

YOUR GUIDE TO AQC25

MELBOURNE • APRIL 10 – 13

Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton Gardens



World Class Tutors, Great Lectures,
Amazing Quilts, Workshops and
so much more at AQC25

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Welcome to AQC 2025



DEAR QUILTERS,

This year will be the 19th AQC. Class booking numbers are higher than in many years and the quilt displays we have planned are top notch; all indicating a healthy interest still exists in this wonderful community.

If you haven't been to AQC you might wonder what's so special. The answer is in a number of things – so it's probably the combination of exclusive international quilt exhibitions that you won't see hanging together anywhere else in Australia, the setting for these amazing works under the magnificent dome of the REB, the dedicated expo – just for quilting and textile art, the international and top level tutors, and sharing the event with people who share your passion. Plus we have so much fun each day!

This year you'll be able to see quilts under the theme Ocean from the European Patchwork Meeting held in France. They're from all around the world and are spectacular! Modern quilters from around the world attend QuiltCon each year – and they're sending their best quilts directly to us from the US event as first stop on their world tour. In Australia, see them ONLY at AQC.

Discover the incredible creativity of our annual AQC Challenge with this year's inspiring theme: *On the Map*! Be the first to see these stunning entries at the event and cast your vote for your favourite.

Get an insight into quilting around Australia – you'll see some of the best in our Australian Quilt Show. The prize pool for this competition is now more than \$37,000.

There is a plethora of other special exhibitions, and you'll only see them at this very special event.

Of course, you'll want to shop with our retailers – they're quilting specialists so you can see the latest fabrics and patterns, test drive amazing new machines and maybe learn something new!

See you there,

Judy Newman

Judy and Gary



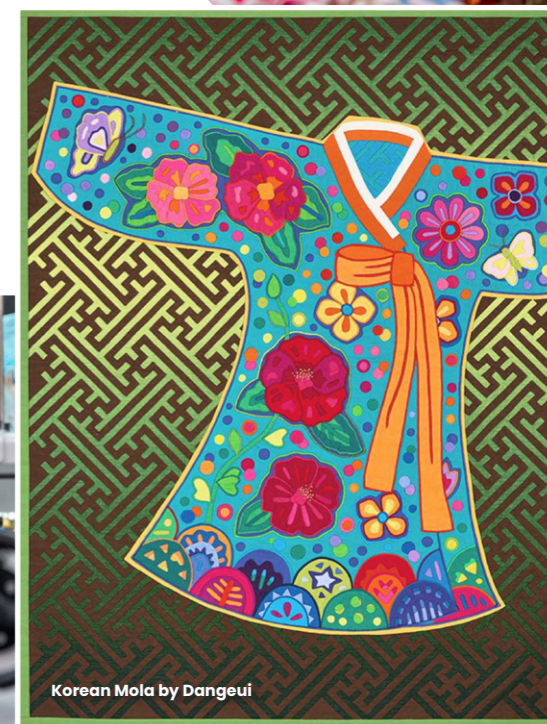
Buy tickets online before April 4 for early bird prices! Scan the QR code or go to aqc.com.au

Front cover: Colour My World by Wendy Williams (tutor)



