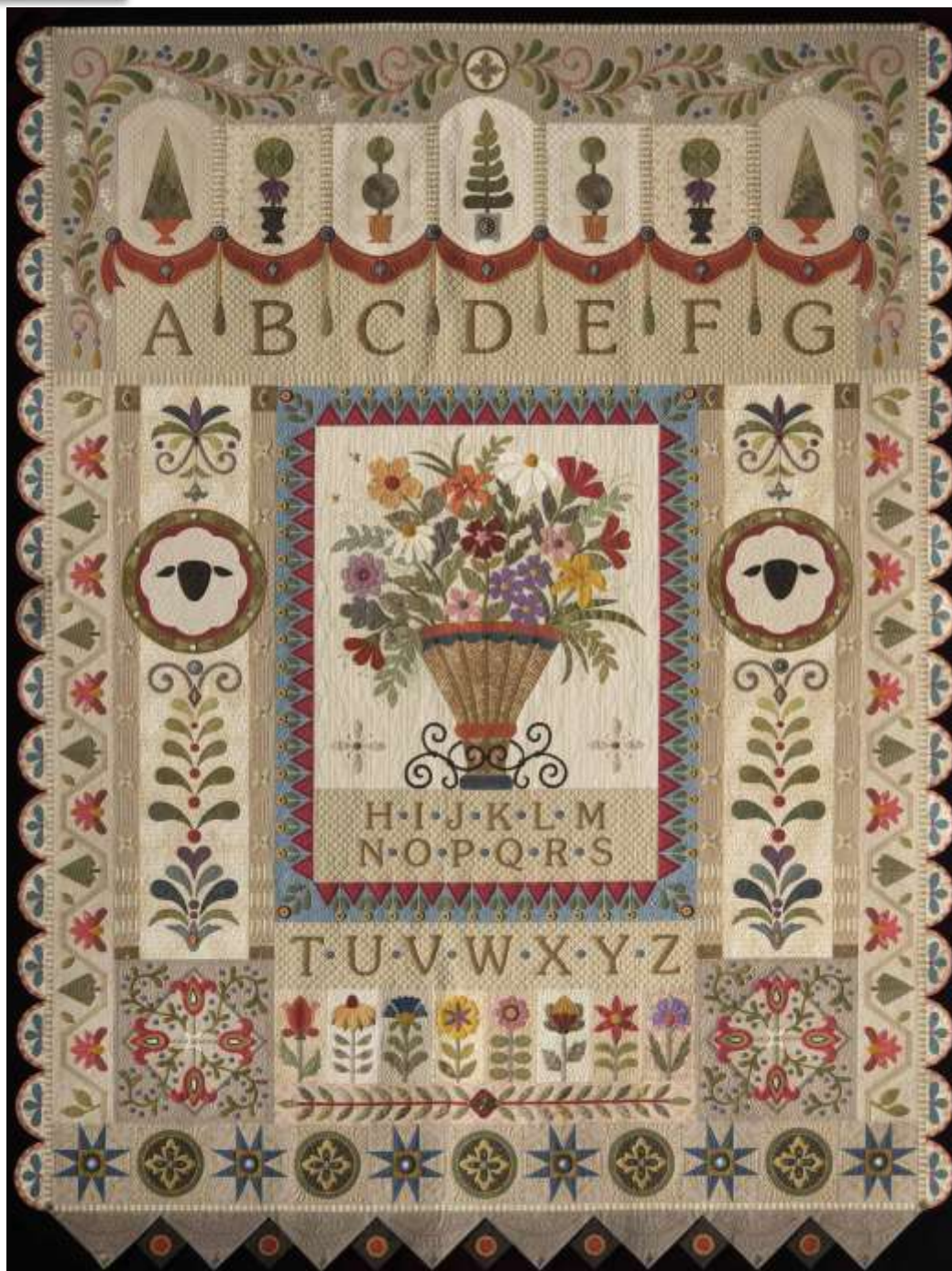


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FROM THE HOT SEAT

The Committee and I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and fabulous 2018. It promises to be a good year.

We hope that you are all rested after the Christmas festivities and ready to get quilting again, having come back from your holidays full of renewed energy and inspiration.

We hope that you have made a start on your quilt for our quilt competition. Details will be sent to you shortly regarding sizes, categories and so on. Details will also be up on our website shortly. You will also get the entry form. If you have difficulty in completing this, please ask a friend, or contact someone on the committee for help.

Please remember to complete your entry form timeously and also to get your quilt to us by the deadline date. This year, we will not accept any late entries. If you feel unsure about whether your quilt is good enough, ask a friend's advice or take it to your guild and get their opinion. Remember, this competition is aimed at beginners, and this is an opportunity to get your work out there. The competition will be judged, you will receive a crit (always constructive criticism), and there will be prizes.

Keep the quilting flag flying.

LYN



We were challenged to make a quilt MEMORIES OF DURBAN -
This quilt is titled SARDINE RUN.

