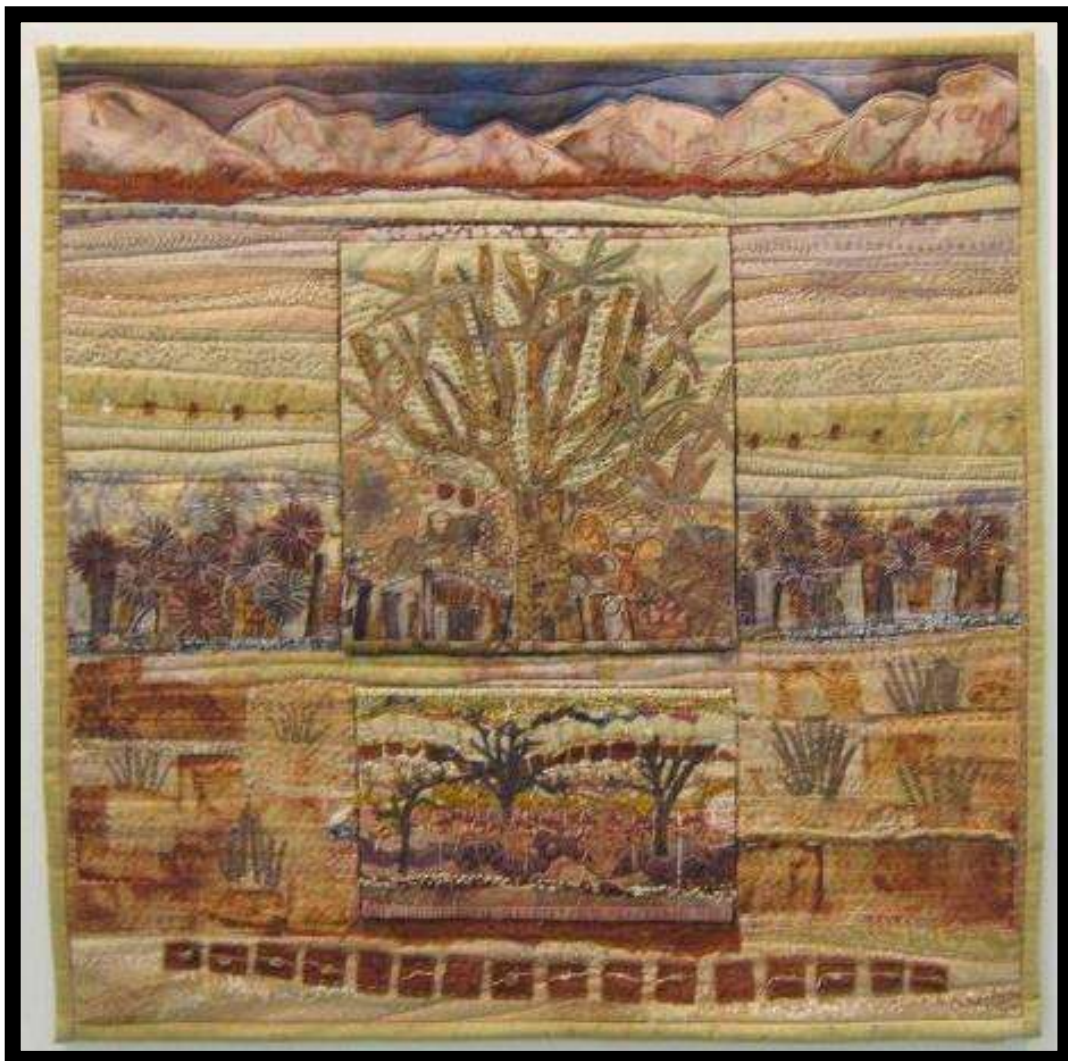




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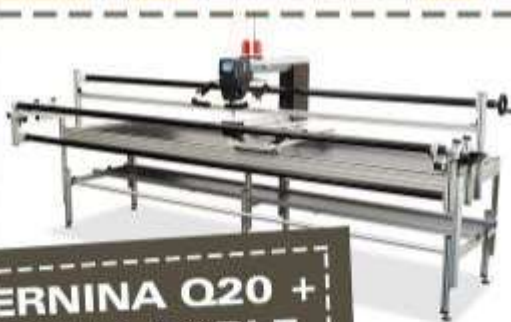
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Grateful thanks to Jean (who can't even sew on a button) for her valuable help with putting together the newsletter in the last two years.