So many things to do at AQC

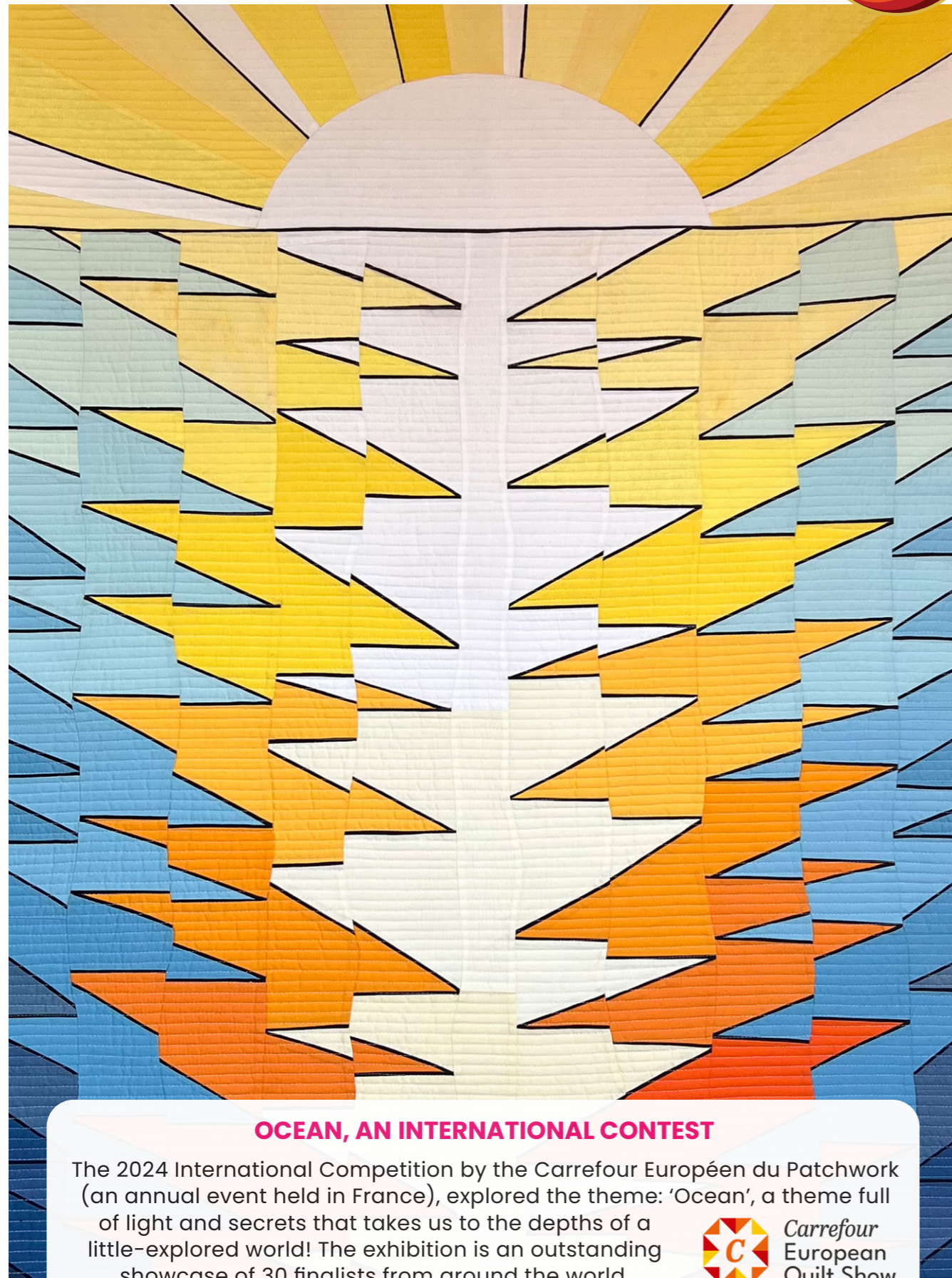
- Vote for your favourite On the Map challenge quilt!
- Tease yourself with the possibility of a new machine.
- Boost your stash with the latest fabrics and patterns
- Take a virtual quilt show trip around Australia and see the best in the Australian Quilt Show
- Attend a lecture with our international tutors and be inspired!
- Shop with specialists from Townsville to Tasmania and beyond.



The AQC Quilt Show –

BRINGING QUILTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO YOU!

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OCEAN, AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

The 2024 International Competition by the Carrefour Européen du Patchwork (an annual event held in France), explored the theme: 'Ocean', a theme full of light and secrets that takes us to the depths of a little-explored world! The exhibition is an outstanding showcase of 30 finalists from around the world.



Carrefour
Européen
Quilt Show

SEE QUILTS FROM AUSTRALIA, ARGENTINA, CHILE, CZECH REPUBLIC, CHINA, DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE, GUATEMALA, HUNGARY, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAPAN, KOREA, POLAND, SPAIN, SWEDEN, UK, UKRAINE, US AND MORE!

BRIDGES OF BRISBANE

An exhibition by Broadstrokes, a group of nine textile artists based in South East Queensland. The exhibition explores the larger well-known bridges as well as the smaller ones and of course the Brisbane River.