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KZNQG next open day

Venue: St. Agnes Anglican Church, Kloof

Date: **3 March 2018**

Time: 9h00am – 1h30pm

Programme: **Demonstrations:**
09h30 Helen McNulty
10h00 May-Gene Terblanche
10h30 Janet Waring
11h00 Mary Ann Smith

9h00 to 12h00: Quilt Display - **Pan African Quilts ;
The Travelling Exhibition**

12pm: AGM

Roughly 12h20: **Guest Speaker – Renee de Beyer
- Pan African Quilts show-and-tell**

Visitor Fees are the same as last year at R50.00 per meeting.
Husbands and children under 16 years are free.



Notice of the Annual General Meeting
In accordance with the Constitution, members
are hereby given due notice of the

KZNQG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on **Saturday 3 March 2018 at 12H00**
Venue: St Agnes Church, Kloof

Agenda:

1. Notice of Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
4. Chairlady's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Office Bearers
7. SAQG News
8. General

Members are reminded that subscriptions
of R180 are due at or before the AGM

COMMITTEE 2018
COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM – 3 MARCH 2018

Name:.....Telephone:.....

Proposed by:.....

Seconded by:.....

Signature of Nominee:.....

Please email completed forms back to Annette Lee at annette@hackey.co.za
or bring to AGM.

KZNQG QUILT COMPETITION 3rd Nov 2018

Theme: Our ENVIRONMENT

Categories for our quilt competition 2018:

BED QUILTS: No side shorter than 130cm and no longer than 250cm

WALL QUILTS: No side shorter than 30cm and no longer than 200cm

OPEN: No longer than 250cm

GROUP: No longer than 250cm

- All quilts entered into 2017's Royal Show are eligible for this competition.
- The quilts will be judged and critiqued and there will be a First Prize (R1000) only for each category.
- Each category will have the following sections:
 - ✓ Masters (has won a 1st at National level)
 - ✓ Standard
 - ✓ Novice (first time show/ competition entry)

*Please remember that all quilts entered in this competition will be eligible for the next National SAQG Quilt Festival, to be held in Johannesburg, July 2019. **Start sewing !***

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Quilters' Calendar 2018

3 March:	KZNQG Open Day and AGM
10 March:	Quilt Academy – Bowties by May-Gene Terblanche
6 to 13 May:	Quilt Indaba at Emoyeni Country Lodge (Contact Jane Zietsman (031 767 1685 / 083 778 8182))
12 May:	Quilt Academy
25 May to 3 June:	Royal Show Pietermaritzburg
26 May:	KZNQG Open Day
26 to 30 June:	Quilt In Clarens – for more info www.quiltinclarens.co.za
14 July:	Quilt Academy
25 August:	KZNQG Open Day
8 Sept:	Quilt Academy
7 to 9 Sept:	Pietermaritzburg Garden Show
22 Sept:	Pleasuretime Quilters Guild Exhibition – Anglican Church Scottburgh (more information to follow)
3 November:	KZNQG Open Day
10 November:	Quilt Academy

Quilt academy 2018



Bowties – MayGene Terblanche

“Bowties” by MayGene

- * Join us for a day of quilting camaraderie
- * Requirements and bookings on:
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- * Tea and muffins provided
- * Bring your own lunch
(or order take out on the day)

Dates for 2018

- ◇ 10 March
- ◇ 12 May
- ◇ 14 July
- ◇ 8 September
- ◇ 10 November

March 10, 2018 from 09h00 to 15h00

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SAQG REPORT

By **MARLINE TURNER – KZNQG Representative**

20th South African National Quilt Festival

16-23 August 2019—Heronbridge College, Fourways, Johannesburg

The Festival website is live: festival.quiltsouthafrica.co.za—please feel free to visit and find out what is new.

On the website are application forms for Teachers, Retailers and Sponsors to fill out if they would like to participate in the Festival.

Deadlines: for teachers *28 March 2018*

For retailers *31 July 2018*

Sponsors: no cut off date for them.

DURBAN FESTIVAL 2023



Durban's next festival will take place in 2023. We have 6 years to prepare for our festival, and we need to start now. Your Guilds have been approached to help making things.

Please make a start on your goodie bag items. Try to get them done this year. It doesn't pay to drag things out.

Please also remember that KZNQG would like a quilt from each quilt to raffle, between now and 2023.

LETTERS FROM THE USA

September 2017

Dear family and friends

Well, we survived Hurricane Irma, with little damage.

after a lot of looking, we finally found a house that suited us. It was much loved and looked after well. The address is: 46 Westgrill Drive, Palm Coast, Florida 32164. Our new home.

Rushed off today to sort out water and electricity, another huge shock, everyone fell over backwards to help, water took ten minutes and they email confirmation and send you details as to when they do garbage collection, paper pick and garden and any other refuse. Electricity connection was done on line and in both cases we were congratulated on our new home, welcomed to Palm coast and wished all the best!!!

