



The Owlers' Hoot

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President's Piece.

Where has the year gone? I can't believe that October is nearly over and on 22nd November we have our last meeting for the year though of course the Christmas Party on 12th December will bring most of us together again.

It's great that we have a Newsletter again so thank you to Orna Bennett for taking on this task as our new Publicity Officer. Don't forget our website: nightowlquilters.weebly.com tended by Jean Watson.

The SCCQ Quilt Show was grand as ever and I am sure your efforts, both in entering such wonderful quilts and doing so much of the volunteering duties, were very much appreciated by the Show Organisers. Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club should be very pleased with your donation.

It's been a busy year of in-house workshops and demonstrations and I hope you've enjoyed them as much as I have. Workshop Coordinator Julie Criss has been so generous with her time and ideas and is keen to get you started on 5th November on quilts for next year's Biggest Morning Tea.

Next year will be a big year with getting ready for the BMT on 9th May and then the anticipation of the SCCQ workshops in a new location at Milton in September.

Julie never seems to run short of ideas and has exciting things planned already for next year. And please don't be shy – if you know a new or different or just plain better way to do something, share it with us all: just speak to Julie or me to secure a time slot for next year.

Bye for now,

Frankie

Editor's Comment

Welcome to my first edition of the "Owlers' Hoot", I hope you will find it worth the read and up to the high standards of my predecessor Jean Watson. Feel free let me know what you want to see in the newsletter and to send me articles, sketches or clips to include. Please remember the copyright protocol; which means that if you have copied or quoted from **anywhere**, simply acknowledge the source and everyone will be happy. In this issue you will find the calendar for a little over the next half year (to May 2017), a delicious summer recipe compliments of Frankie, information about the annual **Christmas Party**, Biggest Morning Tea trading table ideas and working bee, an update on our website and something to exercise your brain.

Night Owl AGM Election Results.

As a result of the election at the Annual General meeting on 9th August, your new Committee comprises:

PRESIDENT- Frankie Gosbell

VICE-PRESIDENT – Christine Jones

SECRETARY – Margaret Vaughan

TREASURER – Robyn Sammons

EVENING GROUP REPRESENTATIVE – Margaret Harris

LIBRARIAN- Jan Carr

PUBLICITY OFFICER- Orna Bennett *

REFRESHMENTS OFFICER- Margaret Browning

WORKSHOP COORDINATOR – Julie Criss

*Appointed by the Executive Committee subsequent to the Annual General Meeting

Notice Board

NIGHT OWLS NOTICE BOARD – Through to May 2017

| Month | Date | What |
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| October | 25 | Meeting |
| November | 5 | BMT Quilting Bee |
| | 8 | Meeting |
| | 14 | Night Meeting |
| | 22 | Final Meeting for 2016. General Meeting |
| December | 12 | Christmas Party Bay Waters Inn |
| | 14 | SCCQ Meeting |
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| 2017 | | |
| February | 13 | Night Meeting |
| | 14 | Meeting |
| | 15 | SCCQ Meeting |
| | 21 | "Mystery" Morning (date to be confirmed) |
| | 28 | Robyn Sammons - Applique Tutorial |
| March | 13 | Night Meeting |
| | 14 | Meeting |
| | 20 | Batemans Bay Patchwork and Quilting Luncheon |
| | 28 | Meeting |
| May | 9 | BMT |

Workshop News

WORKING BEE – Quilts for BMT

Julie Criss has organised a working bee for Saturday 5 November from 9 am onwards till around 3 pm. She will be providing blocks and other fabrics for you to work on. Please bring along your lunch and normal sewing supplies. Neutral sewing threads should be fine however if you have a dark grey please include it. She will bring along a variety of embroidery threads in case they are needed. A couple of pairs of old scissors that can be used for cutting batting would be great as well your favourite tool for stuffing soft toys.

Night Owls Christmas Party 12 December 2016

The Christmas Party has been booked at the Bay Waters Inn for 12 December, 6pm for 6.30pm. Thank you to Vere for making the booking and liaising over the menu and cost. Liz, Lorraine, Margaret Harris and Trisha from the Night Group have kindly volunteered to coordinate the event. Plus thanks to Julie for offering to provide the table decorations.

The menu is Roast Turkey or Lamb Cutlets with seasonal vegetables and lemon meringue pie or sticky date pudding. The meals are served by the alternate drop system. The cost is \$35 per person. Special dietary requirements can be catered for. As has become traditional, a free drink will be provided from Night Owl funds for each person attending.

Robyn Sammons will be collecting money for the event at the meetings on 8th and 22nd November and will have a list where you can state your dietary requirements if applicable. The Night members are asked to bring their \$35 to the meeting on 14th November.

Party Entertainment- GETTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU

This year there won't be a guest speaker, but Julie has come up with a new idea to keep us all entertained.

At a recent meeting one of our members let slip she had spent time in jail. Please do not reveal if you know who the person is. I am sure we all have some hidden secrets, achievements or claims to fame. Perhaps you lived next door to someone famous, swam across the English Channel or have visited a very unusual place in the world. Please write your name on a piece of paper and a sentence about what you did and pop it in the envelope at quilting or email me Julie, pjcriss@bigpond.com All will be revealed at the Christmas party. Remember secrecy is the word.