MOLA QUILT EXHIBITION

by Han Quilt from Korea.

This exhibition, which has been two years in the making, depicts vibrant traditional Korean clothing made using the mola technique. This is a quirky cross-cultural exercise by a delightful group of Korean quilters.

Meet them at AQC!



RAJAH DISPLAY: LORRAINE CARTHEW

Each year a quilter is recognised for their outstanding achievement to quilting in Australia.

In 2024, Lorraine Carthew was the chosen Rajah award winner.

Experience a showcase of Lorraine's varied quilting styles in this display. Right: Yesterday (detail), featuring vintage embroidery in a double wedding ring design.

Meet Lorraine
in the Quilt
Show on Friday
and Saturday



QUILTCON 2025 TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

QuiltCon
presented by the
Modern Quilt Guild

See the QuiltCon 2025 Travelling Exhibit – presented by the Modern Quilt Guild – a special selection of quilts from the February 2025 QuiltCon exhibition, Phoenix, AZ – flown in direct from the USA!

Left page: Ocean And the Sun Talks to the Sea by Ekaterina Bessarabova; this page: Left to right from top: Bridges of Brisbane – exhibition by Broadstrokes; Mola Quilts by Han Quilt of Korea; RAJAH – Yesterday by Lorraine Carthew.

BEST FROM QUEENSLAND AND VICTORIA

Specially selected quilts from Queensland and Victoria, from the 2024 Queensland Quilters Inc. Queensland Quilt Show and Victorian Quilters Showcase.

Queensland
Quilters Inc.



Victorian Quilters

AQC Challenge - On The Map!

More at
aqc.com.au

The annual AQC Challenge attracts entries of an exceptional standard each year. The theme in 2025 is *On The Map!*

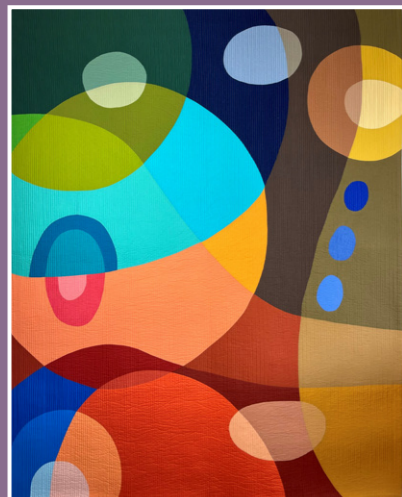


First prize will be awarded \$3,500, runner up will receive \$1,500 and winners will be announced at the Cocktail Party on Wednesday, April 9. Vote for your favourite in the Viewers' Choice competition; the winning quilt will receive a prize of \$500.

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AQC Challenge: Keep Me
On The Map by Lyn Keogh

Teach Me



See the work of AQC tutors who teach classes upstairs in the convention program.

Tutors for 2025 are Priscilla Bianchi (Guatemala), Irene Blanck (Vic), Ana Buzzalino (Canada), Maria Cook (Vic), Emma Jean Jansen (Vic), Gloria Loughman (Vic), Megan Manwaring (UK), Lisa Mattock (NSW), Sharon Nicholls Thomson (NSW), Carolina Oneto (Chile), Brenda Gael Smith (NSW), Tania Tanti (Vic), Lorena Uriarte (NSW), Wendy Williams (NSW) and Meredith Woolnough (NSW).



Left to right: Teach Me - Colored Bubbles IV by Carolina Oneto; Colour My World by Wendy Williams

The Australian Quilt Show

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Glenbrook Star (detail) by Wendy Wilton

Some of the best quilts from around Australia will be on display in the Australian Quilt Show, a national competition for Australian quilters.

The 2024 winners will be announced on Thursday April 10 at AQC. The total prize pool is worth more than \$37,000 including cash and three Janome machines, each valued at \$5,999.

AUSTRALIAN
QUILT SHOW

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Collaborative Textile Art

CHASING RAINBOWS

When textile artists took up this stash busting challenge issued by Brenda Wood, they were restricted to two colours and a 20cm square finished work for each month of the year. The result is a delightful rainbow effect comprised of 384 small works exploring 12 themes. See it first at AQC.