We will spend a bit of time replacing locks and doing a few bits of cleaning before shopping for beds and electrical appliances. First thing Monday we will contact the packers to get our shipment going. If all goes well we will have before Christmas.

November 2017

Come Monday it will be four months since we left SA. We are very fast growing to love our new home. There is a lot that we didn't have in South Africa: Electric garage doors, a door from garage straight into the passage, a full walk-in-shower and a tub shower in guest bathroom. Lovely walk-in closet, fridge with ice maker and filtered cold water, sink with a soap dispenser and a water sprinkler, sink disposal gobbler as I call it, gauzed in porch, at least one double plug on every wall, yay for that!!!, no extension leads all over. The garden also has a sprinkler system from bore-hole water.

Can't wait to see Scott and Sonia again, three years has been a long time, but it great to be able to chat with only having to worry about a two hour time change.

One last little story to confirm that this house was meant to be ours. When we built our Mac Mac drive home, after moving in, Brian's Mom gave us a miniature naartjie tree that went into a pot by our front door and lived there for over 34 years, when it got a bug and sadly died. Well, guess what? about three metres from our front door and a metre from the garage is a miniature naartjie tree. We couldn't believe it, so guess Mom is watching over us and helped choose the house for us. Isn't that amazing.

Well folk, thanks again for all your love, support and messages that keep coming - I don't think you realise how much it means to us knowing friends and family care all around the world.

Take care, all love and blessing to each and every one of you and watch this space for the news after the container arrives!!!

7th January 2018

We trust you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and that 2018 will be a special year for you all.

Christmas was very special and very different. Big crowd, excited kids and lots of fun and noise. We were made to feel special by everyone and had a great time. We have also ventured out to look for a new church closer to home.

While this has been one of the coldest Decembers America has experienced, where we are in Florida is has been no colder than spending a winter in the Drakensberg, only no mountains.

Thanks to you all for the continuous emails, WhatsApps and SMSs that keep coming and of course all those photos makes me feel we are not so far away.

Really appreciate all the contact.



20th January 2018

Officially we have been here just over 6 months. We are beginning to enjoy our home and all our furniture fits well.

It has been fun shopping for new kitchen items. Have tried my hand at baking but except for cheese muffins, nothing really is a great success, thankfully no one here knows what they should taste like so they still get eaten faster than I can bake - still finding my feet with ingredients.

Got to sorting my sewing room and repacking all my fabrics into correct colours. Believe it or not and I promise it's true! have not explored the quilt shops yet! Been on line to check them out and the prices and until I have used some of what I have or desperately need something don't want to be tempted.

One set of neighbours invited us to tea (yes tea) the other afternoon. The table was beautifully set with fine bone china cups and saucers and every flavour of tea you can imagine. The lady is a crafter but not a quilter so we had lots of chat about.

Love and blessing to all. Brian and Vereker.

Around the World of Quilts

2017 WINNERS in QUILTS: "A World Of Beauty"

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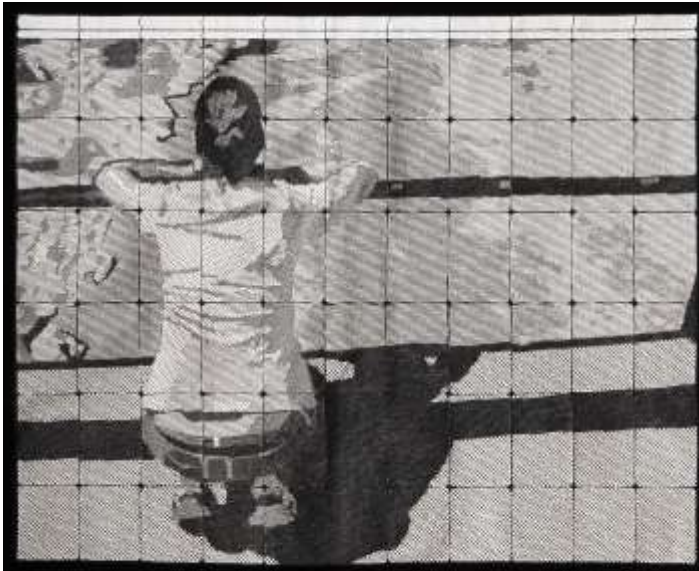
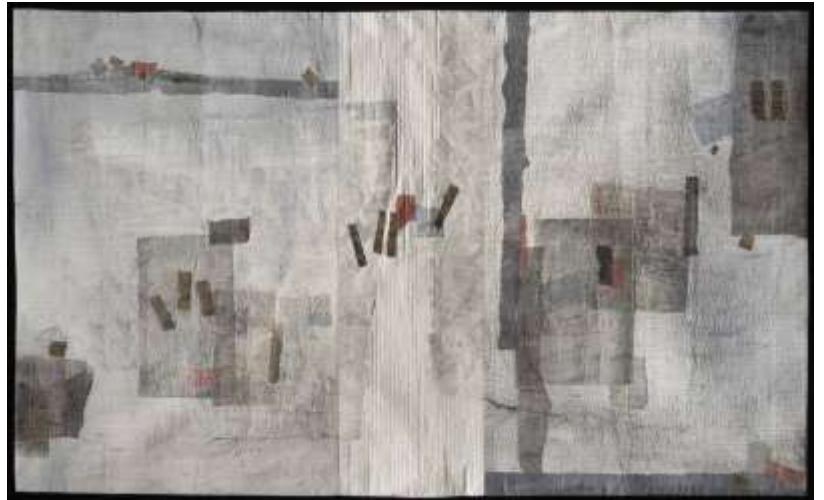
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Sophie Standing Textile Art Workshops— By Jane Zietsman

