The Month of Love  wishing all our Quilters a  
Happy Valentines Day  

Dear Quilters,  
This month our Newsletter is slightly different due to some unforeseen circumstances. So please bear with your Newsletter Editors.

Congratulations 
to Margie Letts on the Birth of her Grandson—Jack
May he bring you much joy.
and to Jenny Svensson on the birth of her Grand Daughter—Lucy Grace.
May she too bring you much joy.

Challenge 2014 
“Diamonds are a Girls Best Friends” Entry Fee R 25.
Quilt must be 3 layers
Size not smaller than 40cms and
not larger than 1 mtr
At least one diamond shape must be present on the surface of the quilt.
The quilt must have a sleeve and label on the back.
The label with your entry no, title of Quilt and your name must be covered with a Black piece of fabric with only the Entry number showing
The quilts will be judged. Quilts to be submitted by Aug 6th QG meeting
Teachers Corner:

At Quiltec:

Quiltec has exciting projects planned for 2014.

The African alphabet:

This is a beautiful project and allows you really play and relive your childhood. Grace, Wendy and Suzan will guide through this exciting new venture.

Wendy is going to be teaching her beautiful butterflies.

African quilt: A highly recommended course for a fun class teaching some fun, fancy quilt techniques. It quilting is too square for you - this is the class for you.

Fractured Landscape: An exciting class, however be prepared to buy the book. The fractured Landscapes featured in our show and tell over various months, have truly been beautiful.

Contact Quiltec on 011 679 4386 to book your seat.

Loslappiesland:

They always have something new and exciting - it really makes your head spin! What to do what to choose - but being Loslappiesland they are so accommodating. So whatever you want to try your hand they slot you in at time that suites you. But contact them to confirm dates and times for any of the following:

Puffed baby blanket - it looks so soft and cuddly and is really easy to do.

Table runners - get started on your Christmas décor, or just make a fun runner.

Valentines is just around the corner - a heart shaped cushion should do the trick. Or give a little girl or a young lady a heart cushion as a token of your love for her any time of the year.

A baby cot quilt: oh so cute with so many different ideas to make it really fun and personal.

Contact Loslappiesland on 011 768 1283

Sugar Bush Studio:

The African Pots Quilt: is a new and exciting project - teaching you embroidery skills combined with some basic quilting included. This will be taught at Craft Time one Saturday per month or at Sugar Bush Studio one Tuesday per month. Because embroidery takes a little longer the course will run over 8 months. There are 4 different African pots to embroider, 2 appliqué blocks, and the quilting to join it all together.

Contact Leonora on 011 764 1497 or 082 371 3433

LETS BE AMISH! BY ROSE PERRY

An assortment of lovely Amish quilts including miniatures. These fun traditional blocks are full of techniques ready to perfect in a stunning display of Amish tradition and history. Get the story behind them and come with us on a journey. Classes are R110.
Reminder;
QQ Committee meeting
Wednesday 26th Feb
9.30 am at No 9, Louanna Avenue. Kloofendal Ext 5

Images of Africa Quilt
Class on offer at Quiltec

QQ Speaker program.

February ..... Jenny Smith  Blog Spotting - .
Jenny is one of our own in House Teachers who always comes up with something new and exciting.

March ..... Carol Slabolepszey  My Hares and Graces.
Read all about Carol on page 5

Our Teacher Liaison Reinette Nel is lining up some very interesting Speakers for us this year.
Back Page

Thank you to all who brought their back page squares to show. It certainly was wonderful to see so many interpretations of colour.

Please all those doing the back page - please bring your squares to show, it is so inspirational to see all the different interpretation of colour.

Suzan reminded all to remember to tack around each cut design. Remember to nip the curves, but if the curve is very big, try to keep the open distances the same.

Happy stitching!

NB

Kindly remember to adjust sizes of Delft patterns if it is taken off the Internet
I was born in East London in 1956, and moved to Johannesburg in 1965. I studied Ballet from the age of 4 and danced professionally with PACT Ballet and CAPAB Ballet for seven years. It was in Cape Town that I met and married my husband of 33 years, Paul Slabolepszy. We have three children, ranging in age from 19 to 31.

