

Where to start!

Thank you doesn't seem enough after all the hard work by members that contributed to Showcase 2018 being the huge success it was. The planning for Showcase 2019 has already commenced, this is not an event that only takes a few months to bring together.

There are many people involved from the members who share their quilts with everyone, without your generosity there would not be a quilt show. Then those members who collect and transport the quilts first to judging and then onto the Exhibition and after the Exhibition return them back to the owner.

There were about 30 volunteers over two days of judging, some of whom then assisted with the set up of the quilt stands on Tuesday and then many more volunteers came to hang the quilts and make sure the Exhibition was ready for opening on Thursday morning.

During the Exhibition, there were volunteers for white glove duty, Very Snuggly Quilts and the hand demonstration area.

We tried some new things at the Presentation ceremony and the unveiling of the winning quilts was favourably commented on. Please let me know if you have any feedback, either on an area to be improved or something that worked well.

Our sponsors, thank you for your support in these difficult economic times. We understand that you have many requests for support from the community and appreciate that you continue to support Victorian Quilters Inc. The sponsorship support from Member groups is also very much appreciated as we know that the costs to your guilds have increased and in some instances your membership has decreased.

Members, please remember to support our sponsors and if you were fortunate enough to receive a prize, don't forget to contact the sponsor and thank them for their generosity.

Our congratulations to all those whose quilters who were awarded prizes, the workmanship and diversity of all quilts was amazing and reflects the wide range of skills throughout our membership. If you were a first time entrant and did not win an award, I am sure you would have been thrilled to see your quilt being part of the Exhibition and to many visitors your quilts would be an achievable project.

Sunday afternoon, the raffle was drawn and the lucky winner was Faye Rodger, with second prize being won by Jane Rundle. Thank you for your support and buying tickets in the raffle. We would also like to acknowledge the support of BERNINA Australia in providing a BERNINA 215 sewing machine as the second prize, and for arranging this to be collected by Jane in Brisbane.

At the close of the Exhibition the quilt area is a hive of activity, with electrical cables being removed, carpets walls being dismantled, carpet tiles being lifted, fork lifts moving larger items and our quilt stands being dismantled and packed into a trailer and onto a pallet and other items packed into cars and vans, to be transported back to storage until next year. A huge thank you to everyone who assisted with this process and we were able to leave the Exhibition centre at 8.00pm.

My thanks to everyone who contributed to making this Exhibition a success and attached to this email are photographs of some of the winning quilts. Congratulations to all our members on making this such a special event.

Kind regards

Marie Lee
President
Victorian Quilters Inc.

REMINDER

Saturday 11 August 2018, is the Winter Gathering, Annual General Meeting & 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Time: 9.30am to 4.00pm

Where: Ivalda Masonic Centre, 40 Salisbury Avenue, Ivanhoe 3079
(Opposite Darebin railway station)

Guest Speaker: Katrina Hadjimichael. Katrina is holding a two day workshop on the 12 & 13 August. Further details are included in the magazine.

Shops: Mill Rose Cottage, Ballan, Sewn & Quilted, Blackburn, The Quilt Shop Eltham, Gum Valley Patchwork, Coorimungle.

Please note: The Annual General Meeting will be held at 11.00 am.

BYO lunch (there are no eateries within walking distance of the hall), mug and hand sewing.

We are inviting the foundation members, both individuals and groups, to join us on this special day and to help us celebrate.

Members are requested to bring:

- BYO mug – coffee and tea will be provided;
- a plate to share for morning tea
- Memorabilia from the early years of Victorian Quilters Inc;
- **Show and Tell**

We would like to see quilts that have been awarded prizes at any Quilt Showcase.

There will be birthday 25th Anniversary cake for afternoon tea.

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