Treasurer of Grassroots Quilters Guild, Convenor Indaba



An idea born from an admiration of her Facebook images turned into a HUGE reality when after months of planning, and with the incredible support of Bernina SA, Sophie Jane Standing arrived on our shores to teach her incredible Textile Art Embroidery, over a period of 2 weeks, to 59 overwhelmingly excited students! It was a dream come true!

Sophie's trip started with a one-day course, hosted by Debbie Becker of Bernina Durban North.



The 16 ladies enjoyed every minute of being treated to demonstrations by the artist and were taught the basic techniques that her style of Textile Art involves. Although unable to complete their project in one day, by the end of class there were 16 very happy ladies!



The 2 weeks that followed were absolutely fabulous.

Hosted by Brian and Brenda Eaton at the beautiful Emoyeni Country Lodge in Camperdown, and very well looked after by Darren and Gill, two 4-day classes were attended by 43 ladies from all over Natal and even further than that!



The subject of the project was a Green Knysna Lorie, and by the end of day one, the birds emerging from each work space were far from Green! Patchworked birds of many colours were laid out and pinned, ready for embellishing and stitching over the next 3 days of the class, the results of which were nothing less than astounding!

Under the incredible guidance of Sophie, whose attention to detail is something to behold, each lady produced a "feathered" masterpiece, but which was not "quilted to death". By virtue of the name of the style of work, the textiles used in the applique of the bird were "honoured" by the stitching, allowing the detail of the fabric to remain as a part of the design!





Having a weekend off in between the two courses, Sophie and I, and a few quilting friends, took off for the mountains to the Castleburn Resort, for a well earned few days of fun and gallivanting, which included a trip up Sani Pass for the day, and lunch at the highest pub in Africa. We had a fabulous time, just a bunch of crazy quilters on a week-end away! We even did some stitching!



At the end of the 2 weeks of her visit, Sophie had achieved so much with each student, and touched the heart of each one of them! Her generous spirit, supreme teaching skills, and absolute passion about her work reflected in the works that were produced. Her laughter, sense of humour and care, reflected in the happy faces, and some tearful ones, which departed the venue, after an incredibly successful conference.

After a day of rest, and a bit of shopping at Hillcrest Aids Centre and Ardmore Ceramics, Sophie then jetted off to the Cape for a week before returning to Kloof to repack, and repack, her over-full suitcases.



Sunday 26th saw a very early departure to the airport where we bade farewell to our incredible Sophie, who arrived as a teacher, and left as a friend.

I will cherish the time we spent together, and I know she has had a huge impact on a lot of ladies and their quilting, having brought new meaning to Textile Art Embroidery!

My thanks go to to everyone who took part, and most of all to Bernina for believing in the idea, and for allowing this to happen!

We are all much richer for the experience, and I know she loved it too!!





Quilt displays
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SEEN AT OUR LAST MEETING



Demonstration by
Mandy Kirk



Story of a girl and a quilt by Heidi Cox



On the 28th of October 2017, I had the honour and extreme pleasure of being invited to speak at the KZN Quilters' Guild AGM. When I was asked if I was the guest speaker and saw the huge venue and expectant crowd, I have to admit I felt a little daunted, but as always, the warmth of the people present soon quelled my nerves.

Quilters in KZN will always have a very special place in my heart, thanks to a very special lady most will remember, Glenda Kirkiridis.

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Many moons ago, in 2004, I did a talk on behalf of Frame Fabrics, my employer at the time, for the quilters at a church in Umbilo, after which I was generously presented with a cash gift. The talk had been on behalf of Frame, and I didn't feel it appropriate to keep the gift, so I asked Glenda as well as my boss, if it would be acceptable if it were to be passed on to the family of a child, Caitlin, who was in my son's pre-school class and fighting leukaemia.

Little did I know that I should stand back - Glenda was about to fly into action ... She suggested that I gather parents at the school and we make a quilt to raise funds for Caitlin, and anyone who knew Glenda, knows that all resistance was futile!

I sent a note to fellow parents at the school, and they, along with several quilters who had never even met Caitlin, set up shop one Saturday in Glenda's Westville home and, under her guidance, we spent a day making the most richly-coloured vibrant quilt imaginable. Glenda then arranged with more friends to have it backed, quilted and edged ready for the raffle.

