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*This year's Raffle Quilt.
Beautiful!*

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Aims of the Tasmanian Quilting Guild Inc.

- To promote the art and craft of Patchwork and Quilting
 - To bring quilters together from all parts of the state
 - To encourage the establishment of affiliated groups
- To encourage and maintain high standards of workmanship and design in both traditional and contemporary quilting
- To foster interest in the history of patchwork and quilting
 - To organise exhibitions
 - To publish a newsletter
- To arrange for the giving of lectures to members of the Guild on subjects of concern or interest to them

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The President's Message

Greetings everyone,
And Happy New Year - I hope you all had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

The Guild year has, unfortunately, started with a couple of cancellations due to covid. Both Rachelle Denny's workshop and the Appraisal Training Day, due to be held in February, will be rescheduled for later in the year.

The Committee of Management also aimed to have a two day face-to-face meeting in February to plan for the year but that has been moved to Zoom again and we will try for face-to-face later in the year. Our aim, while life is still somewhat unsettled, is to address the administrative side of the Guild looking at communication (Island Threads, website, Facebook, email), our records (historical and current) and revisiting the Constitution and By Laws.

On a positive note, we do have an amazing venue for Island Quilts 2022 as Lynne announced at the Christmas meeting – MAC 02 in Hobart from Fri 7 October – Sunday 9 October (<https://www.tasports.com.au/mac-02>). Bookings are already underway for judging, photography and the Evening with the Judges and discussions occurring with Brett from CraftAlive. So, get quilting everyone – we have a lovely new venue to fill!

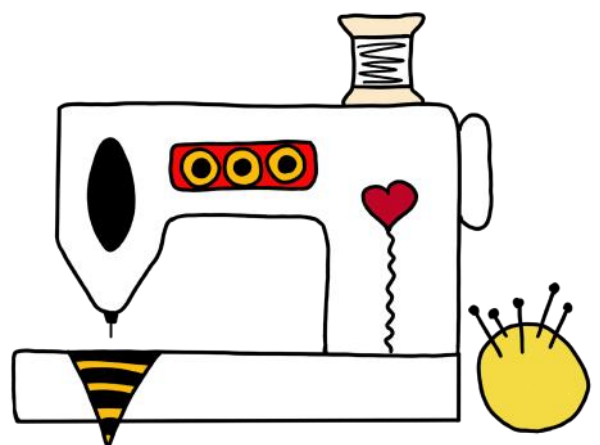
I don't know about anyone else but while I have been working on a few projects over the break, I have been having a little trouble getting out of "holiday" mode and back into "working" mode until I received an unexpected box of goodies! The wife of a friend was clearing out her crafting cupboard and decided that the quilting and embroidery "things" could go (she is an avid card maker) – the box I received had threads, partially completed embroideries, fabric, a completed quilt top with backing and the list goes on. While I happily gave the embroidery items and some of the fabrics to a refugee friend who will complete them and put them on her stall at the craft bazaar, I have quilted the finished top and am now looking at putting one of the quilt kits together – they will both be donated to the local women's shelter when completed. Hopefully, the kick start I need to begin this year!



Looking forward to seeing you at the March meeting and in the meantime -

Happy Quilting!

Pip Scholten



News from around our beautiful state

From our Southern members...

Aberdell Haven Quilters have had a workshop in bag making.

Beachside Quilters have had a few birthdays celebrated by eating out. They also have had a workshop making fabric baskets.

Break O'Day Stitchers have had workshops doing machine embroidery and using an overlocker, and made a container for tea light candles using washaway technique. They would like to let everyone know they are hoping to have their Easter Quilting Exhibition this year.

Channel Quilters had their Christmas lunch at the Woodbridge Store. They have been big supporters of, and making quilts for, Care Quilts.



Beachside Quilters



Cute Christmas decorations!

Come Quilting Loose Threads had a fairly quiet End of Year morning tea. See the group's amusing table decoration. Their annual collection of grocery items resulted in ten boxes of groceries being collected for the Food Bank. They would welcome enquiries about new membership - contact Jenny .

Kensington Quilters had their Christmas lunch in the meeting hall. The Christmas Challenge was to make something in strips and/or stripes. No one said it had to be pieced or sewn . . so one member brought a striped jumper knitted during the year!



Kensington Quilters

Quilt Inn had a very nice Christmas Lunch at the Botanical Gardens Restaurant enjoyed by all.

Scattered Pieces challenge was 'Row by Row', with many quilts being completed. They had a Christmas lunch with Secret Santas.

With all the uncertainty all around many are opting to stay home but at least we have our hobbies.

All the best to everyone and lets hope for a better 2022.

Faye Harding
Southern Area Rep



North-west news...

Most of the NW quilting groups have been on holiday break over the past couple of months which might get prolonged to address the new COVID19 realities.

