

It's time to wrap up 2018 and look to 2019

Firstly, a big **Thank You** to all of you who have frequented the shop over the past twelve months. It has been my pleasure to help you with your quilting needs whether that be obtaining supplies or offering advice regarding a technique or design decision. I hope that you will continue to consider this the "go to place" when you want to make a quilt this coming year. Quilting is about creating beautiful objects from fabric whether they be for a bed or the wall, and it is also about creating community as it is the shared knowledge and journey of making quilts together that enriches our lives.

Being able to make quilts is a privilege and to that end I have decided to make the shop's facilities available next year for the **making of quilts for charity every second Monday of the month**. The children in Hawke's Bay who find themselves fostered all receive a quilt thanks to Leanne Kenah's "Wrapped" initiative and this will be the main focus for anyone who wants to help in this worthwhile cause. All materials will be supplied all we ask of you is your time, your sewing machine and sewing kit, and \$2.00 each time to go towards your refreshments. The shop will be open from 10am until 4pm and you are most welcome to assist us for any or all of those hours.

The **UFO Challenge** was well subscribed this year, and I know many of you still have quilts that have been lurking in a cupboard needing to be finished, so get them on my list by the 2nd February 2019 and be in to win (only when you have shown me the completed quilt) one of 3 \$50.00 vouchers. This year's winners, if you haven't already heard, were Val Mitchell, Angela Williams, and Susan Woolhouse. What have you got to lose? The challenge finishes on 30th November with the 2019 draw at 3 PM.

2019 will herald in **Sewing Together Concession Cards**. These will be available for purchase from January and will cover Fridays, Saturdays and Beginners' Night Thursdays. They will be valid for one calendar year from their date of purchase and offer either twelve days for the price of ten or six for the

price of five for Fridays and Saturdays. A casual charge of \$10.00 per day or part there of will continue to apply. Completed cards will go in a prize draw held immediately after the UFO Challenge Draw.

Beginners' Night Thursdays are having a make over - they will resume on 17th January 2019 at the **new time of 1800hrs or 6 PM and go through to 2100hrs or 9 PM until 28th March 2019**. They will then take a break and resume again on 3rd October 2019. So: Beginners' Night Thursdays will run during daylight saving and be three hours rather than two hours in duration. The concession card covers ten nights and once again is valid for one year from date of purchase.

Themed Saturdays will continue in 2019, they are a suggestion not a rule, so feel free to join in on any one of these days if you want some good company to sew with! See the calendar on the website to check what the theme for the day is.

Join me on Saturday 5th January for a New Year Party! There will be refreshments, nibbles and Roll the Dice prizes to get the year into gear! View the new stock that has arrived in December. Purchase your concession cards so that you are ready to sew together for the year and bring me your list of UFOs to participate in the challenge.

Best Wishes for the Festive Season, may you find time to catch your breath, enjoy your families and set your sights on what you want to accomplish in the New Year!

Rachel