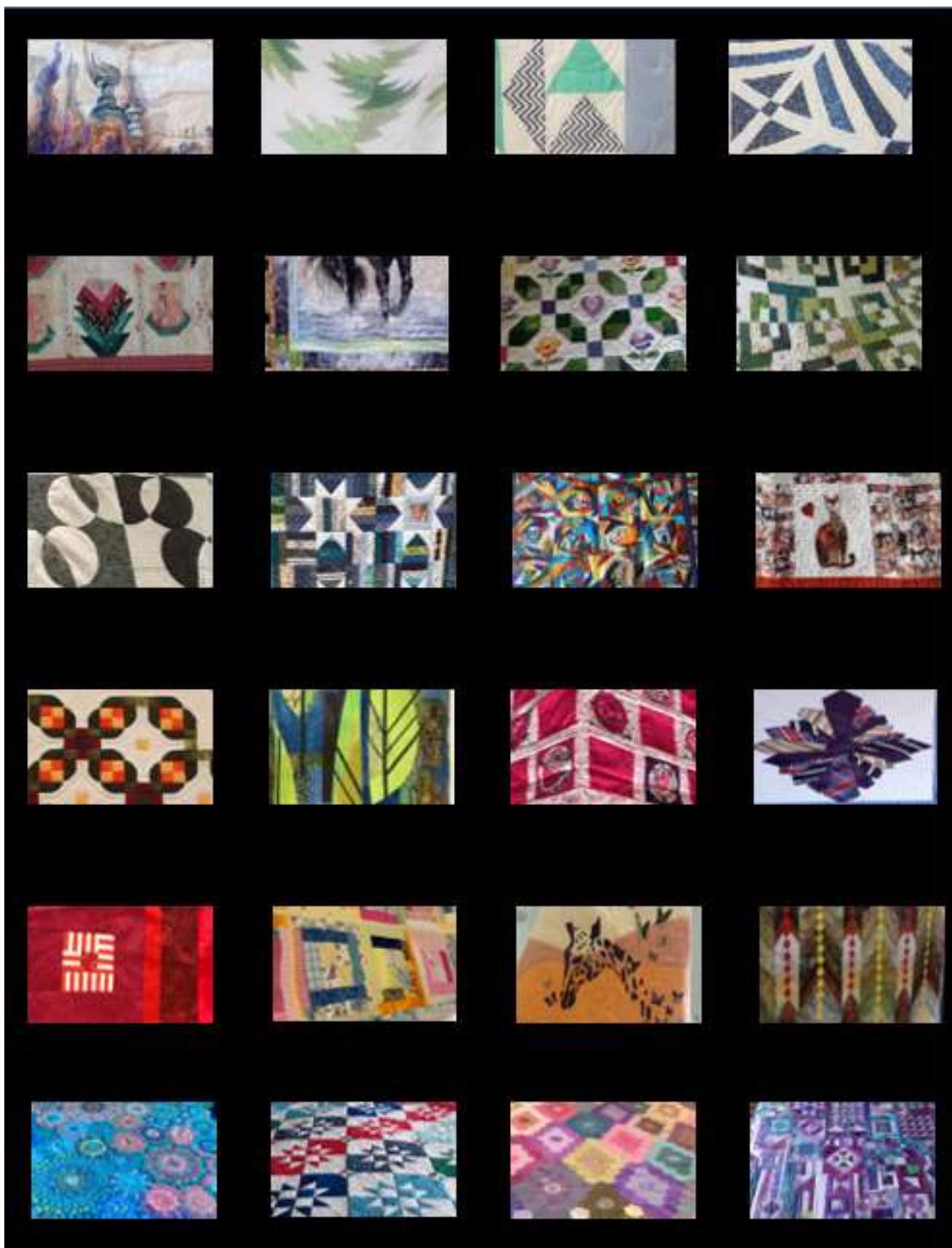




# KZN Quilters Guild

Newsletter No 126—February 2021



# FROM THE HOT SEAT

Boy, do I miss my quilting friends! While I have not always been able to see them every week, I have always taken much comfort in the fact that they still meet for tea, conversation, and creativity. Spending time away from my quilting friends over Covid has made me realise how much they mean to me.

Why do we quilt? I would suggest there is far more to it than the end result – or even the creative process.

As quilters we tend to be drawn to other quilters. We may have very little else in common with them, but we build relationships around the creative process. We share ideas, fabrics, thoughts, emotions - and especially tea. We find our happy place in the simple things: our quilting friends; the laughter we share; the feel (and even smell) of the fabric; the mechanics of the process; our ability to help others; the end result of each step in the process; the generosity of those around us; the opportunity for reciprocity. All of these things make us quilters. Make us human.

