



The Owlers' Hoot

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President's Piece



Wasn't it sad saying goodbye to Nancy Pumpa? At least we managed to catch up with her at a special morning tea on 26th April and, for Night Members, lunch on 2nd May. Typically modest Nancy, I think she imagined she could depart unnoticed. I am sure that once

she and Mark have settled in their new home, Nancy will be off to join a quilting group which will be very lucky to have her as a member. Her new address is: Mark and Nancy Pumpa, Unit 147, Grand Mariner, 12 Commodore Drive, Paradise Waters QLD 4217. Mobile No: 0447 120709.



Thank you to Lesley Holbeck for her presentation on 26th April of off-centre piecing which certainly produces some fascinating effects.

As you can see from the Night Owls Notice Board, there is a lot happening over the next few months.

Those of you who want to take part in the Christmas in July Workshop and who need Christmas themed/coloured fabrics will hopefully find what they need when Freddie from Cobargo brings her fabrics to the Community Centre on 14th June. It is many years since we have had a fabric retailer visit us and I hope you will give the event your enthusiastic support. Because the fabrics and cutting table will take up so much space, we will only be able to set out chairs for members, not tables. In order to make Freddie's visit financially worthwhile, other groups and individuals have been invited to attend. We get a head start at 9.30 with any visitors due at 10am. The hall hire time has been extended so there will be plenty of time.

On 28th June there will be a General Meeting followed by Margaret Foster's long postponed Rouleau demonstration. July will speed by with the Christmas in July activities.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 9th August. As many Committee members will have completed their three year term (it only seems like a gaol sentence) we will need a new Secretary, Librarian, Night Member, Publicity Officer and Vice President. Honestly, the duties are not overly demanding and I would like to encourage some of our newer members to have a go, as sometimes it seems like revolving doors: for example, Margaret Browning has been

Treasurer twice and is now Hospitality Officer and many others are serving their second term. So please, give it some thought.

The next day is the SCCQ meeting at which Night Owls members are performing the hostess duties. Again, it would be nice to see some new faces helping out.

Well, that's about it till the end of August.

Frankie Gosbell

Workshop News

SIMPLE CURVE WORKSHOP



This highly successful workshop using the Magic Curve Ruler was held on 21st and 29th March and overall more than half the Night Owl membership learnt the techniques.

Congratulations and thank you to Julie Criss for organising and teaching the workshop: she put in many hours of preparation to ensure it all ran smoothly. Julie has since obtained a Mini Curve Ruler which produces similar effects on a smaller scale but also can be used to produce a very attractive Christmas Tree table runner, one of the projects on offer at the Christmas in July Workshop.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY WORKSHOPS

Most of you will have already seen the Christmas themed items that Julie and Frankie have prepared for the Christmas in July workshops. They have tried to provide a range of projects and techniques and none of the pieces is difficult or overly time-consuming. The pieces will be brought to each of the day meetings from now on and to the night meeting on 20th June. Members will be asked to indicate which items they are interested in so that instructions, requirements and/or patterns can be made available: Julie's projects can be viewed on line for guidance and Frankie's are from magazines and books.

The activity kicks off with a special day session on Tuesday 5th July. Additional projects can be made or original ones completed at day meetings on 12th and 26th July: the logistics of how these will be set up have still to be worked out as we don't want to discourage non-participants from attending the meetings. Night members can work on projects at their normal night meeting on 11th July and at an additional night session later in July on a date to be advised.

Photos of the proposed projects can be seen at the end of this Newsletter.

Subs due

Just a heads up that the Night Owl membership fees for 2016/17 are due by the end of June. Cost remains at \$35 for full membership or \$20 if you are a member of another group.

Tuesday Twitterers Visit



It was great to see some of the Tuesday Twitterers visit the Night Owl day group on Tuesday May 24. There was the usual good turnout from Night Owls to welcome them and I am sure all present will agree that we enjoyed the chats to learn what they do at their weekly meetings. The Twitterers seem a very friendly group who meet in their homes as they are smaller group than ours (approximately 15). Let's hope they had a good time too and will return

sometime. Thanks to all the 'caterers' for morning tea and lunch. The food was delicious as usual.



Blog Review

In this edition, I am featuring two well-known ladies' Blogs who are very inspirational crafters.

Fiona's Peaceful Threads

Fiona's Peaceful Threads is a local blog. Many of you would know Fiona's work and some attend her Wednesday group at the Batemans Bay Anglican Church Centre Hall. Her blog site is always full of interesting projects (mostly embroidery but she also does quilting). She also discusses her journeys on Craft Cruises and her family. Very interesting lady who works hard to inspire fellow sewers.

Well worth a look: <http://peacefulthreads.blogspot.com.au/>

Quilter – Leah Day

Many of you would also heard of Leah Day as a well-known (mostly online) quilter from America and many people in Australia follow her. She is a teacher and you can find videos of her work in Craftsy and You Tube.

