



Town & Country Quilters Club Inc

Life Changers Levin, 87 Cambridge Street at 7.30pm

Club Night 13th April 2016, 7.30pm:

Our speaker will be Chrissie Sheed, President of Rose City Quilters. Come along and hear about her quilting journey.

The mornings are darker, the evenings are getting shorter, Autumn has arrived. With the change in season, our extra Show and Tell will focus on Autumn toned quilts this month. Perhaps you have one to share, so bring yours along for an outing. Remember, this doesn't have to be a new quilt Cheryl will also be presenting a charity BOM.

Bring: Show 'n' Tell, quilts in Autumn colours, library books.

Duty Roster April Be there by 7pm please!

Supper: Mar – **Avon Haigh** (368-6021) to assist **Ruby Cooper & Val Struthers**

Show n Tell: Mar – **Bev Hamilton** (368-6986) to assist **Gill Shorer** (362-6313)

Library: Mar – **Madalyn Brewer & Diane Walker** to assist **Cheryl Chambers**

Duty Roster May Be there by 7pm please!

Supper: Apr – **Barbara Hanaray** (362-6153) to assist **Ruby Cooper & Val Struthers**

Show n Tell: Apr – **Kaye Hayward** (368-6216) to assist **Gill Shorer** (362-6313)

Library: Apr – **Madalyn Brewer & Diane Walker** to assist **Cheryl Chambers**

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PRESIDENT'S PIECE:

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who came to the Special Meeting. We had 52 people attend which was a fantastic number. It was also really good that you asked questions too, as that was a really good sign that you were interested in the constitution and that you were happy with what we had done. A lot of the work had been done by Lynne and Diane, so thank you both. And thanks also to the rest of the committee for their help and input too. I have had a lot of positive remarks about the constitution.

Hope you all enjoyed the 4 Corners, that always goes down well. I had a lot of ladies asking me about the block I presented, and Diane also had a lot of interest in the Felting Machine. So don't forget, ladies, you can borrow the Felting Machine, the Acuquilt Cutter, and the quilting hoops each month.

We had a great day out on the bus trip, with Pauline Sutherland and Jenny Forman winning the raffle prizes. I would also like to thank the Finance Committee for subsidising the cost of the bus trip. Chrissie Sheed will be our speaker for April, I have been told she is a wonderful speaker. So I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sandra Collins

REMINDERS & DATES:

9 April 2016. Allcomers Day, Art Society Rooms, Bath Street. 9.30am-4.00pm, cost \$5. Bring your own lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be supplied. Remember to register your place with Lynne. **Please note change of venue for this day.**

13 April 2016. TCQ Club Night, Life Changers, Levin. Speaker, Chrissie Sheed.

30 April 2016. Allcomers Day, Red Cross Rooms, Queen Street. 9.30am-4.00pm, cost \$5. Bring your own lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be supplied. Remember to register your place with Lynne.

11 May 2016. TCQ Club Night, AGM, Life Changers, Levin.

14 May 2016. Rose City Quilters Tote & Gloat, Arena2, PascalSt, Palm North, 8:30am—4pm

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8 July 2016 Sew Marlborough, Marlborough Girls College, 21 McLauchlan Street, Blenheim. Register your interest now! www.sewmarlborough.com

14-18 September 2016, Wairarapa Quilters Exhibition. Carterton Events Centre, Holloway Street, Carterton. 10.00am – 4.00pm, entry \$2.

8 October 2016, Quilt Fest and Challenge

23-30 October 2016. Fancy a Norfolk Islands Quilters Getaway? Details on www.quiltnorfolk.com or phone Norfolk Island Travel Centre on 0800 0088 10.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Our AGM will be held at the May meeting on Wednesday 11th May. Please get your nominations in. Nomination forms have been printed on the last page of the newsletter over the last few months.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR MARCH CLUB NIGHT:

There was a good turn out of members with 52 at the Special General Meeting held prior to our March Club Night to discuss the new Constitution. Diane Young took us through some of the new points which were a requirement, such as the Mission Statement. The committee appreciated the questions asked and the interest taken in the new Constitution. A vote was taken to adopt the new Constitution, which was passed unanimously. A vote of thanks was given to both Diane and Lynne for all the hard work and the many hours they had put in to producing this document.

The meeting then got underway, and the raffles drawn, with Lynne and Bev being the lucky winners. Show and Tell was inspiring, as usual, with baby quilts, charity quilts, a cushion, two bags, and a lovely quilt made to celebrate a family wedding.

Our extra Show and Tell segment was for Row by Row quilts, and it was great to see so many brought along. Even mine came along, my row by row was made by a group of quilting friends to celebrate my 60th birthday.

