

my little patch

Patchwork and Sewing Emporium



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Welcome to our Newsletter for 2017. The heat has been awful but at least we have had some rain to refresh the gardens. Our Lawns are very green. I have just come back from a few days at my Aunties in St Leonards and the Temp has been ten degrees cooler. Great Weather down there.

Just arrived is the latest range from French General called Ponicherry which is a Blue range of fabrics. Not sure what pattern I will use for these lovelies. Also arrived is three Fabrics called Ned Kelly.

Our ranges of Jinny Beyer, Kaffe Fassett, Cotton and Steel, Tula Pink are constantly growing. Our Batiks range is the largest in the North East. We also have a big range of the Varigated Batiks from Batik Australia which have been selling fast because of the One Fabric Bargello. All of the ladies finished Quilt tops look great. Come in and see the pictures and Sue's Sample. The first one Sue made was purchased by Batiks Australia as he loved the job that Sue had done. Well done Sue.

On the 2 January, our Libby Pearson passed away after a long battle with Cancer. Lib fought it all the way and we will cherish our memories that we have of Lib.

WOMEN IN STITCHES DINNERS: Our final tally for our fundraising last year was \$8475. Monies were donated to Loaves and Fishes Christians Caring and helping Lib and her family. One of the things that we did get the family was a BBQ. Lib and Noel were just blown away by this. They have used it every night.

Our first dinner for the year will be on 29 March at 6.00pm at the shop. Please let us know if you would like to come. All welcome. We all ready have a good lot of samples from my suppliers for auction.

WOMEN IN STITCHES: The 2016 Challenge of 42 Circles had a record amount of 39 entries and they looked so good at the Quilt Show. I was blown away by everybody's efforts. The creativity and the ideas that came about was excellent. Well done Ladies. We even had one from Illoura Nursing Home. Most of them are hanging in the Shop. This year's Challenge is 42 Squares, so if you would like to participate please come in and register. They need to be completed by June.

RETREAT: The next retreat to Bright is March 17/18/19. We had 17 ladies last September who had a great time Sewing, Laughing, Shopping, Walking and relaxing. Booking are essential to reserve your place.

A good weekend away to start or finish off a project.

SIT AND SEW WEEKEND: In May we will be having an all Weekend Sit and Sew at my little patch.

Cost is \$40 and includes tea. A great opportunity to get together and sew up a storm but stay in the comfort of your own bed. Dates are 6 and 7 May. This is the same weekend as the Centre Quilters Wangaratta Weekend Workshops.

HELEN GODDEN: Helen has been booked to do the Flying into Colours Workshop this year but we are still waiting on a firm date. It should be in May. Last year we had about 18 ladies who enjoyed Helen's Workshop and her Show and Tell. Helen is one talented lovely lady. Be quick to book your spot as I all ready have 8 on the list.

H M TEXTILES: Hiroe Mogi from H M Textiles, who we get out Sashiko Panels and lovely Japanese Fabrics, will be coming in July to do some Demonstrations and Workshops on Japanese Stitcheries. More details will be available soon, so Register your expression of interest.

BASIC SEWING CLASSES Would you like to learn the Basics of Sewing and make a Garment? Lessons over 5 weeks starting on 21 February with Lizzie McKimmie. Booking essential.

COTTAGE GARDEN THREADS CLUB: Our Thread Club will be concluding this year. All of the ladies of really enjoyed this Block of the Month. There are only three more to go. Cannot wait for them to be put into Quilts.

COMFORT QUILTS: On Saturday 25 March we are getting together to get some comfort quilt completed. If you are available and would like to attend please let us know. Lunch provided.

G&J SEWING SERVICE: Need your machine serviced? Scissors sharpened? Bring them into us or take them to Greg at 19 Swan Street. If you live out of Town and want to get same day service, ring Greg on 03 5721 6877 to make a booking.

AUSTRALIAN QUILT CONVENTION: The bus to AQC will be on Sunday 23 April. Cost is \$65 which includes entry. We can pick up along the way with stops at Benalla and Euroa Roadhouse. Bookings are a must. A great day out seeing lots of Quilts and retail therapy even though I tell them to leave their purses on the Bus. LOL We all come away very inspired and ready to get stuck into another project.