Chasing Rainbows January by Brenda Wood



Evolve II by Gillian Travis

EVOLVE II

The Magic Carpet artists will be back with their second exhibition under the Evolve banner - Gillian Travis (UK), Christine Seager (UK), Stephanie Crawford (UK), Shoshi Rimer (Israel), Brenda Wood (Australia) and Alison Charlton (Australia) are the artists in the group which meets online to share ideas, set challenges and plan exhibitions.

Be an AQC VIP!

Ever wondered what happens upstairs? Quilters just like you are learning new techniques from incredible tutors from all over the world along with other amazing benefits!

There are still some great classes available and by booking you'll enjoy the special benefits only AQC VIP Delegates can enjoy. Gold Pass is \$1,489 and a two-day package is \$989 including amazing lunches, lectures and social events; full details at aqc.com.au.

Just a few places remain in classes. Book your 2-day or 4-day class package today at www.aqc.com.au. Here are a few of the inspiring full day classes you can join:

- Learn all about EPP in the Tussie Mussie class with Emma Jean Jansen.
- Explore Japanese style and create a pincushion and pouch with Maria Cook.
- Abstraction in Action will take your quilt design to new heights with Brenda Gael Smith.
- If you love hand work, Sweet Tweets is a delightful design to learn with Irene Blanck.
- Get in the rhythm and bust your stash in Kawandi with Lorena Uriarte.



Sweet Tweets



Tussie Mussie

Our tutors this year are Priscilla Bianchi (Guatemala), Irene Blanck (Vic), Ana Buzzalino (Canada), Maria Cook (Vic), Emma Jean Jansen (Vic), Gloria Loughman (Vic), Megan Manwaring (UK), Lisa Mattock (Vic), Sharon Nicholls Thomson (NSW), Carolina Oneto (Chile), Brenda Gael Smith (NSW), Tania Tanti (Vic), Lorena Uriarte (NSW), Wendy Williams (NSW), Meredith Woolnough (NSW).

Award Winners

to be announced at AQC Gala Dinner

Each year at the AQC Gala Dinner, a number of awards are announced recognising achievement in the quilting community.

The **Rajah Award** acknowledges an outstanding contribution to quilting in Australia. The **Lut-da Award** acknowledges an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to their community through quilting. The **Shining Light Award** is for the next generation, encouraging quilters up to the age of 18.

Come along to the Gala Dinner to hear the 2025 winners.



Get Social!

Everyone is welcome to the evening social events at AQC – there are four to enjoy! **Bookings essential, visit aqc.com.au**

WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 AT 6PM

Join us with a celebratory cocktail and the announcement of the winner of the AQC Challenge, with the theme this year of **On The Map!** You'll meet the 2025 AQC tutors too. **Dress code:** Come as you are: smart, casual or cocktail wear. **Cost: \$94**

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THE LIFE OF A GUATEMALAN QUILT ARTIST WITH PRISCILLA BIANCHI



A showcase of Priscilla's Guatemalan cultural context and artistic work.

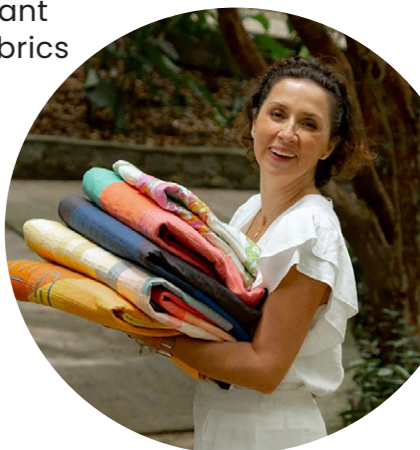
Enjoy the rich visual of Guatemalan textiles and Mayan people. Priscilla's Guatemalan background is a region known for its rich textile culture of weaving and embellishment however it has no quilting tradition. Priscilla tells her amazing story as a quilt maker, her inspirations, and her journey to become a renowned art quilter with a unique place due to her use of her traditional textiles. With humour, entertaining stories, and lots of insight, we're sure you'll enjoy this lecture.