Unfortunately the Devonport Friendship Day scheduled for 26 February 2022 has now been cancelled for 2022.

Svetla Gula
North-west Area Rep



From our friends in the North...

This year, the Launceston Patchwork & Quilters had their Christmas lunch at Legana Tavern and the Saturday Group had theirs at Lilydale Tavern.

We have celebrated two 80th birthdays in December, this bringing the total to five 80th birthdays this year! Each of our ladies have received a friendship quilt at a luncheon.

This year LPQ launched a Mystery Quilt. A total of seventy-two people took part in the challenge and last week we had a display of 54 quilts and tops. This was a marvellous effort and a huge thank you to Ellen MacGregor for designing the mystery quilt.

Each year the current LPQ President issues a challenge at the beginning of the year - this year it was 'Circles' (more than one). The winner was Trix Snedden – Congratulations Trix!!

Lilydale Modern continues to meet regularly – we are currently putting together another community quilt led by Suzanne McDonald. Our Christmas lunch will be a “bring a plate” affair.

Until next time,



Leonie Champ
Northern Area Rep



Made by Trix Snedden

Calling all Retreaters!

Planned to be held from 11th to the 15th May 2022, at the pretty village of Poatina in Tasmania, this is a wonderful way to not only get some quilting done but to connect with other quilters! Bring plenty of projects in case we get snowed in...we never have in about 25 years but we can hope! Sewing machines welcome or just bring hand work. Plenty of short walks available and it's only a kilometre round the village. There is a general store, art gallery, gift shop and coffee shop along with the second hand shop.

To secure your place, please complete the form and pay your deposit. If you have paid your deposit but not filled in the form please do so ASAP.

The form is available on the website <https://tasquiltguild.com.au/about/retreats/>

Any enquiries to Lorraine Hyland 0428422305 or lorraine.hyland@bigpond.com

Covid-19 safety measures will be in practice.



Lorraine Hyland
Retreat Co-ordinator

It was the month before Xmas...

T'was the month before Xmas and time for a meeting ... our
last of the year

Planning was difficult as COVID was still here
Newly minted, our president rallied the troops
Tina contacted the traders and Leonie jumped through
hoops

They got the room set up all festive and glittery
So we could meet up and be happy and sisterly
On sale were fabrics, threads, notions and much, much
more...

The traders dressed stalls with baubles and Xmas bling
galore

Michelle made up a quiz about carols ..wise men... and
Jesus's mum

Banter between tables kept the scoring quite fun
Winners emerged though not everyone was knowing
and the Fabric Firework and VP challenge quilts made quite
a colourful showing

But alas not all went quite to plan!
Seemed our 'morning tea' brief had suffered in translation
No cream on the scones which was quite a devastation
...and brown bottom sausage rolls ...not quite the
contracted degustation!

Moving quickly along on to more a positive thing
Members dressed the part in whatever took their whim
Santa hats and reindeer horns, lots of elves and even a tree
And many a bosom sported a Xmas tee
Cards were swapped, raffles drawn and despite all the odds
we did our dash,
bought some fabric and added to our stash.

But best of all we came together
Meeting up with old and making new friends
So let's make it our resolution to keep it a trend.

Happy New Year!

Lynne Hargreaves



Tinselled Traders!



...and talent on show!



Dressed for fun!



From our Vice President...

Summer days... means a little sewing... visiting friends... the beach... in general relaxing. As we turn the page into a new year, things have been quiet on the membership front. So, with summer relaxation in mind, I thought I might share a few popular, crafty avenues to scroll through on your computer or tablet.

Libby is a great app to access the Tasmanian digital Library. All you need is your library card. I have enjoyed borrowing books and many, many great magazines... all for free! In the quilting & sewing magazine category:

Quilters companion, Make Modern, Quilting Arts Magazine, and Simply Sewing are available to name a few .

YouTube channels (there are many more fabulous channels, I'm only highlighting a few)

- Just Get It Done - has Tips, tricks, strategies and stories
- Jordan Fabrics - "Let's make!" Lots of quilting tutorials and free patterns.
- Tiny orchard quilts - modern quilting with Megan.
- Missouri Star Quilt Company- the once a month Triple play videos, show 3 takes on a block, technique or template great to see the different interpretations by Jenny Misty and Natalie
- Angela Walters - free motion quilting and much more
- Sugaridoo - fun modern quilting, currently hosting the Bernina 2022 quilt-along 'One Two Tree'
- Stitchesbyjulia - lots of mixed media and sewing
- Lisa Walton - chats with some wonderful people from around the world, "Artist and Quilt stories "

Thanks to Fran I've also discovered Bloglovin and Feedly, both provide great ways to follow your favourite blogs. Wow, and is Blog Land another wonderful rabbit hole to get lost in! If you're interested perhaps we can name a few popular ones in the next issue??

