



# Quilters Dream

## New Zealand

*Where all your Quilting Dreams come true!*

### News from the Shop Floor

Winter is slowly passing and there is still plenty of stitching time to keep us occupied over the next few months. We have some lovely new quilt kits in store for you if you are looking for a project—Antiquities Ephemera is a rather different art wall hanging and is stunningly elegant. Floral Harmony is a soft pretty floral king sized quilt and of course we have several new Dream Girls projects kitted up.

Once again we have some great classes on offer this term—a Tessellation quilt with Shayne Giles and my batik jelly roll quilt Starry Night. We will also be starting a fun Christmas project club and of course our usual beginners and machine quilting classes.

Lots of new Fabric including the hot pink and luscious lime green that is the second half of the wonderful Gypsy Bandana range. With a generous helping of white and just a dash of red this range is crying out to be made into a quilt soon. Perhaps next month...

Jason Yenter has designed a stunning new range of fabrics called Camelot. We have two new quilt kits coming from his book of the same name. It Only rains at Night is a diamond design in rich chocolate browns, beautiful blues and greens and is just stunning. Round Table is a medallion style quilt in gorgeous bold red and green with a hint of taupe and grey. Both have just been made and are off being quilted so keep an eye out for these in the shop soon.

And I am finally well underway with my boys Space Race BOM! Yahoo!!! I plan to unveil it at the Craft & Quilt Fair in Sept so do pop by my stand to see it. I have figured out I work well to deadlines... lol...

Once again I have added more fabrics to the special shelves in the shop! I like to keep my stock fresh so anything older simply has to go! Your gain here ladies—check out the bargains soon.

Happy stitching everyone—Wendy

**Opening Hours:**  
Monday to Friday - 9.30 am — 4.30 pm  
Saturday - 10.00 am — 3.00 pm  
Sundays - Gone Quilting!

### Dream Girls Project Club

Some of you have already completed your mystery quilts and have come in to choose your borders and they are all gorgeous! I love this bit about the mystery most of all — seeing all the different colour and fabric combinations that everyone has chosen. I plan to photograph some of these and add a page to our website so you can all see the wonderful quilts that have been made this year.

Over the past few months I have unveiled four more fun and easy projects. Scoop & Spike is a bright playful appliqué wall hanging of an underwater scene with lots of fish, shells, rocks and more. Chalkboards uses vinyl chalk cloth to create



little notice boards and a great play mat and matching toy bag—great for out and about with little ones.

Pins and Needles uses colourful felt and contrasting embroidery to create pretty flower or star shaped pincushions and a useful needle case with pockets for scissors and needle packets. Crazy pieced Xmas stockings are fun to create and make good use of all the wonderful Christmas fabrics available as well as getting a head start on your Christmas projects!

Join us in 2011. Come along each month when we unveil the latest project and mystery installment, enjoy a delicious morning tea, an interesting demonstration and have fun sharing in the show and tell. We know you will love it as much as we do!

**Friday Group ♦ 10am to 12pm**

Sept 2nd & Oct 14th

**Saturday Group ♦ 10.30am—12.30 pm**

Sept 3rd & Oct 15th

Cost: \$60 to join the club WITH up to \$40 discounted off your kits! Kit cost varies (approx \$30—\$60)

## Stitching Groups

Whatever project you want to work on, then one of these groups will be perfect for you. This is a great way to make progress on your PHD's (projects half done) in a fun and friendly environment. Bring your stitching or appliqué, BOM or quilting and be inspired by your fellow quilters.

These are not classes as such but help and guidance is always available. Morning tea or supper is included in the cost.

## Ladies of the Night Groups

These are lovely friendly groups for anyone that needs a regular night out for themselves. Why not join us for these fun evenings and work on whatever current project you have underway. A group keeps you motivated and sharing with others is always inspiring.