**Friday, April 11 at 5.30pm,
Mezzanine Level. Cost: \$74**

PLAYING WITH COLOUR VALUE – A LECTURE WITH CAROLINA ONETO

During this lecture hear about many different topics related to colour, especially about what value is and why it is so important when is time to choose your fabrics for a new project. Carolina will show you through different examples how you can create movement and sequences using colour value to design your quilts, creating interest, contrast and fluidity.

**Thursday, April 10 at 5.30pm,
Mezzanine Level. Cost: \$74**



GALA DINNER AQC FEAST

Saturday, April 12 at 7pm

Join us for a wonderful evening of entertainment, food and wine in the company of fellow quilters. All food and drinks included. Several awards will be announced during the evening. 2025 awards: Shining Light, Lut-da, Rajah and Hall of Fame. There are no 'requirements' for the Gala Dinner, come and enjoy yourself. On the Mezzanine Level. Dress code: Party! or smart casual. **Cost: \$149**

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quilting designs and how to quilt on the domestic machine with feed dogs up and stitch length set. It is a GAME CHANGER.

Cost: \$45 for the kit which can be purchased at her stand.

Times: 10:30am, 1pm and 2.30pm daily

Duration: 1 hour. Book at Stand 118.

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BERNINA – SEWING ROOM 2

Free Motion and Ruler Work

Bernina has blended its reliability, ease of use and outstanding quality in the **Bernina Q16 and Q20 Sit-down longarm machines**. These Q Series machines meet the demands of any quilter and textile artist alike that uses free motion stitching.

Quilt this exclusive panel, specially designed to showcase free motion, ruler work in a fun, fast, easy way.
Cost: \$40 for the kit.

Times: 10:30am

and 1.30pm daily

Presented by the Bernina team

Duration: 1 hour. Book at Stand 118.



BABY LOCK SEWING ROOM

Fun Appliqué with an Overlocker

Appliqué with a difference, learn how to use a Baby Lock Overlocker to create a bright and cheery Table Runner. The techniques you will learn in this class include Flat Lock Stitching, Four Thread Overlocking, and just how easy it is to use a Baby Lock Overlocker. Note: Fabric colours will be varied. **Cost: \$25**

Times: 10:30am and 1pm daily

Duration: 60 – 90 mins. Book at Stand 31.



JANOME SEWING ROOM

Bukuro Drawstring Pouch

Inspired by the Japanese rice bag, complete this creative drawstring pouch using a variety of stitches, and expand your machine knowledge. Presented by: Deborah Whittred. **Cost: \$10.**



Times: 10:30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm daily. Duration: 1 hour. Book at Stand 18.

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Learn something new!

Get hands on with the experts and learn something new! Program runs daily – each class lasts approximately 50 minutes*.

MAKE & TAKES 1



10.15am: Eppiflex. Mastering Fussy Cut Jewels (EPP/ Appliqué)
Kit cost \$30.
Book at Stand 93

12.15pm: Hugs 'n Kisses 1. Scissors and Pins with Helen Stubbings.
Kit cost \$25.
Book at Stand 8



2.15pm: Wonderfil Australia. Specs Appeal: Create & Appliqué Your Own Glasses Case.
Kit cost \$22.
Book at Stand 168

3.15pm: Hugs 'n Kisses 2. Needle portefeuille.
Kit cost \$30.
Book at Stand 8



MAKE & TAKES 2



10.45am: Wabi-Sabi Designs. The Peace Quilt Crane Block with Margaret Rolfe –
*Extended session.
Kit cost \$50.
Book at Stand 81

12.45pm: BeBe Bold. Make a Sashiko Hitomezashi Brooch with BeBe Bold.
Kit cost \$20.
Book at Stand 46



1.45pm: Just Patchwork
Learn how to make flowers and elements for the Kensington Cushion – *Extended session. Kit cost \$30.
Book at Stand 91

Book your place at the presenter's stand and buy the kit. Bookings essential as space is limited.