Over the last eleven months, we have missed out on a lot of these moments. I know that we have found ways to keep in touch, to maintain the connections. I also know that the physical presence of those around us cannot be replaced by technology. I know I miss the hugs. And hugging. But we all have hope that this will pass. That we will get through it. That our friends and our families will emerge unscathed on the other side.

We are still uncertain as to when our next meeting will be held. All I can tell you is that we will let you know as soon as we can. Until then, Sue Cameron has agreed to lead us on another "Magical Mystery Quilt"...so start thinking about colours and recipients – and watch your email for the details. These are so much fun!

To finish off on a business-related note, please think about serving on the KZNQG committee. We have lost a number of committee members across portfolios and would really appreciate your help! Remember, we only have four open days a year, so really not too time consuming.

Remember that it is AGM time. This year we will need to do things a little differently, so look out for an email coming soon that will explain the process to follow....

*Twig*

## Quilt on the Cover

We have had no meetings from which to select a quilt for the cover — so we are doing something different in this edition:

Each block featured on the cover can be found within the newsletter—can you spot them in the body of the newsletter, and who made them?

# Message from KZN Festival Committee Chair

**LOCAL IS LEKKER**



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**KZNQG Regional Quilt Festival**

**13 November 2021**

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& win a magnificent prize:**

Start making quilts, that intrinsically  
reveal our magnificent country.

We will have them on show at the festival.

Details to follow.

## **CHALLENGE PACKS FOR THE KZNQG Regional Quilt Festival**

**R 75**

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**Payments for packs:  
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## FIBREWORKS EXHIBITION AT THE TATHAM ART GALLERY

The national Fibreworks group is holding an exhibition titled **microMACRO** at the Tatham Art Gallery in Pietermaritzburg until the end of February 2021.

A virtual exhibition opened on 6 December 2020.

On the front page of the Tatham web site, [www.Tatham.org.za](http://www.Tatham.org.za) there are several videos and Zoom meetings related to the exhibition. There is a Panel discussion by various Fibreworks artists about fibre art, and also a short clip by Fibreworks artists about their personal art journeys.

The opening address by Rosalie Dace is there, as well as a link to see Jeanette Gilks demonstrate the principles of reverse mono-printing and monotype printing.

To view the entire Fibreworks microMACRO exhibition online, it is available under the Exhibition Tab on the Tatham web site.

If you would like to see the works up close and personal, a visit to the Tatham art gallery is a joy, and the tea/coffee/cake there is delicious. The Tatham gallery is open to the public and COVID-19 safety protocols will be implemented for all visitors.

**Enjoy the photos.**

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<— Harmer Fox :  
The Egyptian Goose

Tedder:  
It might as well be  
spring



De Villiers:  
Beyond an inferno





## KZNQG SUBSCRIPTIONS 2021

The decision has been taken to allow all members a holiday break from paying subs for the year 2021.

This means that, if you were a fully paid up member as at 31 December 2020, you are NOT liable for membership subscriptions for 2021.

However, should your membership have lapsed or you did not pay subs in 2020, please note that you will be liable for subs of R200 (+ R20 administration charge) to reinstate your membership status.

Should you wish to pay your subs for both years, this would be graciously accepted by KZNQG.

Merle Mulder (Treasurer KZNQG)



South African Quilters' Guild  
Promoting Quiltmaking in South Africa

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE from SAQG**

January 2021

The impact of Corona virus is still a real and disastrous problem and a worldwide pandemic in 2021 with many countries in lockdown in one form or another. Guilds, groups and individuals have had little chance of holding meetings and get-togethers. SAQG want to keep in contact with members and not lose hope that we can and will meet again in the future.

SAQG has had a hard look at the Covid situation, our finances and budget:

The SAQG financial year runs from 1 June to 31 May each year.

Regional Guilds and Country Groups affiliated to SAQG pay ZAR20.00 per person on their membership list per annum. Individuals pay ZAR 80.00 annually.

After careful consideration, the committee has agreed that SAQG is willing to waive the membership fees for 2021. This means that SAQG guilds, groups and individuals are not expected to pay the SAQG membership fee for this year (2021). We believe that this may bring some relief on the financial and economic burdens quilters and their families are experiencing.

However if guilds, groups or individuals feel able to donate to the members fund of the SAQG, we will be glad to receive their contributions.

*From Jenny Hermans: President SAQG*

# Thank you!

A special thank you to Simona Damerell who has been the KZNQG Newsletter Editor for many years.

You have done a fantastic job keeping our newsletters interesting and something to look forward to.