In lieu of a speaker, we had the popular Four Corners to show us interesting techniques. Sandra showed a slice and dice block, Janneke demonstrated quilt as you go placemats, Cheryl churned out circles on the Acuquilt machine, and Diane worked the Felting machine.



Debi's cushion from Nostalia class

Penfriend Wanted:

Not long after our club was formed we joined up with Town and Country Quilters in Ohio, and have kept in touch with our penfriends. Then in 1992 several of us travelled there to attend the National Symposium in nearby Bowling Green

I have a long friendship with my friend Elva and recently had a letter from her. Elva's granddaughter had been asking about us and said she would like a "penfriend" too. Unfortunately, I don't have anyone in that age group.

Does anyone have a 14 year old girl in their family who would be interested? If so, please let me know.

Heather Easton Ph 368 3593

LIBRARY NEWS:

Two new books were presented at the March Club Night, both by the very talented Kathy Doughty. They were "Adding Layers", and "Material Obsession".

Great effort getting library books back last month, thank you all so much.
The list below is to help you remember your books, hope it's helpful.

Sarah Martin	L Pond
B Hanaray	R Phillips
A Haigh	W Tunley
S Prouting	D Levet
J Coote	H Elias
J Rodgers	G Shorer
K Woodmass	P Retter
D Bradbury	Rae Clareburt
Y Symonds	Susan Riley

Cheryl Chambers

ALLCOMERS DATES FOR 2016:

April	Saturday 9 th at Art Society Rooms	April	Saturday 30 th
May	Monday 30 th	June	Saturday 25 th
July	Monday 18 th *	Aug	Saturday 27 th
Sep	Monday 19 th *	Oct	Saturday 29 th
Nov	Monday 28 th		

* Please note: these dates are not at the end of the month, but were the only days available. A change now and again prevents ruts forming!! The Red Cross Room is booked and everything is set! Please diary these dates in your brand new 2016 diary and keep them free. We look forward to seeing you there.

RED CROSS ROOMS at 524 Queen Street, Levin. Time: **9.30 am – 4pm**, Cost: **\$5**

(The Red Cross Rooms are on a back section behind Truebridge Associates Ltd.)

Please bring your lunch. Morning and afternoon tea will be supplied. Bring a cushion if required, your sewing machine, sewing supplies, or hand sewing. Remember your glasses!! Bring your machine manual if you can find it! Spare cord and/or multibox would also be handy. If you have a Sew Ezi type table you may like to bring that too.

Please note: As we can accommodate a maximum of 20, it is imperative that you contact Lynne and book your place beforehand.

Our first Allcomers' Day was very popular, so don't leave it to chance and be disappointed.

Phone: 368 5970

Email: lynneburnham@xtra.co.nz

Cheers, Lynne Burnham

An Extra ALLCOMERS' DAY will be held on Saturday 9th April, as the one scheduled for 28th March (Easter Saturday) has been cancelled.

Time : 9.30 – 4.00 pm.

Venue: Please note: This will be held at the Art Society Rooms in Bath Street.

Cost: \$5

Please bring any projects you wish to work on, the materials you require, and your lunch. There is a special aspect to this day as we are offering the opportunity to assist with any problems you may be having. Perhaps you have difficulties cutting accurately, or sewing an accurate ¼ inch or scant ¼ inch seam. Do you want to learn how to prevent those areas that have many seams joining together and form little mountains on the top of your quilt? Would you like to have a go at curved piecing, or make a few new simple sample blocks? Are you confident with binding your quilts? Or do you have a problem selecting colour ways for a new project or need assistance with something that you would like to do, needleturn appliqué, etc. Bring your bits and pieces and we will do our best to help. There will also be opportunities for show and share so bring along anything, even unfinished quilts you would like advice on, and are prepared to share with us.

These days are usually good fun and there is a good sharing atmosphere so we thought we'd try this format for this time. You are welcome to sit and work on your project all day if you wish, but you may ask for individual or group assistance throughout the day.

We limit numbers to 20 so it is helpful if you let me know that you are coming. –Lynne



This wall hanging shown in two colour ways includes couching, decorative stitching by hand or machine, with the addition of 3D flowers and leaves. Jacqi's classes are always great learning experiences and are good fun as well. Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to attend so you don't miss out. I hope to have samples at the April meeting and I have seen the needs list and if you wish most of you will be able to draw on your stash for supplies! – Lynne lynneburnham@xtra.co.nz Phone 368 5970

ALMONER:

Cathryn Christensen is our Club Almoner. If you know of a member who has suffered a bereavement, has been hospitalized or is unwell, please contact Cathryn. A card will be sent on behalf of our club to let them know we are thinking of them.