### **Batty Bunch—as named by the group!**

Five Alternate Wednesday Evenings  
7:00pm to 10:00pm with Wendy

Term 3: August 3rd, 17th & 31st,  
Sept 14th & 28th,

Cost: \$35 Term 3 (supper included)

Term 4: Oct 26th, Nov 9th & 23rd  
Dec 7th,

Cost: \$28 Term 4 (supper included)

### **Gobby Girls—also named by the group!**

Five Alternate Wednesday Evenings  
7:00pm to 10:00pm with Wendy

Term 3: August 10th & 24th,  
Sept 7th & 21st, Oct 5th

Cost: \$35 Term 3 (supper included)

Term 4: Nov 2nd, 16th & 30th  
Dec 14th,

Cost: \$28 Term 4 (supper included)

Both of these groups are currently full although we are happy to put your name on the waiting list.

### **New Night Group! - Starts September!**

This one runs on a slightly different time schedule and will meet on the First & Third Tuesday Evenings of each month. Book in now as places are strictly limited!

First & Third Tuesday of each month  
7:00pm to 10:00pm with Elizabeth

Term 3: September 6th & 20th,  
October 4th & 18th

Cost: \$28 Term 3 (supper included)

Term 4: Nov 1st & 15th  
Dec 6th

Cost: \$21 Term 4 (supper included)

## Time Out Groups

We all need a little time out for ourselves and to work on our projects. Give yourself a regular fix of time to stitch to your hearts content and chat with others. As always guidance is available and opinions will be given freely!

**Tuesday:** Five Alternate Tuesday mornings  
9:30am to 12:30pm with Wendy

Term 3: August 2nd, 16th & 30th,  
Sept 13th & 27th,

Cost: \$35 Term 3 (Morning tea included)

Term 4: Oct 25th, Nov 8th & 22nd  
Dec 6th,

Cost: \$28 Term 4 (Morning tea included)

**Friday:** Five Alternate Friday mornings  
9:30am - 12:30pm with Wendy

Term 3: August 12th & 26th,  
Sept 9th & 23rd, Oct 7th

Cost: \$35 Term 3 (Morning Tea included)

Term 4: Nov 4th & 18th  
Dec 2nd & 16th,

Cost: \$28 Term 4 (Morning tea included)

Casual visitors welcome to either group at \$9 session.



## Not-to-be-missed Shows!

We will be merchants at both of the following not-to-be-missed shows so put these dates into your diary now!

### **Craft & Quilt Fair**

Claudlands Event Centre, Hamilton  
Thursday Sept 8th to Sunday Sept 11th  
9.30 am until 4.30 pm daily

### **Calico Christmas**

North Harbour Stadium, Albany  
Friday Nov 4th to Sunday Nov 6th  
10 am until 5 pm Friday & Saturday  
10 am until 4pm Sunday

## Classes - Term 3 & 4 2011

Most of the samples are in store for our exiting array of classes. We require a non refundable \$20 deposit to secure your place and give you the requirements list. Most classes require a minimum of four to go ahead and should we need to cancel the deposit is of course refunded.

Our aim is to offer a wide variety of classes and techniques each year so if there is a class you would like us to run please let us know—chances are it will be one we can arrange for the following term.

Classes already in the pipeline for term three include one on beginners fusible appliqué techniques, another class with Hazel Foot and a design class on turning a panel into a quilt among others.

## Row by Row Beginners Quilt

Designed to cover the range of techniques most commonly used in quilt-making this course will take you from absolute beginner to confident quilter!

Each technique is taught in class and reinforced with homework. The eight week course covers rotary cutting, accurate piecing, triangles, fusible and needle turn appliqué, foundation piecing and curves.

There are variations in the blocks to help personalize each quilt. Help is given at every stage, from fabric choice through to sewing on the label.



Tutor: Wendy Oswin  
When: Weekly over eight Thursday mornings  
10.00 am - 12.00 pm  
Sept 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th,  
Oct 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th  
Cost: Class fee \$110  
(includes notions fee of \$10)  
Fabrics cost approx \$150

## Beginners Basics 101—Piecing

This class is designed to teach the basics of quilt making to absolute beginners. Two block designs are taught in class and when combined they create an interesting secondary design, helping to open your eyes to all the possibilities of quilt making.