*Yours are big boots to fill! - Ed*

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for you...



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## ***Mystery Quilt —Coming Soon!***

If you enjoyed the Mystery Quilt last year — or if you missed out altogether, now is your chance!

**We are launching the 2021 Mystery Quilt in early March....**

Watch your email or click on [KZNQG Facebook](#) for more details.

There is no charge for joining the mystery quilt. However if you would like to make a donation toward the 2024 National Quilt Festival, we would be most grateful.

Bank: ABSA: Account: **9300968109**

Reference: Mystery Quilt



But what will it be??

So many people around the country enjoyed the 2020 KZN Mystery quilt—why not join this one?

***Get your creative juices flowing!***



## *The Committee*

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## ***How Connected are You?***

“No man is an island” is the title of the book by John Donne - and so true that is. We need to connect in order to survive—emotionally, socially, spiritually, and creatively.

In this article, we look at technology, and how it enables us to connect.

During these months of lockdown, most of us have relied heavily on technology. To remain in contact with family, friends and community. To stay connected.

There are many ways to stay connected, and many types of connection.

In this newsletter we will look briefly at some of these places where we can “connect” to inspiration through the internet.

Some of us belong to Facebook, Pinterest and Instagram—But.. the internet is vast, and a resource of mammoth proportions. We can connect to things we have never heard of before. And so easily!

We should tap into this when we need inspiration, when we want to learn something new, or brush up on old skills. With lockdown, and no meetings being held, we need to feel inspired to even greater creative heights.

All you need do is find the search button—and away you go! (or just use Google search)

Here are a few ideas of quilt-related searches you could perform:

(Hint: put the word “Quilt” after each topic below to narrow the search)

Modern , Mola, Antique, Recycled, Kids, Art, Shibori , Portrait, Landscape, Crazy, Surface Design, EPP, FPP, Scrap, Contemporary – there are many more

Of course, inspiration does not have to originate from a quilt itself – there is so much which can inspire one in the creation of a quilt. Trying searching on: Architecture, Lino Cuts, Plants, Embroidery, Pattern, Music, Aboriginal Art, Zentangle, to name but a few.

Below are a number of quilt-related links to get you started! Just click on the underlined part to go to that website.

[Quilt South Africa \(SAQG\)](#) – watch this space - soon to be launched – the Virtual Travelling Exhibition

[KZN Quilters Guild – our very own website!](#)

*And further afield...*

[Quilt Week Trunk Shows](#)

[Quilting Genres of India by Patrick Finn](#)

[QuiltCon Winning Quilts](#) (QuiltCon is the Modern Quilt Movement Festival)

[Russian Quilt Festival](#) (Hint: Use the translate button at the top of the screen if you can't read Russian!)

[Zak Foster - Custom quilts from repurposed fabric](#)

[Artist Galla Grotto](#) (her portrait quilts are amazing!) Also search on Pinterest for her

[List of 2021 Quilt Shows](#)

[SAQA europe middle east](#)

[Festival of Quilts](#)

[India Quilt Festival](#)

[Quilt Index](#)

[How To Quilt in Space \(5 minute watch\)](#)

[Contemporary Quilts UK](#)

*Overleaf : Textile-related topics*



## ***How Connected are You?***

*continued*

The following two links deal with **Sustainability** in the Manufacture of Textiles in South Africa.

If you are concerned with the environment, click on the links below —  
this is very interesting reading

[Animal Fibres](#)

[Plant Fibres](#)

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The **George Washington Textile Museum** has the following 3 free talks coming up:

**Diedrick Brackens** weaver and visual artist:

Date: 2 March 2021 6pm EST => 3 March @ 1am SA time

[Click here for more info on Diedrick Brackens](#)

Chilean **Guillermo Bert** who weaves QR codes:

Date: 6 April 2021 6pm EST => 7 April 1am SA time

[Click here for more in Guillermo Bert](#)

**Ai Kijima** is a Japanese quilter living in USA:

Date: May 4, 2021 6:00 p.m. EDT => 5 May 2021 1am SA time

[Click here for more info on Ai Kijima](#)

Note: If you wish to listen to these talks, you need to **register beforehand** —just click on the links above to find out more about the speaker and topic, as well “How to participate” to register.

**Note the broadcast times**—these are made especially for the night owls amongst us!

### **PS: Don't forget to quilt!**

These inspirations can be very distracting from our real joy -  
making quilts!

*If you have websites you think other quilters would enjoy, please email them to me for inclusion in a later newsletter – Ed*



# International Quilters' Day

Saturday 20 March 2021

Worldwide Quilting Day is the time each year that we celebrate quilting around the world and explore the ways that it binds us together. This event, held each year on the **third Saturday in March**, was created to connect quilters and the shops that support them.

