

my little patch

Patchwork and Sewing Emporium



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Welcome to 2018 and what a year we are going to have. 2017 went so fast with lots of laughter and some tears. We said goodbye to Libby Pearson and Joan Sheridan. I am sure that they are still with us around the table. With our time being so short sometimes, it is so important that we make time for ourselves and get into our creating. The joy and pleasure that it gives is great. The hot weather has been very testing for us all but it is summer.

New ranges coming soon will be Tulia Pinks, more Kaffe Fassett, French General and more. And of course more WOWs.

WOMEN IN STITCHES DINNERS: Our dinners are held at the shop on the last Wednesday of the odd month. First one will be on the 28 March. Samples from my suppliers and donated goods are auctioned. The total of our fundraising last year was \$.

MONICA POOLE DESIGNS: After the great success of Monica's Quilt as You Go Workshop last year. Monica will be back doing 3 Workshops. Day 1 will be Applique . Day 2 Quilt as You Go using the stitches on your machine. And Day 3 will be a Bag. Monica gives lots of hints and tips in her Workshops and also gives a great Trunk Show of her Quilts, Bags, Applique and Dress Patterns. Bookings are essential and are filling fast.

HELEN GODDEN: Helen will be coming back later this year and I am waiting for confirmation of an available date. Everybody who has attended Helen's Workshops, have thoroughly enjoyed them. Some have even come each year. Put your name down on the waiting list.

HIROE MOGI: Another group of Workshops with Hiroe is in the planning for July. All the ladies who attended loved the calmness of Hiroe and learnt lots of techniques. Hiroe even learnt a few from our ladies. So if you are wanting to learn Sashico, Foundation Piecing or Hand Made Squares, please come and talk to us. Dates to be advised.

AUSTRALIAN QUILT CONVENTION: This is earlier this year and will be on Sunday 8 April. Cullens have sold their business and we will be travelling with Alpine Spirit Coaches. Bookings are essential and the cost is \$70.00 which includes admission. Come along for a great day out and check out all of the Quilts.

PIONEER WOMEN'S HUT: On 20 May we will be running a Bus to the Pioneer Women's Hut in Tumbarumba. A great museum of Quilts, and all things old. If we have enough numbers, we will be picking up in Corowa. We already have some of Corowa Quilters on the List. Cost is \$70 which includes a country lunch.

RETREAT: Our first Retreat is in March at High Country Motor Inn from Friday 16 to Sunday 18. Cost is \$220.00 which includes all meals. A great weekend of sewing and laughter. Some ladies stay over on the Sunday. We also have a challenge and the ladies have done some great things. I am banned from making bags.

WOMEN IN STITCHES CHALLENGE: This year's challenge is 42 Triangles. This is open to anybody who wants to participate. It is a great way of getting your creative juices happening. What the ladies did last year was wonderful. Well done everybody. Come in and register.

STRICTLY QUILTS: This is an exhibition of Quilts from the Quilts group and anybody who would like to enter. If you are interested in displaying your Quilt in July, please come and put your name down so that we make sure that you get an entry form. Dates are July 7 to July 15. This is a great way of showing off your Quilt and inspiring the other ladies.

BASIC SEWING CLASSES: These have been filling fast so please come and see us about starting a basic class or come and make a garment with Lizzie McKimmie.

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 57216877 to make a booking.

ACCESSORY DAY: With Letita from Husqvarna. Learn more about the different feet for your machine and what else you can get out of using the stitches on your machine. This is a free demo and includes lunch. Date to be advised so put your name down on the list.

SCRAPS OF THIS AND THAT: With the passing of our Joanie, our Matriarch position had become available. This is now filled by our lovely Sophie. Sophie has been letting us know that she is the oldest now. So befitting her position, I gave her a hip flask to keep her Vodka in, as a bottle was not a good look for a woman of her stature. Whenever I go overseas, I get Sophie the small bottles which she has informed me that she has 15. Peter her husband keeps his eye on them.

October saw us over to the States to see the Storks. This was our first time in their new home. No more stairs. We got to do Grandparent things with Belle, Annie and Billy. We got the kids new bikes for Christmas and of course they got them early. We all went off to an Ice Hockey match which is just as fast and interesting as our Football. Great match with the Sharks playing Canada.

We then went off to Austin Texas and had a great time with our friend Neil and his wife Gay. Meet their French Bulldog Newman, who is a sweetie. Neil took us down to Houston for the Quilt Mart and was gob smacked by all of the lovely Quilts and displays. We ran into lots of Aussies either selling or buying. Good to see that we have a presence there.

While we were away Marg's daughter Lyn and her daughter house sat for us. She had Spud trimmed down and the cats did bring her presents. Lyn also found the Huntsman that we left for Halloween. One night the noise from the Bull was too much and she went and stayed at her mums. There was even a dead cow that she had to confirm it was dead and her students had a great discussion with her about how it had died. Lyn had a great taste of farm life. Not sure that they liked the farm life.

For Christmas, Phil and I went to Perth to Megan and Greg's. Of course there was work for us both but we didn't mind. I did 3 Jigsaw puzzles with Megan. While we were there, Megan had some friends over and the partner of Megan's friend is Jude from Edgars Newsagency's brother. Small world. They took us for a drive to some old towns and at Northam there was some great painted Silos.

Sophie, Rhonda, Lee-Anne and myself went to Opera in the Alps on Saturday. Great experience and venue. So we are going next year.

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

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BASIC PATCHWORK FOR BEGINNERS Learn the basics techniques of Patchwork over 10 weeks with Susan Callus Mondays 1.00 to 3.30 and 4.00 to 6.30 \$35.00 per class

BASIC SEWING CLASSES Come and learn the basics of Sewing and make a garment with Lizzie McKimmie Monday 1.00 to 3.00 4.00 to 6.00 Tuesday 1.00 to 3.00 4.00 to 6.00
\$35.00 per class

TRIP AROUND THE GARDEN with Susan Callus over 10 mths \$35.00 per class
Wed 14 Feb, Wed 14 March, Wed 11 April, Wed 16 May, Wed 13th June

MONICA POOLE WORKSHOPS Day 1 Applique	17 April	\$110.00
Day 2 Quilt as you Go using the Stitches on your Machine	18 April	\$110.00
Day 3 Bag	19 April	\$110.00

Cost includes pattern and lunch 9.30 to 3.30

BASIC BAG with Susan Callus Wed 21 Feb \$35.00

LAMPSHADE with Sue Matthews Wed 4th April Kit of your size POA \$35.00

ACCESSORY DAY Demonstration of the different feet for your Machine Free
Date to be advised

QUILTING SKILLS with Sue Matthews 7 March, 9 May 10 to 3.00 \$35.00

BARGELLO from one Fabric with Sue Matthews Wed 21 March \$35.00

SIT AND SEW All day on the second Saturday of the Month \$10.00

CONVERGENCE with Sue Matthews Wed 28 Feb 10.00 to 3.00 \$35.00

There maybe other classes that we add from time to time, so please come in and check with us,

NOTE: Minimum per class is 4 so if we don't have the numbers we will reschedule.

If there is anything specifically that you would like to learn please come and have a chat with us.