I asked Caitlin to draw the ticket and a friend of mine, Nadia, won the raffle, who promptly announced that, in spite of buying 10 tickets, she had no use for the exquisite piece of work and asked Caitlin if she would like to have it instead. Caitlin adored the quilt and it was with her for every visit to hospital when she went for treatment - which, for the record, was successful.

Glenda, is, for sure, a sorely-missed force to be reckoned with, and I will always hold quilters with extreme affection for their kindness.

With a lump in my throat, I moved on to the business at hand, and started to present the activities and background of **Fabrics Unravelled**.

The company was started by a friend, Carol Watkinson, who had her background in Fashion Design and teaching, was passionate about fabrics, and spent 2 decades researching and sourcing over 400 fabrics in order to compile reference materials and text books that have become invaluable to all and sundry who use fabrics in any form or volume.

Sadly, in October 2014, Carol passed away, at which time, her family asked whether I, with Carol's long-standing friend and assistant, Pushpa Maistry, would be willing to continue the work of Fabrics Unravelled, which they were both willing to do to honour her work and her memory.

I am a qualified textile technologist with over 20 years textile experience in many areas of the textile manufacturing process and as I was often Carol's first point of call in the event that technical details needed cross-checking and helped in the analysis of several samples used in the reference materials, as well as editing some of her projects over the years, I am very familiar with Carol's work.

I've tweaked the details in the material of Fabrics Unravelled over the past couple of years to enhance the technical correctness and stay in line with technical aspects of the industry. The text books and reference materials are very much available for sale, as are textile training courses that can be run for any group that is interested, either "off-the-shelf" or tailor-made for a specific group application.

After the presentation, during question time, there were discussions around bamboo fibre, silk and, the quilters' favourite ... cotton ... for which I took some of the audience outside to demonstrate how to safely perform a burn test to obtain a good idea of the composition of a piece of fabric.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to speak with you at this event, and I hope I'll have reason to be in regular contact with the quilting community going forward.

For more information on Fabrics Unravelled reference materials, text books and training courses please contact:

Heidi Cox

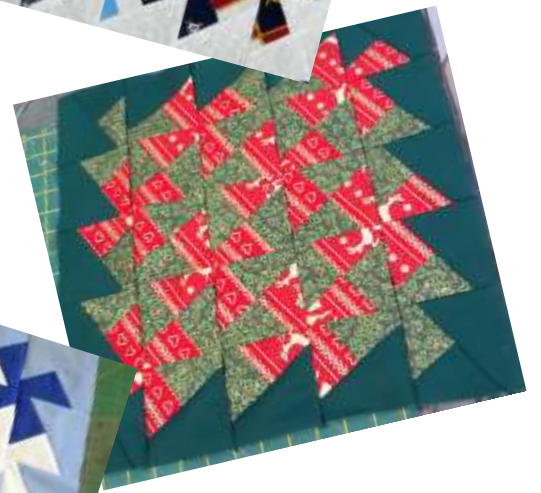
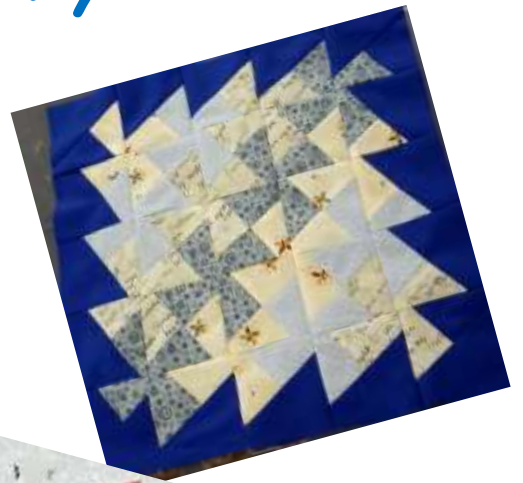
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At Quilt Academy

Fanfare Tessellation -
with
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GUILD NEWS

Kloof Country Quilters

Our December meeting was all about fun, friends, reaching out to others and of course good food!!! Instead of bringing and exchanging gifts, members were asked to bring a handbag filled with necessities or just items to go in the handbags for the Jes Foord Foundation Handbag Project. These handbags filled with items such as tissues, toiletries, sanitary pads etc, are given to rape victims who are in need.



As always our members were so generous and there were 3 large boxes of items collected. We will invite Jes to speak at one of our meetings this year to tell us of their good work.

For the past few months we have sold raffle tickets for a strip quilt. This quilt was won by Menaka Pillay.



Di Munks from the Multiple Sclerosis Association gave us a short talk about Multiple Sclerosis and she was pleased to receive R1000.00 for her Association - the proceeds of our raffle.

After tea it was time for fun.....we played strip poker, quilters bingo, thread the needle and quilters whirlyword!!! So the year ended on a high note after much laughter and many prizes!!!