Over the years, our local Guilds have celebrated International Quilters' Day in a number of ways – all of which have been public events. In the current COVID situation this is clearly not an option! It is also not an option to cancel or ignore a day which celebrates that which brings us together...

So let us celebrate by showing the world what quilting means – a physical indication of caring and love – material hugs.

My challenge to every quilter in KZN is to **flood all social media** with pictures of quilts. Facebook, Instagram, Whats app, whatever – use all social platforms available to you to celebrate both quilting and the ways that it binds us together. Post pictures of quilts and people: quilts hugging people; people wrapped in quilts; quilts over laps; quilts over shoulders.

We have all given quilts to friends and family members – ask them to also post photos wrapped in their quilts. Let's use all means possible to make our world noticed!

## Happy Quilters' Day!

*Example tags: #quiltsouthafrica #lovequilts #quilthugs —Ed*



Kelsey and Merle wrapped in Quilt Hugs!



# FOR SALE

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2. **Electric Quilt (EQ) 7** - never used price R1000

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For sale: **Elna New Joy long arm quilting** machine. R18000.

Instruction manual available.

Contact Alice Massie on 0835469670



For sale: **Free Standing Hand Embroidery Hoop**

Contact Jenni Scott on email: [jenniscott167@gmail.com](mailto:jenniscott167@gmail.com)

Price: R300

Excludes Quilt.



For sale: **Bernina 440 Quilters Edition Embroidery Module**

Contact Jenni Scott on email: [jenniscott167@gmail.com](mailto:jenniscott167@gmail.com)

Price: R250

For sale:

1. **Bernina 830** Price R1000

2. **Bernina 1090** Price R1000

3. **Bernina Overlocker** price R1500

4. **Elna Lotus** R500

Contact Jenni Scott on email: [jenniscott167@gmail.com](mailto:jenniscott167@gmail.com)

*Did you know? Paid up members of KZNQG can advertise their sale items in the newsletter for free! One issue only, max 2 photographs.*

*Email your For Sale items to [kirkdm@global.co.za](mailto:kirkdm@global.co.za) before the next newsletter in May.*

*Hint: KZNQG member Teachers—you can advertise your classes here too!*

# Quilter's Valentines Poem

By Magda Lombard and Leanne Stewart

A SOUTH AFRICAN VALENTINES POEM. ♥ ♥ ♥

Ek smaak jou stukkend,  
Please say you'll be mine  
You're my moon, my stars, my Camps Bay sunshine  
You're my beaded love-letter, my breeze in the night  
You're my rooibos, my koeksister, my blitz firelight

You make me feel better, you have the know-how  
I smaak you even more than Durb's bunny-chow  
You're my lamb-chop, my ribbetjies, my dröe wors en al  
You're my Mrs Balls chutney, my samoosa Halaal

One smile from you and I float to the sky  
I feel like the Springboks have just scored a try  
You're my chilli, my roti, my eskimo pies  
I'd rather have you than the Lotto first prize

And this letter my skattie, is only the start  
'Cos you've taken the cable-car straight to my heart  
You let me quilt quilts with a straight rule and all  
And when I buy shwe-shwe, I have a real ball  
I hide my stash and tell you no lappie is trash

You're my best friend, my lover, my very own Oke  
You're the tomato sauce on the slap chips,  
I love you my bloke!



# Lockdown Guild News

## Tollgate Quilters Guild

So little has happened over the last 3 months - yet so much!

We have not held formal meetings but have kept in contact with each other on a regular basis, sharing ideas and photos. And a lot of work has been completed!

Phil Fisher has included us in a fascinating journey from inspiration through conception to creation.

This photograph has become..... This Quilt!



Linda Eaton



Linda Estment



BJ Weingartz



Linda Eaton

*More Photos from Tollgate overleaf —>*



# Tollgate Quilters Guild

*Continued*



Table Mat by Erica Freese—  
notice the scale as per the  
matchbox!

—> Beth Barkus  
is working on a  
project with her  
granddaughter  
Eva



<— Ilse Lourens —>  
(left and right)



And some exciting non-quilting projects!



—> Diamond  
Dot picture by  
Carol Tebutt

<— Lampwork  
beads & earrings by  
Phil Fisher



# SHEFFIELD NITE OWLS

Hello everyone and a happy new year from the Sheffield Nite Owls. This letter is getting harder and harder to write as the months roll by with no meetings. We are a very small group so I am 'holding thumbs' that we will be able to open again in March.