Bulk requirements: Do you or your group have bulk requirements? You can order full rolls of Wadding at a discounted rate. Come and talk to me about your needs.

Save the date:

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| ❖ Corowa Quilt Show | 15 and 16 April |
| ❖ AQC | 20 and 23 April |
| ❖ Goulburn Valley Quilts | 18 and 19 March |
| ❖ Wangaratta Weekend Workshops | 6 and 7 May |
| ❖ Strictly Quilts | 7 and 16 July |
| ❖ Stitched Up Festival | 7 and 16 July |

Some news around my little patch:

In November as most would know, I went on a Cruise with my Aunty Letty, and her son, his children, his wife, his mother in law and sister in law. Nothing like going away with the family. LOL We had a great time and I can cross this off my Bucket List. Phil is at the start of our calving season, so him and Spud will be busy.

Megan and her new partner Greg came over from Perth for Christmas. Greg's interest is Astronomy so he bought along his Telescope. He was able to point out the Milky Way and other stars, which I had no idea what or where they were. I have more of an appreciation of our skies now. I now have an App which tells me where the stars are.

Raelene and Jay have been busy with Belle now 6 and attending school. They are growing up too fast. Annie is 4 and Billie is 2. They all love going to the Sharks Ice Hockey. They have a new member of their family, Harry the Bulldog, who is loved by them all. We will get to meet him on October.

Sue's son Brendan will be getting married in March to his long time partner Stacey. We wish them all the best for their future.

Our Sophie's grandson has been unwell and we hope that the new medication will help him.

Carol and Keith Stamp have returned from six weeks in the States visiting their daughter and grandson. They will be returning later this year as Delvene is getting married. Best wishes from us all.

Joan Sheridan has again been sewing up a storm and just keeps going. Well done Joanie.

Marg Higgins daughter Lyn and granddaughter Olivia have moved back to Wangaratta. Lyn will be teaching at Wangaratta High School.

Please let me know if you would still like to get the Newsletter

If you have an email address, can you please let me know so that I can take you off the snail mail list?

Happy Creating
Susan

CLASS NAME	Instructor	Date	Time	Cost
BASIC PATCHWORK FOR BEGINNERS Are you interested in learning basic techniques? There are 9 Blocks and goes over 10 weeks.	Susan Callus	Mon 20 Feb	1.00 to 3.30	\$35.00 per class
RISING STAR QUILT Try a different type of Star which you can use with a Jelly Roll or cut your own strips.	Susan Callus	Wed 22 March	9.30 to 11.00	\$35.00
TABLE RUNNER Come and make the S Table Runner using Border Prints	Sue Matthews	Wed 8 March	10.00 to 1.00	\$35.00
ONE FABRIC BARGELLO Create an easy Bargello using only one fabric.	Sue Matthews	Wed 22 Feb Wed 19 April	9.30 to 4.00	\$35.00 plus pattern
BASIC BAG A Bag for everyday use.	Susan Callus	Tues 28 Feb Tues 7 March	1.30 to 3.30	\$35.00
CONVERGENCE For those who wants to try the Ricky Tims style	Sue Matthews	Wed 5th April	10.00 to 3.00	\$35.00
WEEKEND SIT AND SEW Come join in and start a new project or just finish one off Includes Tea on Saturday night		Sat and Sun April 8/9 Mat 6/7	9.00 to ? 9 to 4	\$40.00
QUILTING SKILLS Learn basic Quilting Skills – Ditch Stitch, Stipple and your machine stitches	Sue Matthews	Wed 1 March	10am to 3.30pm	\$35.00
HELEN GODDEN FLYING INTO COLOURS Great Workshop to learn more about Quilting and Painting	Helen Godden	TBA Saturday and Sunday	9.30 to 4.00	
SIT AND SEW SATURDAYS Join in to finish off UFO's or start some new ones. To be held 1st Saturday of the month.		Sat 4 Feb Sat 4 March Sat 7 April Sat 8 May	10.00 to 4.00	\$10
BASIC SEWING CLASS Come and learn the basics of Sewing and make a Garment. Classes are for 5 weeks	Lizzie McKimmie	Tues 21 Feb	5.30 to 7.30	\$35.00 per class