And grateful thanks also go to LINDY BRISCOE (a quilter!) for kindly offering to step into Jean's shoes.

We wish both of them well in their new endeavours.

Be well and sew well.

Judy

QUIRKY quilter

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At least a quilter can always find her luggage!

Cover quilt

This is in memory of Kathy Grant who made this small quilt. It was her entry to "The World Heritage Sites International Exhibition" and her theme was the Richtersveld.

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FROM THE HOT SEAT

Well, we're already in May and I am expecting those quilt competition entry forms to come pouring in. Please remember you can either email them to me at lyn-gon@telkomsa.net or you can bring them to the meeting. Or you can email them to Ruth Archer at fest-fund2015@gmail.com or you can go through book when. Quilt Indaba is taking place in May and the organiser has put together a wonderful selection of very diverse teachers. There is something for everyone. If you haven't yet booked, I urge you to do so. If you are able to stay over, it will be a week like no other with wonderful camaraderie amongst all the quilters. Don't forget your ROYAL SHOW quilts if you are entering. Keep checking our EVENTS CALENDAR in the newsletter for forthcoming events.

I really enjoyed reading Claire Wallace's article in the latest Stitches magazine, on borders. It was well written and easy to understand.

So, if your borders are wavy or your quilt does not lie flat, you need to read this article.

We pay tribute to the late Kathy Grant who passed away on 3rd April. What an exceptionally talented quilter she was. She will be missed by many.

Keep the quilting flag flying.

Lyn



Quilt by Lyn Gonzaga

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SEEN AT OUR LAST MEETING:



Incoming Chair Lyn Thanking outgoing chair Pauline for her wonderful service to KZNQG over the last 10+ years.



KZN Festival Challenge quilts

SEEN AT OUR LAST MEETING:



Claire Wallace, guest speaker



Claire Wallace demonstrating long-arm quilting.
Note KZNQG's new projector onto wall behind Claire.



"Scene" at Sisters Quilt Show 27 April



Hayfields Quilters Guild (formerly St Matthews) held their Sisters Quilt Exhibition on Wednesday 27th May. Almost 200 beautiful quilts were displayed in the NG KERK as well as in the church hall, for the many visitors to feast their eyes on. There were so many compliments and very happy visitors. Once again the floral displays brought much delight and amusement to the visitors. There was a display using an old Singer Sewing machine, two arrangements that had Huge fabric blooms, and one with wool balls of various colours which aroused much delight and interest. Our comment was that those were "indigenous" blooms of Crafters Variety and we are sticking to that. After all, at this time when there is this devastating drought in the country that is the best option. We had many very favourable comments and congratulations from the visitors. There were the usual pancakes, koeksisters, boerewors and many delicious cakes to buy. Not to mention the Tea Garden. Indeed a wonderful way to celebrate Freedom day!!!!

Watch this space for our next Sisters Quilt Exhibition.

The winner of the quilt we were raffling was Doris Manson cell no 0825747184. She was delighted.

Marlene Turner





SPOTLIGHT ON..... Jane Renton



Our quilter in focus in this edition is a quilter with a difference. Her work is difficult to describe but is creative, with excellent and often unusual colour choice.

Jane began sewing and knitting when she was 9 or 10 years of age. Her mom did little handwork but her gran - who Jane never even met - was the one who did handwork. It is in her genes Jane says. She did tapestries and cross stitch from her teens, as well as embroidery. Her very first quilt was made when she was pregnant with her first child. She embroidered the top then added batting and backing for warmth, and has been passionate about quilting ever since. Her husband says she is obsessive rather than passionate!