Enjoy exploring familiar and new avenues, there is endless inspiration out there...



Take care, and enjoy your Summer,
Warm regards
Leesa Greenacre



General notices

- Minutes of the General Meeting held at Punchbowl on 4th December 2021 can be found in the Members Only section of our website. <https://tasquiltguild.com.au/about/members-only/> This section is password protected. If you do not have a password, please contact one of the Committee members.
- Contact information for our Affiliated Groups can be found here: <https://tasquiltguild.com.au/groups/>
- A list of Tasmanian fabric/quilting businesses can be found here: <https://tasquiltguild.com.au/shops/>
- Due to Covid issues the workshop with Rachelle Denny, February 11 and 12, 2022 will be postponed until further notice.

The Quilters' Easter Showcase

How it all started and what happens now...

The Quilters' Easter Showcase grew from a rush of nostalgia at a 2008 Orford retreat. Great reminiscences about friendship days, regret that they're few and far between. Which led to a small group playing around with ideas, and then, *'We could do that . . . well, come on, let's get on with it!'*



The venue clearly was the sticking point. Remember those days when massive insurance costs suddenly crippled so many activities? Dreadful! So many possibilities were tried, but disappointment actually served to harden our resolve. But then, what a find! Brighton Council's new Civic Centre seemed tailor-made for us and Brighton Council was especially keen to support community activities. An irresistibly low negotiated rental and a willingness to include us under their insurance umbrella and we were on our way!



Next, to line up Traders. They, all Tasmanian, have been critical to the success of the Quilters' Easter Showcase. There are usually about 14, all quilt related. We've given them a captive audience of 200-250 quilters, and over time the donations which have bought their floor space have provided marvellous door prizes and raffle prizes for the quilters.

Those two issues resolved, everything else just fell into place. The QES was under way! An entry fee was necessary to cover costs, but was quite deliberately kept low to ensure no one would be excluded.

250 quilters came along to QES-2009 and it was just great! The willingness of local quilting groups to lend their support made the day quite manageable. Manning the door, tick; overseeing morning tea, tick; managing Show & Tell, tick. Etc! 'Hey, that was great; let's do it again!' With Brighton Council prepared to have us back under their umbrella and quilting groups willing to help with support, it was possible. So one year became two, then three. . . then ten, and eleven!



The first few years were grossly over-managed. We tried to fit so much into the day, but experience has taught us that what quilters actually want is just a day spent in the company of fellow quilters... with access to Traders a huge drawcard. We've set a Challenge each year, with mixed success, but the Show & Tell is always incredible! And entry still just \$5, forgone in a few instances.

Costs covered, rental for the next year set aside, we've always had money left over. What better use than to donate it to the municipality which has welcomed us. Brighton Council supported QES, let us support Brighton! And so we have, some groups several times: PCYC, the School Farm, Loui's Van, Dining with Friends, The Men's Shed, Girl Guides. One year is especially dear to us: we funded uniforms so local girls could enter the district netball roster, uniforms which were then borrowed by mothers who entered the adult roster . . . and won the premiership!



But once again Covid-19 has pulled us up short and QES-12 will be postponed this year. Quite apart from public health concerns we can't, in good conscience, either risk the health of our quilting friends or make them have to exclude themselves. 2023? Who knows. What we do know is that quilters will keep sewing and that a day spent in the company of fellow quilters will never lose it's appeal. Roll on a healthy QES-12!!

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Announcing Island Quilts 2022 Raffle Quilt