FREE SEMINARS

Expert retailers are at AQC to share tips and techniques in these FREE seminars. All welcome. No booking required. Most seminars run daily for 30 minutes, check the AQC website for details! aqc.com.au

10.30am: Do it the Easy Way with Hugs 'n Kisses. **Stand 8**

11am: 10 Cutting Edge Sewing Notions From Japan! with Patchwork Ninja. **Stand 89**

11.30am: Threaducation with Wonderfil Australia. **Stand 168**

12noon: Unique QISS System with Pauline's Quilters World. **Stand 125**

12.30pm: Legit Kits Trunk Show (extended session) with Eppiflex from **Stand 93**

2pm: Using your stash of fabric scraps with BeBe Bold. **Stand 46**

2.30pm: Quiltworx unpackaged with Just One More Stitch. **Stand 72**

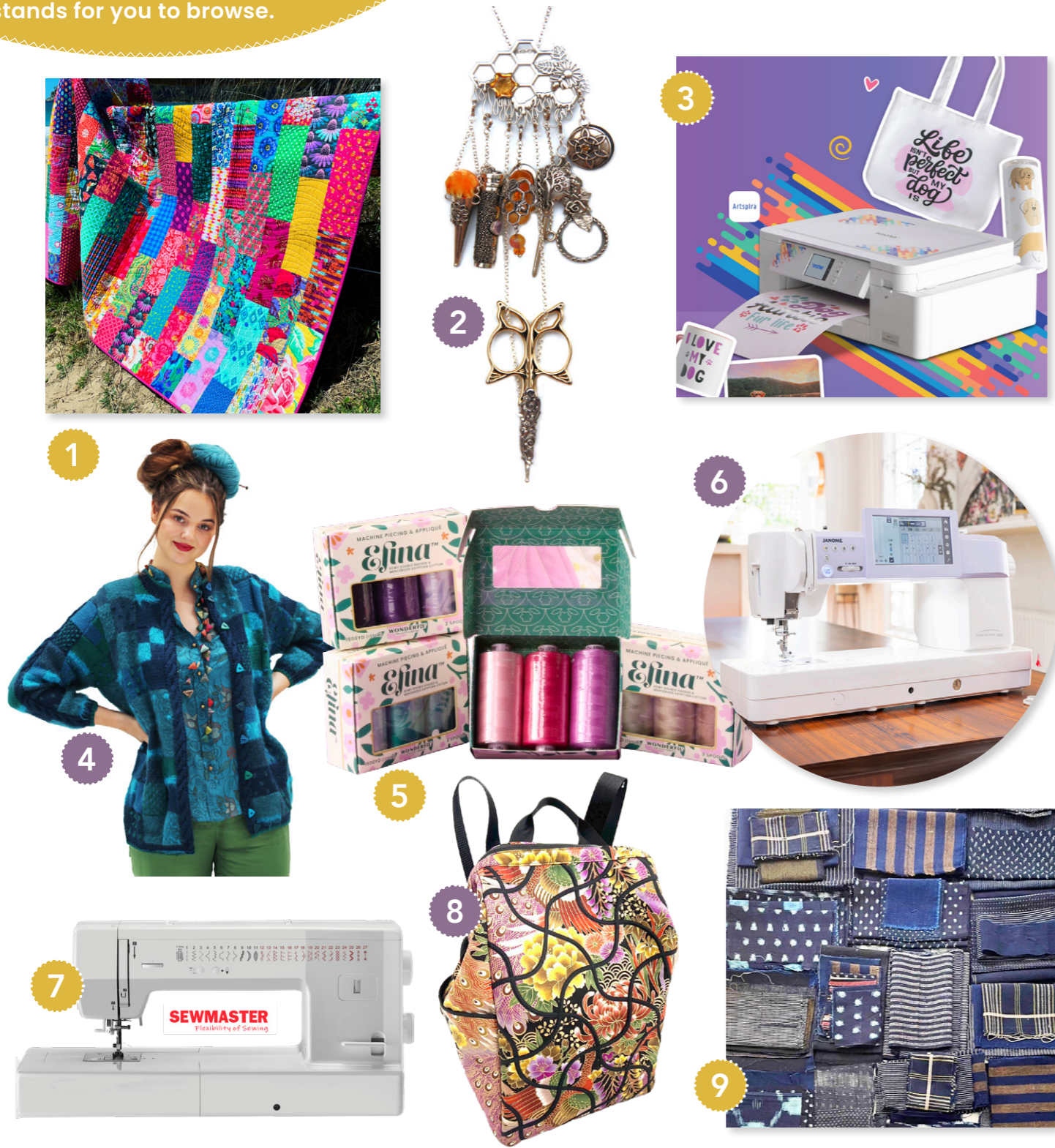
3pm: Organic Stitching: Unleash Your Creativity with Simone Sudholz, Catharina's Vintage Stitches. **Stand 87**

Come and experience shopping with unique designers and renowned experts. There are dozens of Australian independent retailer stands for you to browse.