Jane hails from Estcourt where she has lived on a farm for 28 years, since she married her farmer-husband. She loves farm life and has always played an active role in the farm. She did admin for her husband for both the farm and his business, for over 20 years, stopping last year. Jane joined the Midlands Quilting Guild (in Hilton) 22 years ago and is still an active member. She was even chairlady for four years, until last year. She has quilting friends in the Estcourt area with whom she has learnt much. She started going to Festivals in 1996 (Durban) and doing

courses from early in her quilting career.

A highlight in this quilting career has been the Teachers' Course two years ago. The members of her study group on this course became good friends and are still in regular contact. She stresses how much she learnt while doing this course. Jane trained and worked as a teacher after school. It has become evident that combining teaching and quilting has been a wise choice. She is currently teaching a course in Pietermaritzburg: Scenic quilting (also known as Thread Painting; see picture).



Jane is getting near to completion of a DEAR JANE quilt. It has been ten years in the making, but she has enjoyed every stitch. (See picture above)

Jane describes herself as reserved and more of a loner than a "people person". However, she does enjoy being with people at times, saying: Everyone has their pearls of wisdom. Jane says she loves acquiring new knowledge and reads a great deal. She also gardens and does other handwork when she can find the time...embroidery in particular. The current drought (which in their area has been severe for the past year) has made gardening really difficult of late. Jane has raised two sons, now in their twenties and both studying. She describes their family as close. It is clear that anything Jane undertakes, from quilting to raising children to being active in farm life, she does really well and with commitment and enthusiasm.

It would appear that Jane is going from strength to strength in the quilting sphere, and if any member has a chance to see some of her quilts or do one of her courses, grab the opportunity. She is an asset to KZNQG.



2016 WORLD QUILT COMPETITION, USA - CALL FOR ENTRIES

It's time for the annual WORLD QUILT COMPETITION and you are invited to enter.

This is the sixteenth 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.

Please email Odette for the South African entry form as it is too large to attach to the newsletter

Here's a brief summary:

- 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).
- MAY 13, 2016 is the deadline date for Entry Form and JPG images.
- Quilts will be exhibited at quilt shows in the USA.

You are welcome to share this information with your quilting friends and colleagues and on social media. Also see: <http://www.worldquilt.com/>

Please contact me if you have any queries and I look forward to receiving your entries.

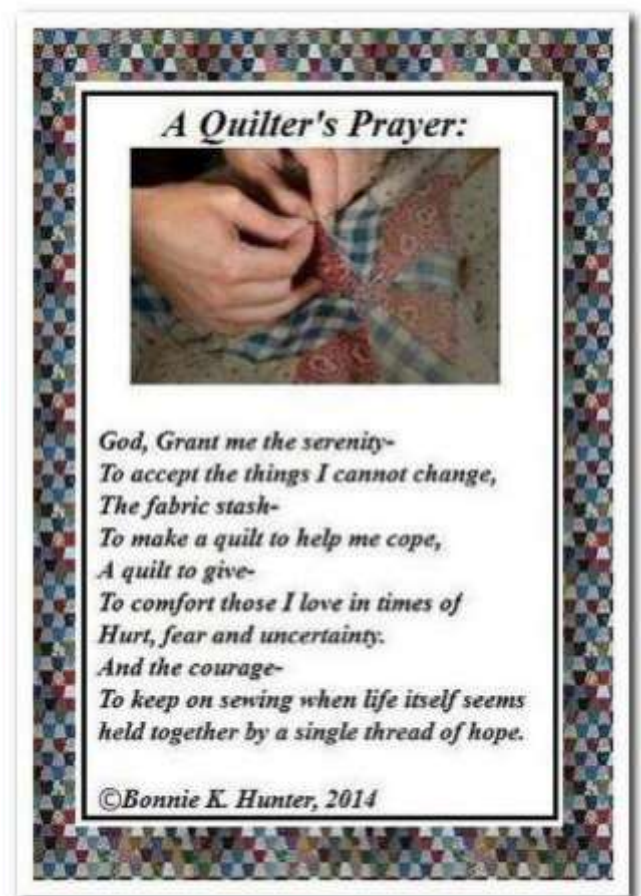
Many thanks

Odette Tolsdorf

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

The SAQG committee is doing very well with Sue Prins at the helm as our newly elected President. Sue has her fingers on all the buttons and is seeing that the committee are all doing what is required of them.