Thirteen years ago I embarked on a Fine Art Degree as a mature student and, in 2002, obtained my B.Tech Fine Art from Wits Technikon, majoring in painting, specifically oils. At the end of my 3rd year I received recognition as Most Outstanding Student.

Art and creative living is a huge part of my life – I am a qualified Art teacher, often taking groups of students away for Artists Retreats. I love sewing and quilting and creating original mosaics. In 2004 I had the privilege of working with Carol Hofmeyr in Hamburg in the Eastern Cape, sewing and facilitating the first of six 20 metre long sections of the Keiskamma Tapestry. This magnificent tapestry is embroidered by women from the community of Hamburg and portrays highlights in the history of the Xhosa people in the Eastern Cape.

I enjoy the challenge of working creatively in different media and have loved carrying out commissions in painting, sculpting, quilting and mosaicking.

I have always had a special love for clay and sculpting and, towards the end of 2011, began making life-size hares out of clay. So began My Hares and Graces, a project that currently fills my life. These glorious hares have been making themselves at home all over South Africa and have even been taken further afield to Canada and Switzerland. Continued on the next page.
The hares and other animals of ‘My Hares and Graces’ are created using one of the oldest methods of human expression - clay and human hands. I sculpt them and then make a silicone mould around the clay. Each hare is individually cast using an acrylic resin and hand-finished. They are weather-proof. Right at the very beginning, I decided to implant a microchip into every sculpture I made. This microchip gives the animal an identity number that makes it one of a kind. This is how you know that it’s an original. The microchip is exactly the same kind as is used for a family pet - a passive radio frequency identity device, otherwise known as an RFID. The 15 digits are a random sequence of numbers and can be read by your local vet (if you want a giggle). The details of the hare, ie: her type and colour are kept on my database and meticulously finished so that every one has its own special character.

I now have 7 different hares, 3 cats and a lying down Whippet. If the owner wishes to, they can photograph the hare in its new environment - whether in a home or a garden - and then email the photo to carol@myharesandgraces.co.za together with the suburb or city. The photo can then be put onto the Facebook page www.facebook.com/myharesandgraces. Website address: www.myharesandgraces.co.za

Happy Birthday February.

Best wishes go to;
Liza Allsop     Iris Breuns     Leonora Cloete     Miti Combrink
Ting Cotter     Beulah Frankel   Pauline Harris     Margie Letts
Bev McLuckie    Ansie Reyerse    Marina Sigalas    Lesley Glover
Marie Van Wyk    Elsa Vermaak    Cynthia Waller

Hope you all have a lovely day
Show and Tell.

Carol Poutney ... made 3 lovely bags all from scraps

Janet Kirsten .....made a lovely transition quilt using up all her Xmas fabrics. Her 2nd quilt “Stormy Days was made in the same manner.

Tilly de Harde ... made a “Zentangle Rooster” Bag. She practiced the machine quilting using patterns from Laeh Days site.
She also made a delightful Pink Hippo Inspired by Edna Hyde and Jenny Smith
Her Piggy Bank was made from one of our Library books Scrapolator—made with a balloon, paper mache and Batik Scraps guess who’s playing nicely !!!

Sandi Crear .... Made “Quiltmania” A lovely quilt using all different free hand machine quilting designs.

Caron Crotz .. Made “My Girls Diamond” for her daughter a beautiful decoupage

Hermein Hartman made some lovely hand mittens and Xmas items.

Tea Duty March.

Sandi Crear .. Caron Crotz

Tilly de Harde ...Yvonne Drake

Bev Dutton .... Tertia Duvenage

Linda Eilers ..... Rosemary Eriksson

Bridget Ferguson ....Irene Florence

Maretha Fourie .... Beulah Frankel

Jean Funnel ..... Fosha Gaylard

Lettie Gilbert .... Pat Goldhawk.

Please supply a plate of eats for about 15 people.

If you are unable to provide eats for the month allocated to you please find someone to replace you. And inform Rosemary or Elsie

NB All members
Please remember to bring your OWN Mug