Contact details: Ph 06-329-6855 or email nzmomcmc@hotmail.com

ROW BY ROW 2012 – My Journey into the World of Hearing.

1st Row: SIT LONG, THINK MUCH. I had to think long and hard about making the decision of having a cochlear implant and wanted to have it done.....after which I could hear tuis and my sewing machine whirring.

2nd Row: COME FLY WITH ME. I made 10 trips to Christchurch in 15 months, so fly with me.....had some awesome flights both ways over the sea and mountains.

3rd Row: BE MY FRIEND – STITCHING MATES. I have many friends who have supported me through and through and I appreciated their help and supportthis row is called the link.

4th Row: BUILD A CABIN BEFORE WINTER. I did some log cabins, my home ready for the winter months after my surgery in Christchurch.

5th Row: SEASONS OF THE HEART. Living in a world of peace all my life with a little help from hearing aids, I was accepted for cochlear implant in February. Seasons of the heart would be my description of going into the unknown of getting the gift of hearing surrounded by the love of my family, friends, and I had hope and faith in my surgeon and audiologist.

6th Row: WE GROW IN YOUR GARDEN. After being “switched on” on 21st May 2012, I could hear the buzzing bees and the birds in my garden. I've never heard birds before.

7th Row: GAZE UP AT ME. Gaze up at me and you will see planes....they look like plane propellers.

8th Row: A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND. I shopped many times in Christchurch, bought shoes, hand-bags and pearls, scarves and a coat, so these things are a girl's best friends.

9th Row: PATCHWORK PARADISE. I had many things ready to make on my return from surgery in Christchurch so I thought I would be in patchwork paradise, but didn't get much done, I was feeling rather “out of sorts”.

10th Row: GRANDMOTHER'S ARE JUST ANTIQUE LITTLE GIRLS. I put some prairie points with different old buttons and diamonds, some things that grandmothers love to dress up in. I am a very proud grandmother of four children but don't class myself as antique, but a fun loving one! I love to hear them more clearly, even on the telephone.

Helen Cole



Helen at club night with her Row by Row quilt

Rose City Quilters Tote & Gloat

Saturday 14th May 2016

Arena2, PascalSt, Palmerston North, 8:30am—4pm

Guest Speaker: Susan Brubaker Knapp from U.S.A.

Quilt Exhibitions, Show & Tell, Merchant Mall, Challenges

Tickets \$15 Limited door sales Please send \$15 per ticket (with self-addressed envelope)

to Rose City Quilters, P.O. Box 892, Palmerston North 4440

Tickets also available at Amiee's Homestead Quilts,

The Cloth Shop, Village Books and Crafts, Palmerston North;

Angels and Gumboots, Ashhurst

CLUB ITEMS FOR LOAN:

Did you know that T&CQ club has several items to loan out to members? There is a Felting machine, Acuquilt, Light Box and a free standing hand quilting frame available for members to use. No charge to borrow these items but a \$15.00 breakage fee will apply if the items come back damaged.

SUGGESTION BOX:

If you have ideas or suggestions, please write them down! We have a suggestion box on the front table where you get your raffles and sign up for the library draw. There will be pens and paper available, so feel free to write down any suggestions you have, be it speakers, Christmas entertainment ideas, something you're happy or unhappy about, etc. If you add your name you will get a response from the Committee once your suggestions have been discussed. You can make it anonymous if you prefer, and then we will answer your concerns through the newsletter.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Many thanks to those who brought along their beautiful "Row by Row Quilts" for our special Show and Tell segment we had last month, it was lovely to share Helen's journey about her cochlear implant. This month it will be quilts in Autumn colours. The idea is to get our favourite quilts out into the limelight to be seen again and admired.

Did you notice the huge influx of caravans and motor homes in Levin over Easter? We were part of the 700 or so rigs which gathered A & P Showgrounds and had a wonderful time. Muffy came along too, and happily spent the weekend tucked up in our caravan.



If you have something to go in the newsletter, please send it to: TownandCountryQuilters@gmail.com, By 25th of the month please. **Jenny Benton, Editor**



Bus trip to Pukeora Quilt Show, Waipukurau

On Saturday 12th March, at 8am sharp a bus load of happy, chatty & excited ladies left Thompson House. I was picked up in Shannon with 3 other ladies & one lady was picked up at the Opiki turn-off. Total of 24 ladies.