We had the Travelling Exhibition exhibited in two very well supported venues with more than 200 visitors. Our thanks to KZNQG as well as the Msundusi/Voortrekker Museum for hanging the quilts.

The second Accredited Teachers Course is at present on the go with the students getting their assignments done and sent in for marking. The course runs until the end of the year under the leadership of Jenny Hermans who sees that the Tutors and students stick to the deadlines and that the assignments and marking is up to the standards set by the SAQG.

The Annual SAQG meeting will be held on 2nd and 3rd of July in Cape Town. If there is anything that any members would like me to bring up at the meeting please let me have that in writing at least by the 15th June 2016.

Marline Turner: KZNQG representative

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- **Sponsorship options:** Sponsor a page in the commemorative Brochure @ R500 per page or sponsor the hanging of a quilt @ R500 per quilt. Contact Lauren Weakley at lauren@spectrumgroup.co.za
- **Facebook:** As news becomes available, it will be shared on the **2017 South African National Quilt Festival, Port Elizabeth** Facebook page. Stay informed of the latest happenings by regularly checking this page.

Marilyn Pretorius



FAREWELL TO OUR BELOVED FRIEND AND QUILTER - KATHY GRANT

It is Sunday morning the 3rd April, 2016 and as I walk around my garden there is a bird party going on. The birds are happy but I am very very sad because I have just lost a true friend. A sharing friend. A gentle spirit whose talent has only just been recognised in the South African quilting world - yes, we in KwaZulu Natal have known of her talents for some years now, BUT at the S.A. National Quilt Festival last year Kathy showed everyone what she was capable of creating.

I have seen such enormous growth in Kathy's confidence. She started off by making bed quilts for herself and her family and still does. They were beautifully made with excellent workmanship and a good eye for colour. Then she took a class with Leonie Malherbe and she was inspired handwork, straight stitches, rough edges, working from photographs, basic embroidery Kathy was on her way. Initially her work was very different from others which made her doubt her ability. However, her quilts continued to improve. You couldn't help but being drawn into her work, you needed to look closer at the finer details. With all this attention and the accolades that came with it she grew and grew in confidence. Thanks to all of you who encouraged her and sang her praises because Kathy just blossomed. Inspired by nature



which she revelled in, be it birds, animals, trees, grasses, all of which had shapes, lines and subtle colours, so she created her quilts. She loved to share her knowledge of wild life and it was done in such a gentle manner. Of course the sight of big game such as elephants with their little ones would thrill her but so would a family of meercats catching the early morning rays of sunlight or a field mouse scuttling through the grass to their next hidey hole.

When she first joined Village Quilters we were suddenly a car short to drive through to the Voortekker Museum in Pietermaritzburg. Sorry Kathy please will you drive your car? - whoops I can't do that - but she did it and kept saying "Andrew will never believe that I drove all the way to Pietermaritzburg". Well ... years later at the end of being a co-driver on our month long Namibian holiday she drove the entire length of the Caprivi Strip - she would not hand the wheel back to me!! Once again she said "Wait until I tell Byron what I have just done". I know how proud her sons would have been of her.

As far as Wife, Mother, Sister, Mother-in-law and Grandmother are



concerned she must have been the best. Her family gave her much to be proud of and she never hesitated to share their achievements with her friends. Family, consideration and support were big words in Kathy's vocabulary.

A few spells on the Village Quilters committee wouldn't have been the same without her. Kathy could always be called on to help. I know because she has assisted me in many unselfish ways over the years. In fact last year she worked with me on the collection and organisation of the festival quilts. On many an evening with aching backs we headed for the local pub for a pizza and beer before dragging our tired bodies into a bubble bath and bed. All in all it saddens me greatly that we as quilters will not see any more masterpieces made by Kathleen Grant and that family and friends will be deprived of her company and friendship in the years to come.

