

Dear Members

The blessing of rain was followed by extreme cold weather conditions. To many, the snowfalls are a picturesque playground, but for others, a time to stay home with flue and colds. May all of you who fell ill, recover soon and recover completely.

Our guild meeting on 1 July were attended by 72 members and 2 visitors. Short, practical demonstrations on various quilt binding techniques were presented by Macy Cilliers, Ursula Killian and Carol Green. Thank you for availing yourselves to teach other members once again. The morning workshop was full house, Carol Green taught foundation pieced crazy patch.

HALL OF FAME HONOUR was BESTOWED ON MACKY CILLIERS



Macky Cilliers is a founder member of the Dias Quilters Guild. and played a major role in the establishment of the guild in 1986. All the founder members who are still members of this guild, were honoured with lifelong membership in 2021, including Macky.

During the 36 years of the existence of DQG, Macky served on the guild committee in various capacities, including chairperson and newsletter editor. She avails herself, without hesitance for demonstrations, talks and presenting workshops during guild meetings and annual spring shows. She can teach beginners as well as the most experienced quilter.

Macky is and experienced quiltmaker, from the traditional techniques up to modern methods used by thread artists. She does not hesitate to create quilts for local and national shows for which she has earned many prizes. Macky invents new methods to simplify modern art quilt techniques and is well known for her “corn plasters technique”

Macky is an inspiring role model in the Dias Quilters Guild.

A recent article in the Herald put one of the Dias Quilters Guild past members in the limelight.



The picture displays the project founder Carolyn Steyn and the Theodor Herzl pupils holding up a pixel blanket contribution to the 67 blankets for the Nelson Mandela Bay initiative.

(<https://www.heraldlive.co.za/news/2023-06-16>)

The blanket totalling 704 knitted and crocheted squares were made up to reflect an Aloe designed by Angie, previously a member of the Dias Quilters Guild. Angie will be a speaker at the August Meeting to share more detail on the design and making of the blanket.

Angie is a mixed media artist and an internationally published co-author and author of 11 art and craft books ranging from painting and dyeing textiles to paper, mixed-media, decorative art and printmaking. Her preferred medium is fibre forms art with a focus on soft sculpture. (Fynarts Hermanus) Angie will be the guest speaker at the next meeting on 5 August 2023.

Enjoy the plentiful activities planned at Skatkis Lap during the school holiday. Those who travel far, may you return safely.

With Love

Anna-Marth