Kloof Country Quilters' first 2018 meeting was early February. It was a busy meeting: Trish from the Jes Foord Foundation gave us feedback on how

the handbags donated by our ladies at our December meeting are distributed to those in need. We all felt so enlightened by the very good work of this organisation.

Kloof Country quilters have pledged to make 1000 flower brooches (pic on the right) for the goodie bags for the 2023 Festival.....the work has begun!! The Chairlady's Challenge was launched—members will make 4 group quilts for the KZN quilt show!! The groups will be co-ordinated by our teacher members: Wendy, May-gene, Tiiu and Carol. Thank you ladies, it's going to be a fun quilting journey!!

Regards,
Felicity



Queensburgh Quilters

Our October meeting was spent at the Bernina shop in Musgrave. Our Guild was entertained by Taz and her friendly staff sharing information about all the new machines, tools and gadgets and obviously a little spending was on the cards.

Annette and Lorette assisted at the KZNQG stand during the Hobby X exhibition and Leanne celebrated her 50th birthday with an old-fashioned tea party.

During November we took a trip to Howick, visiting our country member Priscilla's lovely home. Judy Zingel was our guest visitor, showing us some of her work.

Our December Christmas meeting was an emotional meeting as we said goodbye to Kerenza our chairlady, who emigrated to Australia.

We also said goodbye to Joan who decided it was time to hang up her quilting gloves. We will surely miss them both at the Guild.

Our Guild always looks forward to our January weekend away meeting at Val's beach cottage in Zinkwazi. Definitely not a meeting to be missed. Lots of sharing between old friends with eating, chatting and quite a number of projects on the go.

The new year holds lots of interesting events to look forward to and we will be busy having workshops making items for our next festivals goody bags.

Happy quilting
Magda Lombard



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Sheffield Nite Owls - Ballito

January 2018

2017 done and dusted! Sheffield Nite Owls had a good year of quilting and learning new techniques and enjoying friendships new and old.

Our raffle quilt was donated to Rotary Ballito and raised a satisfactory sum of R7200.00. A lot of work went into the making of the quilt by the group and we were immensely proud of our efforts.



The ladies also decided to do a group quilt with blocks made individually and done "quilt as you go" after a demo on various methods, and Sue Freckleton bravely opted to combine the blocks to complete it.

In November Sharon and Fiona attended the wonderful Sophie Standing course at Emoyeni and learnt so much from that talented lady.

On the Saturdays that we have no formal classes or demos, we continue to make and create quilts for donation

We sadly lost one of our dear members. Avis Taylor died peacefully after a short illness. We send our thoughts and condolences to family and friends.

We ended the year with a lovely lunch at the Salt Rock Hotel, with much merriment, good food and some (!) wine.

We did however gain two new members – Gail Hinds and Nina McNeill. Welcome to them and hope they have many happy years with us.



Wishing all quilters in KZN a very happy and healthy 2018.

Regards

Fiona Walker



Pleasuretime Quilters guild , Scottburgh

One of the highlights of our quilting year was working on the group quilt which we named the Housie quilt. Once each member had completed their house square the ladies belonging to the Hillfillies group undertook the assembly of the quilt. The completed quilt was a delight and members enthusiastically embarked on the raffle thereof, ably assisted by Carol Anderson, owner of the Yarn Barn, who sold many tickets in her lovely shop. I don't think she allowed a single customer to leave without taking a ticket!!



The draw took place at our year end Bring-and-Share luncheon. In appreciation of her efforts Carol was invited as our special guest and was asked to draw the winner of the raffle. What a joy that the winner was none other than Vanessa McDowell, one of our very own members (see pic on the right)!! "Alexander Homes for the Aged" benefitted from funds raised by this very successful venture.

Prior to the year end the members were issued a challenge to each produce a Christmas item to decorate the venue for our function. Many responded and there were runners, placemats, cushions and Christmas decorations. Some members brought along festive items from previous years. Sandy used the opportunity to display her stunning, newly completed hand quilted colourwash quilt (fabrics were sourced in Sumatra). Cilla produced the long-awaited purple quilt top!! Sophia had on display some of her beautiful wooden laser-cut Christmas items- business was brisk!



Members had been asked to don suitable headgear and Ruth Tomlinson stole the show with her Father Christmas/chimney hat (pic on the left). A few prizes were handed out and a couple of lucky dip draws took place. Our entertainment was provided by Shirley who had written a piece of prose about the Hillfillies of which she is a member, Sandy who read two tongue-twisting poems from an old poetry book, Heather, who we managed to convince to give us a song, and we ended off with a quiz to test our quilting knowledge. Plenty of laughter, good food and a happy time was had by all.

Looking forward to what is planned for 2018 our most important event will be the quilt (and hopefully art) exhibition we will be holding on the 22nd September at the Anglican Church in Scottburgh. Please diarise this date – more details will follow as the year progresses! We have embarked on a "Sweet Sixteen" project whereby members are using page 16 of any publication as their inspiration for a quilted item. A bag workshop is planned for February and the launch of another group quilt in March! No peace for the wicked!!