Kathy we held you in high esteem and admired you for the kind and quiet manner in which you were always there for all of us.

God Bless you Kathy, it was a privilege knowing you and thanks for being just you.

Colleen Roberts



EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

Regretfully, the committee has decided that KZNQG will no longer be sending out paper-copy newsletters to those few members who have limited access to computers or limited computer skills. Only email newsletters will be sent out in the future. People who have a problem in this area could get help to obtain an email address (eg gmail) then ask POSTNET to download and print it for you four times a year. We suggest you ask a family member or friend to help you.

KZNQG Members information

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OUR NEXT MEETING:

KZNQG OPEN DAY PROGRAMME: 28 May 2016

VENUE: Durban Girls' High School, Glenwood ; Corner Manning (Lena Arendse Rd)/
Penzance Rd

9.-12. Quilt Display

- Some of Kathy Grant's quilts in honour of her contribution to the quilting fraternity
- Quilting teachers to display their students handiwork / "Class Quilts."
- Moira Ryder (Speaker) will display some of her quilts.
- Demonstrations:
- 10am Lisbeth Groenewald
- 10:30am Hanlie Burger
- 11:00am Cheryl Bauermeister

12:00 Business matters

Speaker: Moira Ryder.

Topic: Quilts from the Depression Era



Meeting
Reminder

Quilters' Calendar 2016



- 13 May: is the deadline date for Entry Form and JPG images (World Quilting Competition)
- Deadline for quilt delivery contact Odette Tolksdorf 031-2662978 or odetteT@iafrica.com
- 16—20 May: Quilt Indaba at Emoyeni Country Lodge contact Jane Zietsman 031 7671685 / 083 778182
- 27 May- 5 June: ROYAL SHOW
- 28 May: KZNQGG Open Day
- 30 July: Tollgate Winter Workshops: Glenwood Presbyterian Church
- 3 Sept: KZNQGG Open Day
- 9—11 Sep: The Great Izotsha Christian Escape
- 24 Sep: PLEASURETIME—Flowers and Quilts Show
- 29 Oct: KZNQGG Open Day: Quilt Show

What's
Happening

Quilt Academy 2016



Are you interested in quilting and don't know where to start?

Have you made quilts on your own? Or your friends have been helping you out?

Do you work and haven't had an opportunity to attend a quilting workshop?

Are you currently a quilter and in a creative slump?

Are you self-taught and sure there must be easier ways of doing things?

Quilt Academy is for all quilters - aged from 13 to 103!

It is an opportunity to learn a variety of techniques from established teachers in a fun and friendly environment.

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Cost: R150 per person

Date: 11 June 2016

Times: 9am - 3pm (set up from 8.30)

Teacher: Helen van den Berg

Course: Table runner

Venue: Glenwood Presbyterian Church Hall - Entrance in Evans Rd

Bookings: <https://v1.bookwhen.com/quilt-academy>



Further Quilt Academy dates for the year:

13 August

15 October

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If you have any questions, please contact us on twigg@telkomsa.net or annette@hackey.co.za with Quilt Academy in the subject line.

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1. Bookings for classes will only be accepted at the KZNQG meeting or afterwards. No booking will be accepted unless accompanied by a copy of your proof of EFT or BANK TRANSFER.

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Mary, Sherin, Marian and Rene.

P.S. The Committee is new but everything else is the same.

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Tricks of the Trade

Tips and advice for quilters
Sourced by Carol Hodsdon.

Quilt Backing.

Having to piece fabric for quilt backing is a necessary task for quilters. Although we are fortunate to have a range of extra wide fabric available the colour choice is somewhat limited.

Because quilting fabric is typically 40 to 44" wide, it is usually necessary to piece fabric together to make the quilt backing for most quilts larger than a cot size.

The quilt backing should always be at least 4" larger on each side than the quilt top. This ensures that if there is any shifting during pinning or rolling onto a long arm machine there will always be enough backing in place.

When joining fabric for backing, match the grain line of the fabrics so that there is no conflict with the lengthwise grain (no stretch) and the crosswise grain (slight stretch).