You will learn how to correctly and accurately use your rotary cutting equipment, how to machine piece squares and a variety of triangle methods that are commonly used in quilt making.

On the first day you learn how to cut and construct the blocks which you will then finish off at home. You then bring the completed blocks to the second class and learn how to put them together and add the borders to finish your quilt top.

Tutor: Wendy Oswin  
When: Saturday 27th August &  
Saturday 17th September  
10:00am to 3:00pm  
Cost: \$60 plus fabrics



## Beginners Basics 102—Applique

Fusible appliqué is one of the most popular techniques used in many quilts today and is one of the staples a new quilter should learn. You need to know how to trace, fuse, assemble and stitch different pieces to form the pictorial designs used for appliqué quilts.

In this class you will make a pretty floral arrangement which can be a small wall hanging or perhaps the centre of a larger quilt. Stitching can be done by hand or machine and both techniques will be covered.

Working on my deadline theme this should be on display in October so please be patient until then!

Tutor: Wendy Oswin  
When: Saturday 19th November  
10:00am to 3:00pm  
Cost: \$60

## Tessellating Stars

This fun technique class is an oldie but a goodie and turns a collection of squares into a delightful spinning sensation. It can be made with a random collection such as a charm pack but it also looks fabulous when done in a pattern or a more controlled colour scheme.

The size of the quilt you make is up to you as it can be done in any size you wish. Why not try a small quilt to master the technique or just jump in boots and all and get going on a larger quilt.

There is a bit of homework to be done before you come on the day but once you get started you will love the twisted tessellation that is the end result.

Tutor: Shayne Giles  
When: Saturday 24th September  
10:00am to 3:00pm  
Cost: \$70

## Christmas Project Nights

Christmas comes every year and every year we have lots of things we want to make but if you are anything like me you often run out of time. This group of three night classes are created with those deadlines in mind. Each month we will make a Christmas project with the aim of getting it finished or well underway in class.

In September we will be making terrific Topsy Turvy trees—which you can choose to make into a variety of items such as a table runner or placemats or a variety of wall hangings.

I have this great idea for these wonderful Santa's and trees that we will turn into a terrific coffee table centerpiece in October—I may even add an angel to the collection. I do know it will be fun though!

How many of you have bought an advent calendar panel but not made it up yet? If so the November class is definitely for you. Bring any advent panel to class and I will help you turn it into the treasured family heirloom your children or grandchildren will love. We also have a great range of panels to choose from and it should even be in use this December!

Tutor: Wendy Oswin  
When: Friday 23rd September  
Christmas Runner/Wall hangings  
Friday 21st October  
Christmas Santa/Trees table centerpiece  
Friday 18th November  
Advent Panel Workshop  
5:00pm to 10:00pm  
Cost: \$50 per night or \$135 for all three

## Machine Quilting

Would you like to learn to quilt your own quilts? Come and learn the basics of free motion machine quilting and gain the confidence and skills to finish off more of your own projects.

In class you will make a small sampler of quilting designs while we cover all the basics of how to machine quilt and discuss thread and batting choices. You don't need a flash machine but plenty of patience and a relaxed attitude is required to master the free motion technique.

Tutor: Wendy Oswin  
When: Saturday 1st October  
10:00am to 3:00pm  
Cost: \$60

## Starry Night

This delightful quilt features a lovely spinning star block with smaller friendship stars set into the sashing to create a glowing star filled night.

It looks wonderful made with batiks but of course would work with any jelly roll you might own. Just add background and border to coordinate and you too will have your own star spun delight.

A fun class for experienced quilters as well as newbies as the stars are made with connector triangles which is a great technique to learn or to brush up on. This lovely 66" x 78" quilt is a great size for a king single bed or a throw and is also a good design for a boy.

Tutor: Wendy Oswin  
When: Saturday 29th October  
10:00am to 3:00pm  
Cost: \$60