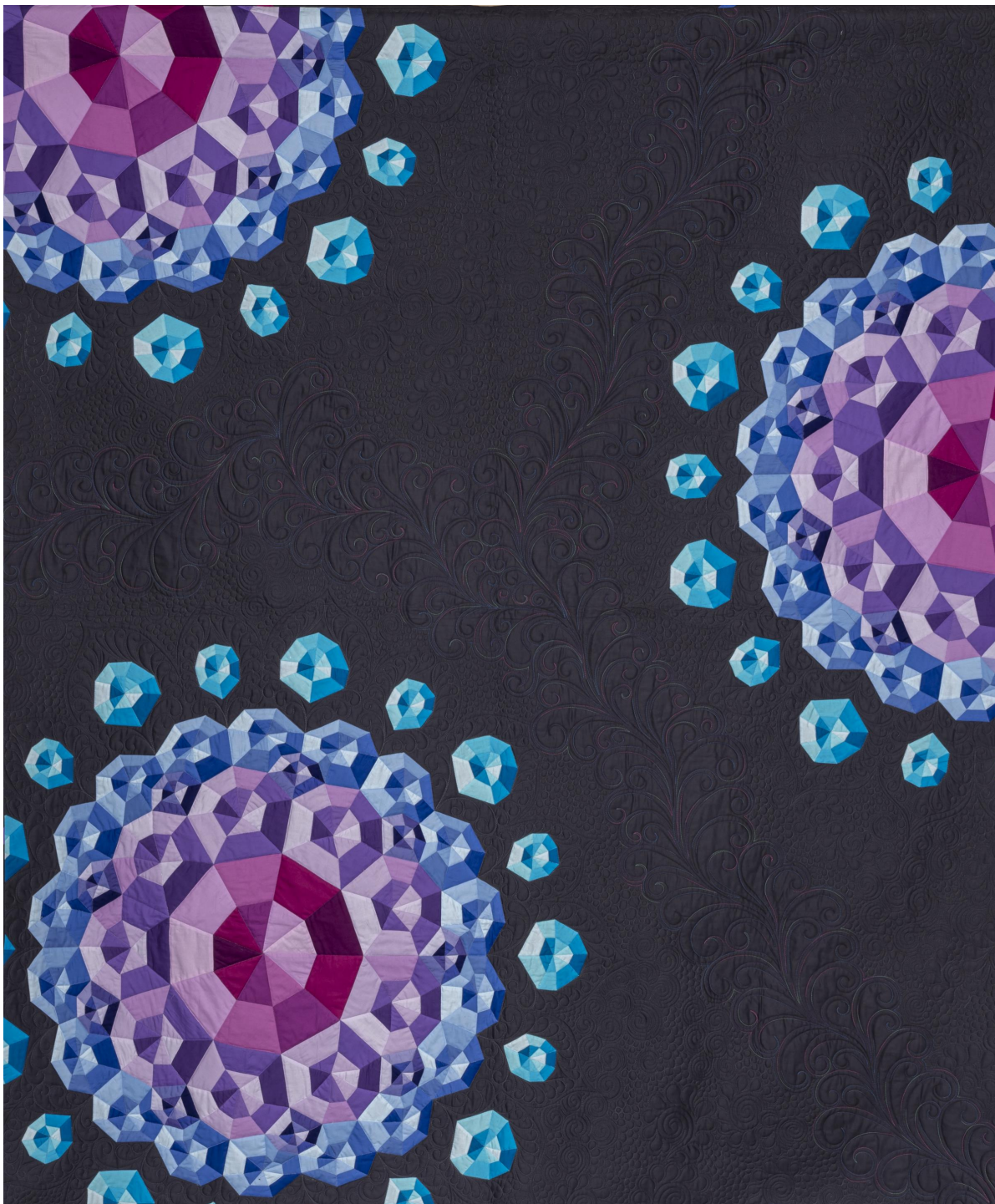
Sunrise Supernovae

Supernovae are more energetic than their common nova contemporaries. Short lived by celestial standards they explode into being and for the observer are so rare an occupancy that they are likely to be a once in a lifetime occurrence. Pretty much sums up the collaboration of making that created our wonderful 2022 raffle quilt. It combines innovative design, with technical precision and sooooo much flair. The three 'gemstones' floating in an intricately custom machine quilted dark background represent the makers, the guild's stellar younger quilters

Disa Cragg-Ohlsson, Kat Jones and Danelle Griffin.

Already a winner it won Best Collaborative Quilt in Island Quilts 2021 and I'm sure will attract great raffle ticket sales.

Check that you have pre ordered your books.



*Sunrise
Supernovae
188cm w x
226cm h
English paper
pieced from
Kona solids
and custom
quilted.
Disa Cragg-
Ohlsson
Danelle Griffin
Kat Jones*

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Calendar of Events

February		
19	COM meeting	Zoom
March		
19	General Meeting	TBC
April		
2	Appraisal Day	TBC
9	Easter Showcase	cancelled
27	Newsletter submission deadline	Submissions to newslettereditor@tasquiltguild.com.au
May		
11 – 15	Poatina Retreat	https://tasquiltguild.com.au/about/retreats/
June		
18	General Meeting	Punchbowl Christian Centre, Launceston
July		
2	COM Meeting	Zoom
27	Newsletter submission deadline	Submissions to newslettereditor@tasquiltguild.com.au
September		
17	AGM and General Meeting	Punchbowl Christian Centre, Launceston
October		
1	Appraisal Day	TBC
8	COM Meeting	Zoom
26	Newsletter submission deadline	Submissions to newslettereditor@tasquiltguild.com.au
December		
3	General Meeting and Christmas Lunch	TBC



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Appraisal Team Update

Dates for 2022 are 2nd April and 1st October.

Don't underestimate your special skills or the value of your creations!

There is some excellent information on the website about the appraisal procedure.

Please go to: <https://tasquiltguild.com.au/appraisals/> or feel free to contact either:

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