Expo Highlights...

See what's new!

Here's a taste of what you'll see at the AQC shopping expo! Visit www.aqc.com.au to see more fantastic new products!



1. These Clever Hands "Paris Metro" Quilt Pattern **2. Thimbles for You** This Honeycomb Chatelaine has a 12mm gemstone and plenty of loops to hang your accessories. **3. Brother** Ideal for artists, creators, designers, and crafters. The power of customisation is in your hands with the compact Brother SP1 Sublimation Printer. Print onto a sheet of sublimation paper, then use a heat press to transfer the design to your chosen product such as T-shirts, mugs, travel cups, and more. **4. Signatur Handknits** The classic Blocks Cardigan handknitted in Australian wool and mohair, new colours and new yarns. Knitting kits available. **5. Wonderfil** Elna is a 60wt 2-ply 100% Egyptian Cotton thread, made exclusively from Giza 88 for superior softness, strength, and lustre. Its uniform diameter ensures perfect results for hand appliqué and machine piecing. **6. Janome** The Continental M6 is the entry model into the Continental range. The work-area is the biggest on any Janome sewing machine at 13.5inch | 343mm. **7. SewMasters** Household Long Arm sewing machine features a 12 inch large quilting and sewing space from edge of arm to needle, lift presser foot by knee lift, quick bobbin threading, Ultra LED light, needle up/down control. **8. Patchwork Ninja** Applecore Backpacks – be blown away with the easiest way to make applecore shapes using our special fusible bias tapes. **9. Zigzag** Indigo cotton bundles. **10. Material Obsession** Visit the booth to see the latest projects featuring the popular Wandering Eye fabric collection by Kathy Doughty. **11. Just Patchwork** SewEzi

Portable Sewing Table is a uniquely designed foldable sewing table allowing you to choose where you want to sew. Purchase at AQC and receive a free accessory tray valued at \$60.00. **12. Just One More Stitch** Jungle Magnolia is the latest Quiltworx technique of the month pattern. Only taught and sold by Quiltworx Certified Shops and Instructors. See the quilt in person and find out where you can attend a class. **13. Jemima's Creative** Liberty Stars Quilt available as a pattern or as a kit. **14. Eppiflex** US designers have been busy creating NEW Legit Kits patterns. Check them out at Stand 93. **15. The Birdhouse** The Adeline & Remy Quilt features a cute little French rabbit and fox appliqué, surrounded by octagons showcasing gorgeous Liberty and small prints. Patterns and/or kits available. **SHOW SPECIAL** – 2m pieces of quilting fabric for \$20. **16. Baby Lock** New model Primo stands as the first Baby Lock Cover Stitch machine equipped with an exclusive Top Cover Stitch; this is a groundbreaking innovation in the household sewing market. **17. Scissorman** New Kai 7170 7000 series, 17cm trimmers perfect for those smaller cutting jobs. Buy a pair of Titanium Power Scissors and get a standard stainless steel pair free. Ask for a demo! **18. Hugs n Kisses** Spread a slice of quilting sunshine with "Marmalade on Toast" – a zesty design that brings bright Kona citrus colours dancing across low-volume backgrounds! Get a free Mod EPP pattern with any Mod cushion or table runner kit.

Fast Facts

Thursday to Sunday

April 10 to 13, 2025

Royal Exhibition Building, 9 Nicholson St,
Carlton Gardens, Melbourne
Open 10am – 4pm daily

TICKETS

Single day:

Adult \$24 *\$26

Seniors, Age or Disability Pensioners
\$22 *\$24

Children (5-16 years, under 5 free) \$12

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*Ticket prices after April 4

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