Last November when the country was at level 1 we managed to have one meeting at my house in the wilds of Tugela Mouth village and had a session with the ice -dyeing that was detailed in the October KZNQG magazine. It was really fun and some of the end results were pretty amazing. The exciting part is that you have no idea what the finished article will look like until you undo everything the following day. So off everyone went with their icecream tubs of dyed fabric and the whatsapps came thick and fast the following day as fabric was washed and hung on the line to dry.

We said goodbye at the end of 2020 to Jeanne Miller who has relocated to Gauteng, with the intention of spending many weeks of the year travelling and spending happy days in their camping trailer. Jeanne was a long term member of the group and a previous chair-lady. We wish her well and safe travels in the years ahead.

So what 2021 holds for us all we don't know, but I do know I still have fabric in my stash, and unfinished projects in my box. So I'm good to go !!!

Happy sewing

Sue

These two cushion covers  
were made by Fiona Walker





# SHEFFIELD NITE OWLS

## Project Pictures



<— Horse quilt by Sue Freckleton



—> Yellow Scrap Quilt  
by Nina McNeil

## Fun Dyeing Day!



Dyeing Results!





# MEANDER QUILTERS GUILD

All our plans for the start of 2021 have been put on hold.

This does not mean that our members have been idle. So much exciting stuff has been made even though we have not been able to get together for tea, chats and inspiration.



Some of us attended a Tuffet workshop run by Lande and Delyse.

Such great fun.

Janet

<— Cat quilts made by  
Christine Wassung  
For her granddaughter (and her dolls)



<— Dierdre Kretson's  
Protea quilt

Jean Hill's quilt for her  
granddaughter



<— Gypsy Wife  
quilt top  
made by Hei-

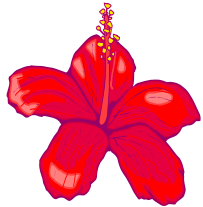
—> Polly's Secret Garden  
by Polly Magni



<— Rachel Prouse

—> Tuffets by  
Maureen Douwes &  
Veronica Lenard





# Hibiscus Quilters Guild

Greetings Quilters,

Well we have made it into 2021 – the less said about 2020 the better!

Having had only two meetings at the beginning of last year we managed to have a get together in November – it was wonderful to see all our members again and what a pleasure to see all the quilts, and crochet projects done since we last met. It was a bumper Show and Tell session that lasted well over half an hour.

We had to cancel our January 2021 meeting due to the rise of Covid Infections in our area on the South Coast but we are ready to roll for our February meeting.

While things are not quite the same as before we are facing this year with hope, inspiration and definitely lots of quilting!

Although it is long past the time for Happy New Year greetings, we wish everyone a happy quilting year.

Regards

Margi

Chairperson: Margi Anderson

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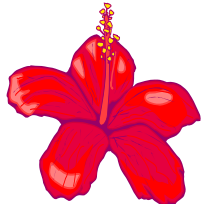
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Both the quilts below are a Hibiscus Guild Project which will be raffled



*More Photos from Hibiscus overleaf —>*



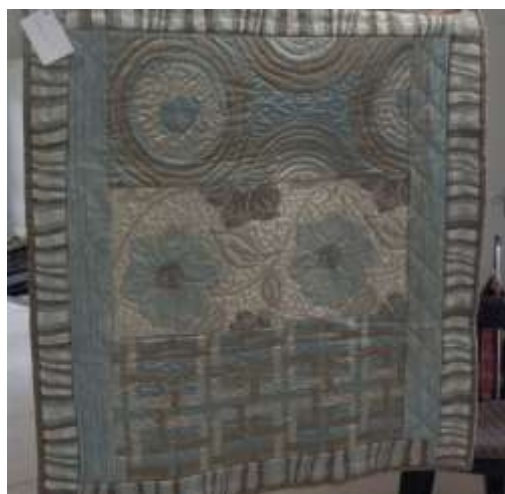


# Hibiscus Quilters Guild

—> Mechelle Millingham



<— Heather Frost and  
Carol Jones



<— Lorraine Schafer



—> Pauline McGovern



<— Sylvia Blore —>  
(left and right)





# MIDLANDS QUILTERS GUILD

## February 2021

As the earth continues its daily trajectory completely unperturbed, our daily lives continue to feel isolated and frozen by the pandemic that rages around us. It should be any quilter's idea of a gift, but we NEED each other and the joy of actual meetings, festivals and events, when you can touch the fabrics, audition fat quarters against each other, get up close and quizzical to examine quilting stitches, and see good friends.