From Pleasure time quilters, Scottburgh to KZN quilters- happy stitching!!



Meander Quilter's Guild

We had a busy active year in 2017,
and look forward to some fun activity
in 2018.

Below some of the beautiful quilts
made by our members last year.

Regards,
Janet Waring .



Village Quilters of Kloof

February 2018

November is our AGM month and last year we had a wonderful meeting. Sally Harley and friends from Pleasuretime Quilters Guild had a real treat in store for us. Their very quick and easy machine piecing demonstration has already been used by Margaret Jones and then they shared lots of other useful tips with us – a very slick “performance”. There are now nine committee members to keep us on our toes, so with Tiiu at the helm I am sure we will be kept very busy this year.

Then at the end of every year we have a Christmas Party which gives us time to socialise (“hang out” as they say today) with our quilting friends. Last year was as good as it gets and after a splendid meal provided by everyone, we all went home to enjoy the holiday season with our families and to celebrate the blessings of Christmas. Thanks to Marge who was responsible for organising the food – we couldn’t have done it without her!



Roll on the January meeting. It was time to fill our empty diaries and start creating again. We interrupted Rosalie’s “holiday at home” by asking her to be our guest speaker. As usual her slide show was most interesting and inspiring and everyone MUST have gone home with at least 3 quilts in mind. At least I did – let us see if I can complete them for the KZNQG Exhibition in November!

“Relying on my feelings and instincts allows a lot of myself to become a part of a quilt”. From A Quilter’s Notebook.

Yours in quilting—Colleen Roberts

Midlands Quilting Guild

Jane Renton was voted in as chairlady for 2018. Our November meeting was also our Christmas Lunch and a great day was held by all.

Jane has given us the challenge quilt for next year and as it is a mystery quilt the first five blocks were given to us to do over the Christmas period no peace for the wicked. They are to be all applique blocks and so Jane arranged to have demos at the Christmas lunch, our thanks to Jane Nikki and Lesley who all kindly gave of their time to show us various methods.

January saw everybody back at guild and ready for the new year a show and tell was held for the mystery quilt blocks and some wonderful blocks were on display. The new set of blocks were given out at the meeting as well as the charity square. Sue Cameron was our guest speaker and gave us a most informative lecture on the use of machine needles thread etc a subject which sounds boring, but Sue as usual made it most informative and entertaining.

Thank you, Sue.

Sew Wot Guild

2018 started off with our January meeting at Colleen's house, where we caught up with the new year news and got going on the needle books our Guild is making for the Festival.

Our upcoming February trip to the South Coast was much anticipated and plans were discussed and finalised for the Guild's weekend away at Toni's house. Toni and her husband Andy retired to Palm Beach and we have been breathlessly waiting for an opportunity to spend a few days visiting them.

Although, sadly, not all the Guild members could come along on this overnight trip, those who did, had a marvellous and productive time!

We settled down early on Saturday morning to create table mats using a Bargello pattern. It was very interesting to see the pattern emerge after so much measuring and cutting! Our progress was carefully monitored at all times by Sweetpea the cat.

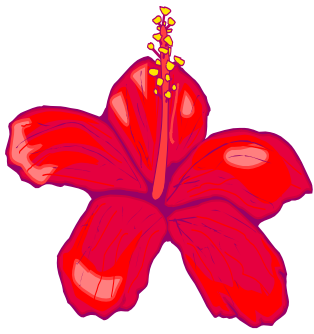


Our hosts kindly treated us to a scrumptious braai and salads, and a delicious blueberry cheese cake prepared Andy. This welcome break gave us all a chance to catch up and enjoy the beautiful view of the sea.

Sunday morning brought with it slightly overcast cooler weather, and a very informative lesson on free-motion machine embroidery using a normal machine and a hoop. Sadly we said goodbye and left for our respective homes, having taken with us new memories made with special friends, old and new.

Keep on quilting, Sew Wot Guild.





Hibiscus Quilters Guild

9th February 2018

Greetings to everybody from the Hibiscus Quilters down here on the South Coast. We are looking forward to a happy and creative 2018.

Last year already seems so far away – in August we had a visit from May-Gene who introduced us to the world of Persian Embroidery (it has a lovely exotic name but the spelling escapes me!). We celebrated our 27th birthday in September. We delivered over 50 cushion tops and dog blanket tops to one of our local pet rescue centres in October.

Most of the ladies completed their UFO's – but if the production rate is anything to go by, there will be a few more UFO's left by the wayside as we tackle new projects with enthusiasm.

We have an income generating project called Make and Donate where we bring unwanted items from home (not necessarily quilting or sewing items) and sell them. We raised enough money to purchase 4 lovely hampers for lucky draws at the last meeting of the year. Everybody benefits – the cupboards get cleared out, members get to purchase items and the Guild makes money to fund their own hampers.