Use a wider $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam for extra durability and press the seam open to help it lie flat.

It is perfectly acceptable to construct backing from a variety of fabrics. This is a good way to use up large leftover pieces or spare blocks from the quilt top. It makes for a more interesting back and can in some instances create a 'reversible' quilt. Here are some examples:

Sometimes the backing fabric is only a little narrower than what is needed and it is can be expensive to buy two lengths or widths of backing fabric just to match that fabric grain line.

This is where the *Diagonal Seam Backing* can be used.



This works where the back needs to be not more than 150% wider than the fabric width.

In order to avoid a long winded explanation on my part, I have sourced two links to the method. Please take the time to look at both sites. It is so clever and 'fabric efficient'.

The first <http://www.seamstobeyouandme.com/2015/03/21/diagonal-quilt-back-tutorial/> is from a blog by two American quilters has clear photographs explaining how it is done.

The second website has a very easy way of calculating the required length of fabric needed. www.jinnybeyer.com/assets/ax_content/file/Diagonal%20backing%20worksheet2-1.pdf

PS If you are worried about stitching the diagonal seam - a light spray of starch and a walking foot will solve any stretchy problems.

Even though back of your quilt may not be the focal point, it is still is an important part of the quilt as a whole.

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 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



Meander Quilters' Guild, Howick

Our quilting year started with creating blocks for this year's charity quilt. We decided to support the Burn Care Trust, an organisation run from Howick by a young doctor. The Trust treats children who have accidentally been burnt by fire and/or boiling water which are the most common occurrences. We decided on a theme of posy bowls and a selection of some of the completed blocks is shown.

The guild also now has a Facebook page where we share the gorgeous quilts shown at Show & Tell every month. This has proved a popular way of showing friends and family what we achieve. Our page can be found by signing in to Facebook and searching for "Meander Quilters Guild".

With the high cost of imported quilting magazines, we decided to buy a tablet which has been put into our library for members to borrow. We subscribed to the Australian Quilters Companion magazine where for the cost of less than R100.00 we get an annual subscription. The paper version of this subscription would have cost us over R600.00!!

Initially we had queries about whether patterns could be printed from the tablet but it is easy to log on to the AQC website and download patterns as they are required.

In March our Challenge for 2016 was unveiled. We will be running a "Miniature Round Robin" challenge with 4 people in each group. The idea is to keep the size of the challenge small so that the project is manageable. We're looking forward to the results.

As always, we are delighted to entertain visitors at our meetings and if you're in or near Howick on the last Thursday of the month, please join us at St Luke's Church Hall (centre of Howick). Meetings start at 2.00 pm.

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Quilting@Home, Ixopo.

This small quilting group continues to meet most months at the home of Denise Muldal but when a workshop is on the cards we use the premises of the local pre-primary school, Noah's Ark, which is housed partly in the very old original Methodist Church in Ixopo. Some of you may know it. As a thank you we are working on a quilt which will be given to them, hopefully quite soon! A picture of the finished quilt will follow. This month I am including a photo of a Dresden Plate quilt made by one of our very prolific quilters, Denise Powell. A king size quilt made in 3 1/2 weeks on a simple Bernina sewing machine! Well done, Denise! It is beautiful..

Clare Smith



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LYN GONZAGA



AT GRASSROOTS, in February, we had Rosalie Dace give us a PowerPoint presentation and fascinating talk on CULTURE, CLOTH AND QUILTS. As usual, this was presented with Rosalie's inimitable flair and enjoyed by all. We all came away inspired and ready to tackle something new. March saw us listening to a wonderful talk by Jurgen Tolksdorf (Odette's husband) on the Myths and Facts of eye care. Very enlightening and up to the minute, because, most of us, as we get older, suffer from one sort of eye problem or the other.

At our April meeting, we had a series of demos. I find these fascinating, as there is always something new to learn. Even if we've seen it before, it's always worth a refresher.

We are working on a round robin which is great fun. What a challenge to have to think up a border on someone else's quilt. We will finish in August, which will then give the original maker a few months to finish the quilt, and all will be revealed at our November meeting.