She has a great blog spot and Web site. Her Web Page has over 450 free motion quilting designs with a short video that demonstrates each of these designs.

If you are looking for inspiration on free motion quilting designs, she is also well worth a look:

<http://leahday.com/pages/quilting-design-gallery-5>

Quick hints, tips and tricks

If you have any hints or tips to share, please let the Newsletter Editor know for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

Binding tip



Have you ever machine sewn binding on your quilt only to discover that in places the underside of the binding is not secured? I have done this so many frustrating times. That is until I read an article that made so much sense to me. The advice was simple, when ironing for double sided binding, make sure the part of the fabric facing up as you iron, is a fraction below the back side. It's a little hard to explain so I am hoping the photo will be helpful. Please note that the photo is a little exaggerated to demonstrate the techniques as you need to ensure you can still sew a quarter inch seam.

So, when sewing the binding onto your quilt, ensure that the short side is facing up and that your stitching remains below the lower side to guarantee to catch both edges.

Laughter is the best medicine

If you have any amusing, motivational articles, or captions to share, then this is the spot for you whether they relate to quilting, family, age etc. Just keep them clean!

Thanks Maggie Wale and Julie Criss for the following captions:



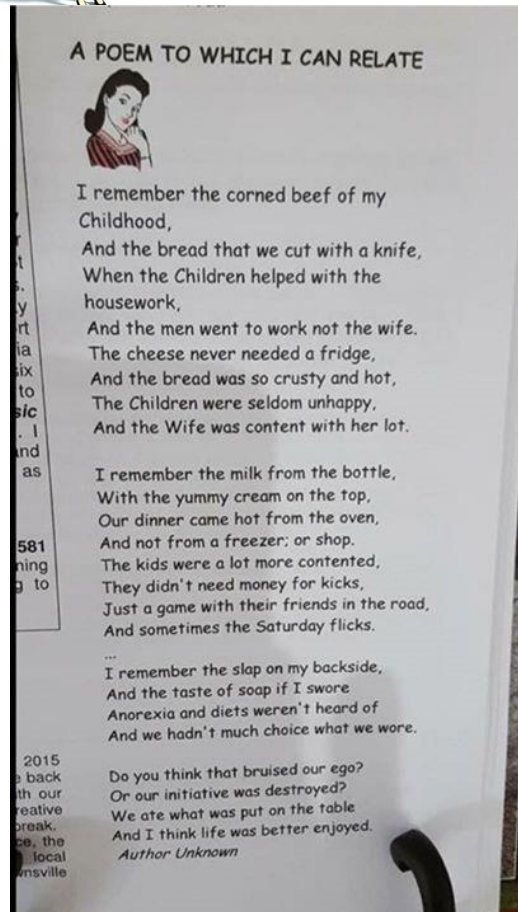
"My memory really sucks Mildred, so I changed my password to "incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... "Your password is incorrect"

In my dream world, fabric is free and quilting makes you thin!



facebook.com/QuiltingSewingCreating

what I really need 🥰🤔😂



Recipes to Share

If you have any delicious recipes you would like to share, please let me know for inclusion in the Night Owls Newsletter.

This recipe came from Leslie Holbeck.

Chocolate Yoghurt Cake

Ingredients:

1½ cups plain flour
 ½ cup cocoa
 220 g natural yoghurt
 1 cup sugar
 2 eggs
 ½ cup vegetable oil
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 teaspoon bi-carb soda

Method

1. Combine flour, sugar, bi-carb soda and cinnamon. Stir well
2. Add eggs, oil and yoghurt. Beat until smooth
3. Pour into one lined, round 23 cm cake tin, or 2 smaller tins
4. Bake at 150°C for 30-35 minutes until cooked
5. Ice with chocolate icing, or dust with icing sugar

NIGHT OWL NOTICE BOARD

Please let us know if you wish to include any events on the below diary.

June

8	SCCQ Meeting
14	Freddie's Fabrics from Cobargo
20	Night Meeting
28	General Meeting
30	Night Owls Subscriptions due

July

5	Christmas in July Workshop commences
11	Night Meeting (Christmas in July)
12	Christmas in July continued
TBA	Additional Night Meeting (Christmas in July)
26	Christmas in July concludes

August

8	Night Meeting
9	AGM
10	SCCQ (Night Owls hosting)
23	Meeting
30	UFO Day (to be confirmed)

September

12	Night Meeting
13	Meeting
15	SCCQ Quilt Show set up day
16-18	SCCQ Quilt Show
27	Meeting

Refreshments Roster

If you are unable to complete your roster, please arrange for someone else to take your place.

Date	Who
14-Jun	Chris Neale
	Jill Hill
28-Jun	Debbie Adam
	June Fairall
	Jill Bennett
	NB XMAS IN JULY

Christmas in July Samples