We motored through the Gorge & Woodville & had a comfort stop in Dannevirke. The country side through the Takapau Plains proved to be very barren & dry with very little feed for the stock. Had a raffle on the way & Pauline Sutherland was the lucky winner.

We arrived at Pukeora Estate on the top of San Hill & a lady came on board to collect our \$5 & we were given a guide.

I viewed the main exhibition which many club members from various clubs throughout the area had pooled together & these quilts were huge & amazing. I am very inspired by the Baltimore quilts which is on my bucket list. Then we wandered to the café at the end of the complex & had a well-earned cuppa with my lunch from home. (I save a few dollars for extra fabrics or threads by taking my own lunch).

We wandered round the Merchant stalls where they were selling their wares & some of the ladies looked like they were replenishing their stash with extra fabrics, threads & patterns. Of course I took this advantage!

After a break we viewed the rest of the exhibition which had the challenges & quilts from the Cook Islands. The main exhibitor was Anne Yeo who has made some beautiful floral quilts on a big scale. I was blown away with her tie quilt which she had made out of ties bought from op shops in Northland.

We left the Pukeora Estate at 3pm & motored home again. Most of us compared our purchases on the bus. Another raffle was drawn & Jenny Forman was the lucky winner.

I'm sure everyone enjoyed the bus trip as much I did & came away truly inspired to make more quilts. Sincere thanks to Sandra & her helpers for organising this trip & I hope for many more bus trips to come.

Helen Cole

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

These are held on the second Tuesday of February, May, August and November. Applications can also be made for funds for community projects. For application details contact Cathryn Christensen on 06-3296855 or email her at nzmomcmc@hotmail.co.nz.

QUILTERS FOLKLORE:

Grandma's Quilt.

With gentle and loving fingers, she caressed the well worn fold

Around each piece a memory lingers, like a sweet story often told.

By Sylvia Summers Pierce



Quiltfest Challenge October 2016

Our theme this year is the word '**spring**'.

From the word 'spring' Thesaurus in the dictionary gives a list of the meanings. Use one of these words as your challenge subject.

Coil	Water Spring
Mechanism	The Season
Spiral	Bounce
Jump	Leap

The categories for entries are

- Novice: First time entry.
Has never won a judged prize at novice or first time entry level.
- Intermediate: Has won a judged prize at novice or first time entry level.
- Advanced: Has won a judged prize at intermediate level.
Has previously entered in this category.

Junior Entry: Junior member under the age of 18 years.

Those entering the challenge must be financial members of Town & Country Quilters for 2016

Entry Requirements:

- All entries are to be kept confidential to the maker until the judging has taken place
- Each entry is to be placed inside a pillowcase or similar with the entry form completed and attached. (Entry form will be provided nearer the due date)
- Any size
- Wall hanging is to be made up of 3 layers, top, batting, backing and must be quilted (either hand or machine)
- Sleeve for hanging on the back
- The label on your entry must have an explanation of the word you have chosen use and your interpretation of it.
- **Due Date:**
 - Acceptance date for entries, Wednesday 14^h September 2016
 - To be handed in at club night

Good Luck and most of all have fun and enjoy the challenge allowing your creativity to produce some stunning results!

Town & Country Quilters Charity BOM

9 ½" block (9" when sewn into quilt)

These blocks are to be made from **green** fabrics.

Preferably yellow greens or grey greens in a variety of light, medium & dark tones. Use as many different fabrics as you can. It doesn't matter where the light, medium and dark fabrics sit in the block, so long as there is contrast between the different pieces.

Cut one square 6 ½" x 6 ½"

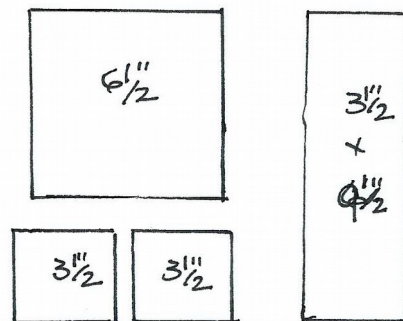
Cut two squares 3 ½" x 3 ½"

Cut one rectangle 9 ½" x 3 ½"

Sew the two 3" squares together.

Sew this row to the bottom of the 6" square.

Sew the rectangle down the right hand side of the block.



Town & Country Quilters 2016 – Committee Nomination

Nominee Person's Name: _____

(The person being nominated)

Nominee Person's Signature: _____

Nominated By: _____

(The person doing the nominating)

Nominated By Signature: _____

Position: _____

(Can be left blank)

Seconded By Name: _____

(Nomination is Seconded by:)

Seconded By Signature: _____

For Committee Use Only

Acceptance of Nomination for:

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____