Keep quilting.

LYN GONZAGA

QUEENSBURGH QUILTERS

We have all been busy with our various projects. Some of our members are having a drive to finish UFO's - it's so encouraging when one gets projects out of the way that have been lying in the cupboard for years in some cases!! Magda is busily preparing for her daughter's wedding early May. She has done ever so much sewing - bridesmaid and flower girl dresses, bunting, her own outfit, décor for the tables - the list goes on. Such excitement and we wish her well for the big day!

Two of our members are enjoying doing the Passacaglia course, such beautiful work is being produced (as well as some muttering about all the little pieces)! At least one member is hand stitching her entry for next year's Festival whilst others are trying to decide what to make! Then we have other members who continually make quilts, knit and crochet for the underprivileged and we are in awe of the many items they make so willingly.

We want to wish Lyn well in her new post as Chairlady of KZN Quilters Guild - we are grateful to her and her committee for all the hard work they put into our quarterly meetings to make them lively and interesting for us.



TOLLGATE QUILTERS GUILD

The year is flying by so quickly – I can't believe that it is nearly the end of April already. At our February meeting Beth Barkus and I demonstrated Foundation Paper Pieced Hearts and Flowers. We asked the members to take home the patterns and return a block or two that can be made into a quilt for the guild to raffle at our Quilt show at the end of July.



Rosalie Dace was our speaker at the March meeting and despite problems when the computer and projector were playing "No Speaks" we enjoyed a wonderful talk by Rosalie. Thankfully one of our members had a computer we could borrow and Rosalie – Star that she is – just carried on speaking until the pictures finally appeared. One of our members, Caroline Cannon, brought in her beautiful quilts to show us at our April meeting. What a joy they were! It is always so lovely to see the beautiful work that our members do.

We are starting to plan our Quilt Show and Winter workshops – All Things Bright & Beautiful and our members are hard at work making quilts with that theme. Please "save the date" – the 30 July 2016 at the Glenwood Presbyterian Church,
339 Esther Roberts Rd, Glenwood, Durban. We hope to see you there.

Happy Quilting,
Mary Chapman

The Midlands Quilters

The mellow months of Autumn are just beginning – a welcome relief after a hot, dry Summer. The Midlands is now displaying a beautiful palette of Autumn shades, golds through to deep purple, plum and mahogany. Truly inspirational – combine a visit to our next Guild meeting with a drive up The Midlands Meander. You're always welcome.

January: We have a new Chairlady and Committee this year, Moira Ryder is back in the helm.

We've had an inspirational time with Jane Renton and she is now enjoying well-deserved time out. Thank you Jane!

Moira's Chairlady's challenge – we are to make a quilt inspired by an artist/artwork/artist's colour palette/our own artistic expression etc. We were, as always, overwhelmed initially, but are keen and excited to get going. These quilts will be displayed at the Garden Show later this year. Moira is always very encouraging and our Guest speakers for February and March were very helpful in instilling confidence and inspiring us for this challenge.

In February we welcomed Sue Stevenson to our guild – she spoke to us about the inspiration behind her beautiful quilt, "Despair – off the Tatami Mats". She had us all in tears, ultimately happily concluding her story with a miniature quilt, portraying the reunion of Mother and Daughter.

We were enthralled and delighted by Sue, she is so comfortable with sharing her knowledge and taking the fear out of "art quilts", for the non-artists amongst us.

At our meeting in March, our guild member, Liesbeth Groenewald presented a slide show, detailing artists, their work and inspiration. Liesbeth is lively and daring, anything goes and she makes it work.

Again laying a good foundation for our challenge.

We are proud to announce that quilts made by Jane Renton, Nicky Hunter-Smith and Mary-Anne Smith have been chosen for the Travelling Exhibition. Congratulations!

The members of our Guild would love to meet and share with you! Please join us at our meetings, held every 3rd Thursday of the month, 9 for 9:30, at the Methodist Church hall in Hilton.

KZNOG GUILDS and GROUPS

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