If I could share a Quilter's Blessing with you before I sign off—

May your rotary cutter always be sharp, may your seams be straight and true. May your points be perfect, your blocks square and even, and may you always see well enough to thread your needles!

Happy quilting.
Margi Anderson

Grassroots Guild

In October we had Caroline Heathcote from the Embroiderers Guild talk to us about all things embroidery. We really did not know that there were so many different kinds of embroidery. A very interesting talk.

November saw us at our Christmas party at the home of Sheila Nichol for a high tea. Everyone brought something to eat, and as usual there was far too much food. We displayed all of our 3 packet challenges which Marline Turner gave us, and it was so interesting to see just what the ladies came up with. They were certainly inventive.

January we had Rosalie Dace talk to us on Quilts, Quirks and Curiosities. As usual, we all came away from that talk filled with inspiration and ready to get going with our next quilt.

Odette Tolkdorf and Rosalie ran the meeting as they were the Buddy Group for January. This is definitely the way forward, as it gives everyone a chance to get to know just what is involved in running the meeting, and also allows those members who would not normally stand up and speak, to do just that.

Rosalie and Odette gave us a new challenge. Make an A4 quilt with JUST 2 colours. Mmmm, not as easy as it sounds.

Keep stitching
LYN GONZAGA

KZNQG Guild Database February 2018

Area	Guild Name	Contact	Telephone	Cell	Email	Monthly Meeting Date	Time	Venue	AGM
Amanzimtoti	Cottage Patch	Janet Jackman		072-610 5702	janetrosalind50@gmail.com	1 st Monday	9 - 12pm	Toti Library	March
Ballito/Salt r	Sheffield Night Owls	Fiona Walker	032-946 0874	083-311 7330	ffrog@telkomsa.net	2 nd Saturday	9am	Alice Massie	None
Durban North	Quilters-by-the-Sea	Katinka van Aade		082-488 3638	mammagriskat@gmail.com	1 st Wednesday	9h30am	North Dbn Lion's Den	
Glenwood	Tollgate	Twig Hartwig	031-762 3148	083-449 1800	twigg@telkomsa.net	3 rd Tuesday	7-9pm	Glenwood Comm.church	Aug
Hillcrest	Sew Wot	Jenni Scott	031-776 4061	084-512 8148	jenniscott167@gmail.com	1st/2nd Sat	9am - 3pm	Members' homes	Feb
Hilton	Midlands	Jane Renton	033-2631276	082-558 1682	jane@rietyelandsapes.co.za	3 rd Thursday	9h30am	Hilton Methodist	
Howick	Meander	Janet Waring & Christine Wassung	082-922 2391 Janet	082-8752384 Christine	waring@beycom.co.za terryvw@sai.co.za	Last Thursday	1.45-4pm	St. Lukes Hall howick	Nov
Ixopo	Quilting@Home	Denise Muldal	039-834 1437		muldalhc@futurenet.co.za	1 st Saturday	9.30-5pm	Denise Muldal's	None
Kloof	Kloof Country	Felicity Crouch	031-767 4695	084-608 4432	dacabs@telkomsa.net	1 st Tuesday	9.30 - 12	Sarepta church	Aug
Kloof	Village Quilters	Tiliu Excell		083-642 2006	tili.excell@gmail.com	2 nd Monday	9h30 - 12pm	Methodist Church, Kloof	Nov
Margate	Hibiscus	Margi Anderson	039-315 1767	083-409 5094	margi@mtloaded.co.za	4 th Tuesday	9h30am	Village happiness	Oct
PMB	Truro Quilters	Asha Soni	033-391 3072		Asha.soni@gmail.com	1 st Tuesday	9am	Truro Community Hall	
PMB	Hayfields Quilters	Marline Turner	033-396 3009		marline@iafrica.com	Last Tuesday	2-4pm	NG Kerk, Dryden Rd	
Queensburgh	Queensburgh Quilters	Magda Lombard	031-464 5038	083-794 5038	magda.lombard60@gmail.com	2 nd Saturday	3-6pm	Members' homes	Jan
Richmond	Richmond Country Quilters	Winsome English	033-212 1294	072-963 9811	winsome@webmail.co.za	4 th Wednesday	2-4pm	Richmond Bowling Club	
Scottburgh	Pleasure Time	Jenny Evans	039-976 1012	082-586 2044	jenny@scottnet.co.za	3rd Thurs.	2pm	Dutch Reform Church	March
Underberg	Underberg Patchwork Guild	Rosemary Storm		071-508 8292	ro@stormco.co.za	4th Tuesday		Cathy Knox's home	
Westville	Grassroots	Lyn Gonzaga	031-764 5045	083-463 7729	lyngon@telkomsa.net	4th Wednesday	9 - 12pm	Westville Library	June
Zululand	Zululand Quilters Guild Richards Bay	Elsje Pretorius	035-789 2535	082-953 5642	elsjeecn@hotmail.com	4th Saturday	10-1pm	Elsje's home	