Aah well ... there's comfort insofar as we're all in this boat together. Charity quilts have been easier to amass than they would have been in the former 'busy-ness' of life, and hopefully we've all tackled some of those PhDs that lurked at the back of cupboards or in bags at the bottom of the fabric stash?

We keep our monthly meetings going on their scheduled Thursdays by opening the WhatsApp group for the day, and although it comes up a rather poor second, many members look forward to it in lieu of the real thing.

Below (and next page) are some of the items that were shared at our January 'meeting'

Sarah



<— Sue Rencken's magnificent interpretation of last year's KZNQG Challenge.

—> Marinda Opperman's amazing colour-rich hexies quilt in Shweshwe.



<— Avril Musgrave appliquéd the wedding rings onto the background fabric.

—> Penny Turner shared this "leftover" lap quilt with the group. Leftovers?!



<— Maureen Patrick hand quilted this gift for her grand daughter.

*More Photos from Midlands overleaf —>*



# MIDLANDS QUILTERS GUILD

## *continued*



<— A masterpiece in colour and time - Margie Crookes' La Passacaglia.

Liesbeth Groenewald still working at fraying the edges of this work in scraps and Shweshwe.



<— Little Miss Muffet .... Lande Freeman and Delyse Goss have had a warm and ongoing response to their limited-numbers tuffet courses. Not quilting per se, but very satisfying fabric and colour projects



—> Rose Viljoen's very special memory quilt for a family member battling illness.



<— The ultimate scrappy quilt, with the "I Spy" theme. By Sarah Tilbury



<— Ronél du Trevou's 'study in blues'.

—> Andrea Webster's 2020 challenge quilt, now in the USA on her son's bed.



# VILLAGE - GRASSROOTS QUILTERS GUILD

Unable to enjoy our greatly anticipated annual Christmas Lunch at the end of the year, the committee of VGQ came up with "Plan B". Our creative WhatsApp Group had been filled with photographs of inspiring, complete 'UFOs' and many new lockdown quilts, so the committee decided to hold a 'Lockdown Quilt Exhibition' towards the end of November. We took over the whole of Colleen Robert's house, filling every bit of wall space and display stands, and draping quilts over all her furniture. We followed all Covid-19 protocols, restricted access to small groups throughout the day and provided a most delicious tea. This was the first joint meeting of our new VGQ guild where members got to know each other and the new VGQ logo and banner were launched. We even made the front page and a whole inside page of our local paper the "Highway Mail".

Christmas 2020 passed and sadly we lost one of our well-loved members Pam Horne. On New Year's Eve members of the Club lit candles and sent photographs via WhatsApp to Tiiu, who assembled them into a collage surrounding a lovely photograph of Pam. This tribute was forwarded to her family who were extremely touched.

We have had a couple of Zoom club meetings, and learnt that we needed to improve upon our camera technique for the demonstrations. The first was given by Marie Peacey who inspired us all with her colourful and creative mirror image designs on fabric. Marie kindly offered to give a hands-on follow up lesson for those interested. A number of ladies took part. Wow when we saw the results, were we envious!

In our second Zoom meeting Bev Essers demonstrated a patchwork table runner. Again we had a few camera problems so Jenni Scott has kindly sent out all the instructions for the runner. Afterwards we held a surprise party for Bev's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the presentation of the exquisite OWL BOOK. The book comprised of incredibly creative and varied fabric pictures of owls (Bev's favorite subject) by members of the club and was a resounding success. Her chocolate birthday cake was "to die for" and the tributes brought tears to Bev's eyes. She was heard to say "I thought you had to be at your own funeral to hear such lovely things said about you".

Thankfully only one member, Joyce Murphy has experienced Covid 19 and now she is fully recovered.

VGQ will carry on having monthly Zoom meetings (we can only get better), and we will continue to encourage and inspire each other until we can meet again face to face.

Jennifer Millard

February 2021



# COTTAGE PATCH QUILTERS GUILD



Because of Covid no meetings have been held.

The guild has however kept in touch via WhatsApp and email, sharing ideas and showing the lovely items they have made.

This has kept the members inspired and motivated.

A project that has been a huge success is the making of pressure cushions for the Jona Vaughan Home. These have been gratefully received by the Jona Vaughan Home



<— A table runner  
made by Minnie van Zyl  
using men's ties



—> The handover of  
the first pressure  
cushions to the Jona  
Vaughan Home



<— Corona Hexagons  
made by Anna Cilliers



—> by Adriana Pienaar  
A commission by a graphic  
artist using her design

## SUGGESTIONS & ARTICLES FOR KZNQG NEWSLETTER

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# SEW WOT QUILTERS GUILD

Happy 2021 everyone.

