SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

SydneyMQG



Detail: Sawtooth No.3 Betelguese by Simone Symond
(Second: Modern Traditional MQSA 2026)

Bundanoon Retreat

We had a brilliant time in the Southern Highlands! Lots of food, chat, and sewing too. Catherine Porter and Kate Shea made extra letter blocks to add to the group quilt pile, (more on that below). Check out our private Facebook group for the photos.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/SydneyMQG
Huge thank yous to those who did all the prep work, and made it so special.

Announcing… we've already booked the same venue for next year: **20-22 August 2027. Save the date!** Request for Expressions of Interest will go out early next year.

Extra Sewdays Next Month

A Makers' Meet-Up in October!
We're trying something new on Friday 23 & Saturday 24 October.
A different venue – Vicki has very kindly invited us to use her classroom facilities:
Angie & Coco @ 377 Gardeners Rd, Rosebery
Come along and sit and stitch and chat for both days, or just one. Set up, spread out and leave your kit in the classroom overnight, if you choose.

More details to follow very soon: we'll email information and put a sign-up link in the FB group.

This is in response to member requests to offer meetings on alternative days of the week, and explore venues in different parts of the Sydney Metro area. So please sign-up and/ or share feedback on the idea.

Sydney MQG AGM

Sunday 11 October @ 2pm
(Ashfield RSL, during our regular October Sewday**)**

All positions will be declared vacant, per the requirements of our **constitution.**
Please consider if you can help by being part of our committee. Any questions about what's involved: please reach out to a committee member.
The committee position descriptions and nomination forms are being emailed with this newsletter and are available on the Facebook group. The full agenda pack will be emailed to all members prior to the meeting.

2026 Group Quilt Project - Letters

Thank you so much for your creative contributions. We now have a great collection of letter blocks to make an amazing quilt. But we're still designing the layout, so if you do have any blocks to submit or fabric left over, it's not too late.

We will have the blocks at this September Sunday, along with a design wall so we'll be starting the process of putting it together. We'd love your input on the layout.

QuiltNSW Show

Thurs 17 – Sat 19 September @ Rosehill Racecourse

We're looking forward to all the quilts and creativity. Keep an eye open for the winners of the prizes we sponsor:
Best Modern Design Award (Professional & Amateur)
We'll share pictures in the FB group too.
Plenty of our members have entered this year, so look out for their quilts in the main show, as well as the *Giucy Giuce Challenge* and the Suitcase Challenge – *Stripes.*

QNSW have offered us a stand at the show, all day on Saturday 19th – we'll need volunteers for the table, and we're asking for a variety of modern quilts to put up on display. Please bring along on Sunday. Contact Anita if you can help.

Also, QuiltNSW are still looking for volunteers. **Click here to sign up** - see Helen H if you need more info.

Reminder: 2026 Sewday Dates

Ashfield RSL: 11:00am – 4:00pm

See our website for dates & more information.
https://www.sydneymqg.com.au/meetings/

13 September
11 October (AGM)
8 November
6 December
Christmas Party
Spikey Solids due

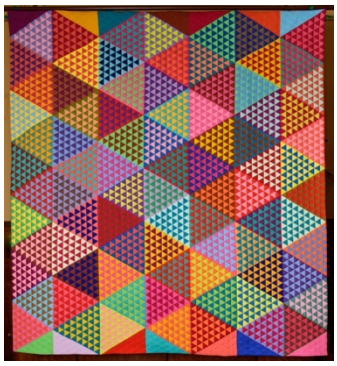
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Spikey Solids:
Modern Triangles Challenge

Our SMQG 2026 Challenge is due in December.
We hope you have all been thinking about what you can make for this year's challenge – due on our December Sewday.
There is plenty of time to create something really special! In summary:

- Use solid fabrics only
  (tone-on-tone & textured solids are okay)
- Quilt design to be predominantly based on triangular shapes
- Use modern design techniques
- Minimum combined circumference: 180cm (71in)
- Max combined circumference: 300cm (118in)

The full Challenge outline document was emailed to you all last month (10 August), and you can find it in the FB group.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/SydneyMQG
Check out the images below for inspiration.
These are all entries from MQSA 2026 – made using triangles and solid fabric.


Fruit Tingles – Lorena Uriarte


Triangulate – Caroline Hadley


Sawtooth No 3 – Simone Symonds


Gridlocked – Pat Forster

Other Challenges and Shows

2026 QuiltNSW Suitcase Challenge is *Diamonds are Forever*. Some of you have shared your entries at our show and tell sessions. Quilts must be 40cm x 40cm.
Due date for submission: 9 October
They will be on display at the QNSW November meeting, and travel to various shows next year.

QuiltCon: Annual Windham Fabric Challenge
The 2026 fabric palette has been selected by Steph Skardal from Handloom cross-weave woven basics collection by Tara Faughnan. Some delicious colours!
A couple of members have purchased fabrics from The Next Stitch and are busy making quilts – due 31 October.

The NEW Quilt – 2027
https://quiltnsw.com/exhibitions/the-new-quilt/
QuiltNSW recognises the quilt medium as an art form and is committed to providing opportunities for textile artists to share their artwork in a gallery setting. The New Quilt is a juried exhibition showcasing the art of quilting, open to artists resident in Australia and NZ.
(For the purpose of this exhibition, a quilt means stitched and layered materials using any technique.)
The New Quilt: Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Windsor, for an extended period 25 June to 19 September 2027.
Entries due 19 March 2027

AQC 2027 Challenge: *Chaos or Harmony*.
Quilts must measure 90cm x 90 cm.
Entry deadline is February 2027. Click here for details.

Best wishes for happy quilting,
from your committee


Pink Passion – Rose Biboudis


Valuable Diamonds – Catherine Mosely