In keeping with the theme, please bring in for show and tell items from any other art and craft activities you have made or, a special Christmas quilt.

Web Site

Don't forget to have a look at the Night Owls web site.

<http://nightowlquilters.weebly.com/>

It is still in its early stages, but the beauty of a web site, that it is always a "work in progress" which will allow updates on events, as well as bring our group to the attention of potential new members. I can still remember when I was looking at moving down here a few years ago, I searched the internet for craft groups in the area. Peter my husband looked at fishing sites, but I can tell you that my decision to move down to Batemans Bay was dependant on the availability of craft groups, in particular sewing and fibre groups.

As Jean, our web master extraordinaire says:

"Please make a point of opening the link as the more people that open the site, the more indexing we get from Mr Google."

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Jean would love to hear from you with any comments or suggestions for a new page, please let her know.

Recipes To Share

Frankie has submitted a delicious recipe for us all to try. After all, sewing is an activity which burns up calories, so we all need to keep up our strength.

With the summer holidays coming up here is a recipe for an easy to make sweet treat that can be frozen and that kids can help make. I used a jug to pour the mixture into the cases

LEMON AND BLUEBERRY MINI CHEESECAKES (from "Frost Bite" by Susan Austin)

Biscuit Base: 110g plain, sweet biscuits; 60g ground almonds; 60g butter, melted.

Filling: 3 eggs; 300g cream cheese (at room temperature); 180g sugar; 125 ml sour cream; zest of 1 lemon, finely grated; small punnet of blueberries.

You will also need 12 paper muffin cases for this recipe.

Preheat oven to 150C. Place muffin cases in a 12 hole muffin tray. Blitz the biscuits in a food processor. Combine with ground almonds and butter to form a wet, crumbly mix. Divide the biscuit mix between the muffin papers and use your fingers to press lightly to form bases for the cheesecakes.

To make the filling: place all ingredients except the blueberries in the food processor and blitz for 20 seconds or until everything is combined.

Place a few blueberries in each muffin hole then pour the cheesecake filling over the top.

Bake in oven for about 30-40 minutes or until the tops have set and they look well-cooked. Remove from oven. The cheesecakes will shrink as they cool, that's perfectly normal.

To freeze: allow to cool then place in a freezer bag or plastic container and freeze.

Defrost: on kitchen bench or preferably in fridge as they should be served chilled

BMT Trading Table ideas



Frankie explaining how to make and use the book pillow.



She also brought in a mug wrap and plate sized placemats. And she tells us she has more ideas.



Puzzle Pieces

Recently I read an article on how good patchwork and quilting is for our mental and physical health. It's not only the actual craft work that provides the benefits, but many of the related activities, such as calculating yardage, planning and finishing that provides stimulation and endorphins for our brain. I couldn't believe they didn't mention that fabric shopping is good for endorphin release! So, in the interests of good health, I would like to introduce a new idea for the newsletter. Puzzle Pieces; based on the broad theme of our chosen craft. Each issue, there will be new way for you to exercise your brain. It could be a word search, crossword, quick quiz or any other brain teaser I can find. Please feel free to send me any ideas or items you have and I will include them. Mail to ornasewingroom@gmail.com or give it to me at a meeting. Answers will be published in the following issue, so you will have plenty of time to finish it. However, if you finish it straight away and can't wait for the answers, send me an email and I'll send you the answers. BUT, keep it securely hidden so you don't spoil the fun for others. Same address ornasewingroom@gmail.com

As you can see I have covered up the answers! But, I'm not completely mean, I will tell you there are 33 words hidden in this square. Good luck. Answers in the next issue, or contact me if you can't wait that long.

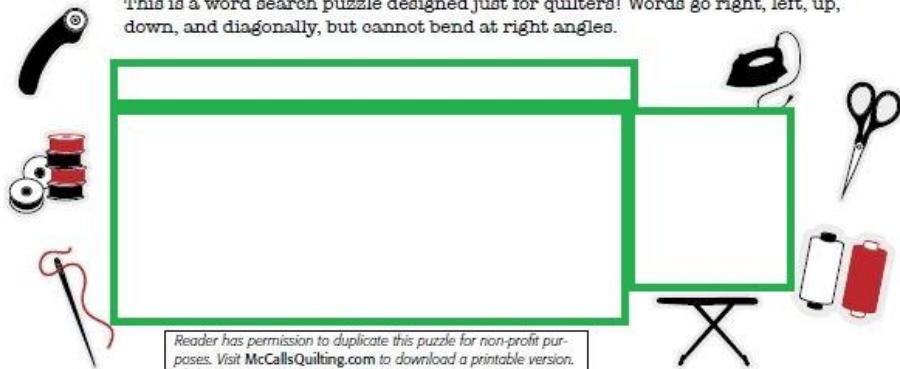
Quilter's Wordsearch



by Wendy Borehart

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This is a word search puzzle designed just for quilters! Words go right, left, up, down, and diagonally, but cannot bend at right angles.



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"A Good Day, is a Day Spent Quilting, Laughing and Sharing with Friends."

See you at the next meeting.

Orna