2020 was a year filled with unexpected experiences for many of us. More so during December, when most of us look forward to time off, spent with our loved ones, which in many cases was not possible. Some of our members summarised their experiences for the end of a challenging year and in hope of the new year.

Rosemary says "we were horrified when lockdown level 3 came again at the end of December. We managed to spend time with our children and grands for Christmas, but then nothing except Zoom and Skype for weeks after, as even the retirement estate we live in would not allow visitors."

Margie "celebrated the special joy of Christmas with family near and far!"

May Gene had a challenging year working in the health sector, staying positive and healthy. She finally managed to spend a few very relaxing days for Christmas being spoilt by her parents.

Loredana says "The Round Robin we did during 2020 was a wonderful way to keep our group in touch and working together. Sew Wot ladies are an amazing group who are always there to help and encourage one another during trying times. I cannot wait until we have a group meeting this year to start new projects together."

Judy is "eternally grateful for her sewing machines and her quilting guilds' WhatsApp groups as they help keep me sane being on my own during these trying and challenging times."

Ronel spent two weeks over Christmas and New Year in hospital, with Covid, on a ventilator - these were extremely scary weeks for her family and friends. We thank God for making her better. She is now on a well deserved break at the Kruger. Her contribution is one of wildlife rather than quilting.

May Gene has been brushing up on her culinary skills, and cooking up a storm!

Caroline "looked forward to and loved making the weekly blocks by Jacquelynne Steves. December was a hard month being away from the usual joys of Christmas but we are also grateful for what we have and our health."

Wishing you all a safe and healthy 2021. I do hope we all get to meet soon at a KZNQG Open Day.

Simona Xxx

↓ Maria Lofstrand's quilted  
Sew Wot Round Robin



Simona Damerell's  
Hearty Ellies ↓



More Photos from Sew Wot overleaf —>



## SEW WOT QUILTERS



<— Judy Gilford's quilt top made for her granddaughter



—> Caroline Cannon's Jacquelynne Steves quiltalong



<— Loredana Amorim's saving grace during Covid



—> Colleen Thorn's Christmas decoration



<— Margie Wilcox' 2.5meter long table runner



—> Rose Scheepers Coffee & Champagne QAYG WIP

And sometimes we don't get time off to quilt!



<— May Gene Terblanch's butter chicken and naan lesson



—> Ronel Blignaut's Kingfisher in the Kruger Park

# QUEENSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

2020 was a very difficult year for our members. Two of our ladies lost parents, one lost her sister and one her husband. We all shared in this terrible time and the grief we experienced .

Five of our ladies went to Clarens in November and took a class with Tilly de Harde. We all enjoyed the experience and some of the wall hangings have been completed. We rented a house up on the hill and every morning you would find us sitting there from 5am with tea or coffee and rusks, sharing stories.

Our end of the year meeting was a Christmas lunch at Leanne and Greg Stewart's house in Hillcrest. It was a bring and share meal which was delicious! We each had to make or buy a present with a value of around R100 and a game was played where we could keep the present we opened if nobody else wanted it! Only one swop was made, everyone else was happy with their present and chose not to swop with anyone!

We have decided to continue with Zoom meetings in 2021, until we feel it safe to meet again in each other's homes, and so our first meeting was held in January on Zoom.

On 13 February 2021 we held our Annual General Meeting on Zoom. Annette Lee remains on as our Chairlady and Lynn Gait as our Treasurer. Our aim this year is to complete UFO's and we are going to do a Round Robin Challenge. We are also going to make a Friendship Quilt for one of our new members.

We are all looking forward to being able to meet up with our friends again, but are making the most of what we can do in these times while keeping safe.

Annette



<— Magda Lombard's  
baby Puff quilt

—> Magda also finished this UFO and  
framed it



*More Photos from Queensburgh QG*



## QUEENSBURGH QG



<— Beth Barkus completed this lady— which is hand pieced and hand quilted

—> Lynn Gait made these Micky Balloons for a friend



<— This baby quilt was made by Rachel Cooper a new member of QQG

—> Leanne Stewart's "Spread your wings". Class done online with Jaya Parker at the India Quilt Festival



Made at the Clarens Festival in Tilly de Harde's class:



<— Magda Lombard

Leanne Stewart's  
"Autumn Birch"



Lynn Gait's  
"Spring"



