

my little patch



Patchwork and Sewing Emporium

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Welcome to our winter (nearly) newsletter. Our warm weather has certainly been going for a long time. Our fire is lit at home and we are still getting in the wood to make sure that we have enough. Our lovely neighbour Bessie, was bored yesterday so she came over and split some wood for us. Such a lovely farm girl our Bessie. Lots of ranges have been arriving in the last couple of weeks. Three colour way's of Jinny Beyer Midnight Garden. Jason Yenter from In The Beginning's The Pastiche Collection. More of French General and lots more fabrics arriving.

WOMEN IN STITCHES DINNERS: Our next dinner is on Wednesday 30 May. Last dinner we raised \$1255. Lots of fabric samples and other things to be Auctioned. Our guest Speaker will be Shelly from North East Exercise Solutions. A great night, of fun and laughter. Please let us know if you will be coming. Other dates for the dinners are: Wednesday 25 July, Wednesday 26 September and Wednesday 28 November.

MONICA POOLE DESIGNS: We had three workshops in April with Monica and the work that come out of these was incredible. Lizzie has made two more bags after completing the Mirabella Bag and so have a few on the other ladies. The sample is in the shop if you would like to view it. We will be running a class ourselves for the Mirabella in September, so please come and put your name down. All ready have 5.

HELEN GODDEN: Helen will be coming 4 and 5 August to do Crack Pots. Another great workshop, to try out your Painting, and Quilting Skills and learn some more. Helen always gives lots of hints and tips and says that you never make mistakes. Booking are essential to reserve your place. Even if you only do minimum quilting, this will help inspire you to do more.

HIROE MOGI: Hiroe from HM Textiles will be with us again in July.

Monday AM 9 Sashiko Workshop. For those who haven't tried Sashiko, this is an introduction only 1 hour workshops that you do a sampler. Sashiko is a Japanese form of embroidery which represents grains of rice. Open to all ages and is a great way of having something to do at night time or take along for a few minutes sewing.

Monday PM 9 and 10 - Crazy Patchwork Quilt. Learn some great techniques from Hiroe with this Foundation Piecing Method. Workshop is being run Monday afternoon and Tuesday all day so that you can get a few blocks done. The sample is in the Shop getting lots of wows.

Wednesday 11 Bag Hiroe has developed a unique way of folding fabric and making this lovely bag with Handles. Sample will be in the shop soon but I do have a picture.

Bookings are essential so give us a call.

ACADEMY DOWN UNDER For those of you with Long Arm Machines and Embroidery Machines, Blessingtons will be holding Academy Down Under from 16 February to 18 February, along with Bootcamps on the 14 and 15 February. There will be International and Local Tutors along with our Blessington Tutors. This premier event is where you'll have both hands on and lecture classes featuring quilting and embroidery. Classes are 2.5 duration. Over 60 Classes, to choose from. All machines provided for hands on Classes and Boot Camps. I attended this in 2016 and learnt so much along with meeting Quilters from all around Australia. Think I need to do the embroidery ones. The overseas Tutors were great. It is held at Sew World.

Come in and I will register you for the Academy Newsletter

RETREAT: Our next Retreat in Bright is September 13/14/15. Cost is \$220 for two nights includes all meals. Some of our ladies stay over the Sunday night giving them that extra time to finish off some things. Great weekend away, not too far away from home with great ladies.

ACCESSORY DAY AND BAG CLASS with Letita from Husqvarna will be held on 26 and 27 June. Learn more about the different feet for your machine and the ones for extra decorative stitching. The Bag class on Wednesday 27 will teach you more about your machine and what you can do it. Kits will be available. Great way of learning, from Letita from Husqvarna.

STRICTLY QUILTS: Reminder that this is from Friday 6 July until Sunday 15 at St Bernards Hall Williams Road. Women in Stitches (which is our group in the shop) have put our forms in, so make sure that you check them out this July. For those who missed out on getting in their Entry forms, we are looking at displaying some quilts in the Shop. So please come and see me.

BASIC SEWING CLASSES: Classes are available at the shop for Basic Sewing Lessons with Liz McKimmie and are available on Mondays and Tuesday. If you need help making a garment then Liz is the person. Or if you have a teenager who wants to learn more about sewing, these lessons are for them.

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.

TRIP AROUND THE GARDEN This has been a very successful class with lots of different variations so if you would like to do this from September, please make a booking with me.

BOOMERANG BAGS If you would like to join in with this great community project, the next Workshop will be held on Saturday 19 May at Armstrong House Cnr The Close and Ovens Street from 10am to 4 pm. Good way of participating in the community event.

FREE PATTERNS Dont forget that you can go to the Website of the Fabric Manufacturers for Free Patterns. Just some of the ones are Robert Kauffman, Robert Hoffman, Moda, Free Spirit.

SCRAPS OF THIS AND THAT:

Sue became a grandmother again when Brendon and Stacey had a baby girl this past week, Marg Higgins's children are all back now with Julie moving to Glenrowan

The heater is lit at home and of course the fire hogs are right in front. Need to have three baskets in front for Spud, Tink and Tank. Our Spuddy is slowing down and needs to go to the toilet twice a night. Looking like an old man now is our Spuddy. He is still going everywhere with Phil. In the mornings Phil goes out to the garage and puts Spud in the Ute and drives the 100 metres to the Shed.

If there is anything specifically that you would like to learn, please come in and see us

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