# KZN Guilds Information

| Guild Name                  | Area                             | Contact                          | Telephone          | Cell                   | Email Address                                                                                                                         | Monthly Meeting Date      | Time        | Venue                                        | AGM   |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Cottage Patch               | Amanzimtoti                      | Minnie van Zyl                   |                    | 083-564 5655           | <a href="mailto:minnievzyl@gmail.com">minnievzyl@gmail.com</a>                                                                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday    | 9 - 12pm    | Toti Library                                 | March |
| Sheffield Night Owls        | Ballito/Salt rk                  | Sue Freckleton                   |                    | 084-515 6769           | <a href="mailto:suefreckleton@gmail.com">suefreckleton@gmail.com</a>                                                                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday  | 9am         | Members' homes                               | None  |
| Quilters-by-the-Sea         | Durban North                     | Janis Nicholls                   | 031-573 2658       | 083-654 5312           | <a href="mailto:dwgn@telkomsa.net">dwgn@telkomsa.net</a>                                                                              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday | 9h30am      | North Dbn Lions' Den                         | None  |
| Tollgate                    | Glenwood                         | Twig Hartwig                     | 031-762 3148       | 083-449 1800           | <a href="mailto:twigg@telkomsa.net">twigg@telkomsa.net</a>                                                                            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday   | 7-9pm       | Glenwood Presbyterian church                 | March |
| Sew Wot                     | Hillcrest/Waterfall/Forest Hills | Simona Damerell                  |                    | 082-974 5269           | <a href="mailto:simona.damerell@gmail.com">simona.damerell@gmail.com</a>                                                              | 2nd Sat                   | 9am - 3pm   | Members' homes                               | Feb   |
| Midlands                    | Hilton                           | Sarah Tilbury                    |                    | 082-335 4598           | <a href="mailto:sacoliti@mwweb.co.za">sacoliti@mwweb.co.za</a>                                                                        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday  | 9h30am      | Hilton Methodist                             | None  |
| Meander                     | Howick                           | Janet Waring & Christine Wassung | 082-922 2391 Janet | 082-8752 384 Christine | <a href="mailto:warinig@beycom.co.za">warinig@beycom.co.za</a> <a href="mailto:christinew2306@gmail.com">christinew2306@gmail.com</a> | Last Thursday             | 1.45-4pm    | St. Lukes Hall Howick                        | Nov   |
| Quilting@Home               | Ixopo                            | Denise Muldal                    | 039-834 1437       |                        | <a href="mailto:muldahlc@futurenet.co.za">muldahlc@futurenet.co.za</a>                                                                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday  | 9.30-5pm    | Members' homes                               | None  |
| Kloof Country               | Kloof                            | Karen Krause                     |                    | 082-567 4818           | <a href="mailto:krausefam@polka.co.za">krausefam@polka.co.za</a>                                                                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday   | 9.30 - 12   | Sarepta church                               | Aug   |
| Village-Grassroots Quilters | Kloof                            | Helga Beaumont                   |                    | 084-551 3883           | <a href="mailto:helga@adoptimise.com">helga@adoptimise.com</a>                                                                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday    | 9h30 - 12pm | Methodist Church, Kloof                      | Nov   |
| Hibiscus                    | Margate                          | Margi Anderson                   | 039-315 1767       | 083-409 5094           | <a href="mailto:margiand55@gmail.com">margiand55@gmail.com</a>                                                                        | 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday   | 9h30am      | Village happiness                            | Oct   |
| Hayfields Quilters          | PMB                              | Susan Rencken                    |                    | 074-126 6099           | <a href="mailto:quiltingstudio1@gmail.com">quiltingstudio1@gmail.com</a>                                                              | Last Tuesday              | 2-4pm       | Maritzburg West Bowling Club off Victoria Rd | None  |
| Queensburgh Quilters        | Queensburgh                      | Annette Lee                      |                    | 082-213 8955           | <a href="mailto:annettelee138@gmail.com">annettelee138@gmail.com</a>                                                                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday  | 3-6pm       | Members' homes                               | Jan   |
| Richmond Country Quilters   | Richmond                         | Barrie Buttigieg                 | 033-212 4389       | 074-889 2390           | <a href="mailto:buttigieg.barrie5@gmail.com">buttigieg.barrie5@gmail.com</a>                                                          | 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday | 2-4pm       | Richmond Bowling Club                        | None  |
| Pleasure Time               | Scottburgh                       | Di Pretorius                     | 039-973 0591       | 083-381 0980           | <a href="mailto:revcd@telkomsa.net">revcd@telkomsa.net</a>                                                                            | 3rd Thurs.                | 2pm         | Dutch Reform Church                          | March |
| Underberg Patchwork Guild   | Underberg                        | Rosemary Storm                   |                    | 071-508 8292           | <a href="mailto:ro@stormco.co.za">ro@stormco.co.za</a>                                                                                | 4th Tuesday               |             | Members' homes                               | None  |