

SNIPPETS

Decoupage Guild Queensland Inc.

From the President

Dear Members,

Well, hopefully everyone is bearing up to the momentous start of the year- we all hope everyone is keeping out of the hotspots and trying to stay cool now. After the incredible Jan. floods roadworks as you can imagine, are pretty slow and this is not likely to change in the face of potentially more heavy rains and inland flooding yet again after Cyclone Yasi. My main concern is that the road to Toowoomba is slowly under repair but it takes 3hrs to drive from Brisbane up to Toowoomba so the time to Crows Nest is now 3 1/2-4hrs drive. The "back" route of the Esk- Hampton Rd. is not an option as the road is closed due to a bridge taken away by the floods (near Esk) and a giant 40 ft. hole at Ravensbourne at the top of the range, which they are still trying to work out how best to fix. Anyone trying to go down a "closed road " are being fined by police \$600 and a dozen have been issued already, so don't even think about it!! The million dollar question is: do we all still want to keep the weekend in March (18-20th) as our booking for Crows Nest or do you want to change the date and try for another time when roads are better and travel time hopefully back to normal?? If you could all think about this and let myself or Barbara Chapple know we can make changes if need be. My email is

rodnclaire@bigpond.com

This weekend we start our trial of social decoupage which is really exciting for some of us (like me), who really get very little time to spend on decoupage . I'll be working on a tray which I started last year but never completed, so gather up some of your works and join us for a great time. Next meeting at Chermside Library is 20th Feb. so we'll see you there if not sooner. Maybe all this water we are having will inspire some "flowing" work. Keep well, Claire.

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Secretary's Jottings

Happy New "Decoupage" Year. This is with the hope that the situation with you and your family allows it to be so with the utter devastation that has been portrayed so graphically in our lounge rooms during recent times. As hard as it is to put this aside, sharing something we love, such as decoupage, in the company of friends will be a good tonic.

Personally, I am feeling a little out of touch, having missed the October meeting and then the Workshop in November which followed on as a result of responses at the Decoupage display at the October Quilt and Craft Show. Many thanks to Sue, Di and others who took over many tasks in my absence. I understand that this Workshop was a most successful venture.

The **display** at the **Quilt and Craft Show** was very well received by those who did pause for a closer look – many others would have probably been unaware of its presence tucked away in the quiet corner. To those who provided pieces, transported them to the venue, set up and dismantled and more importantly provided information to interested persons, the Guild extends sincere appreciation. As a result it was worthwhile to hold a Workshop on 28th November when folk were introduced to basic techniques and completed a soap. A number of others registered their email addresses to receive future news of Guild activities. I promised to email them and remind them of the details about the first meeting in 2011.

I look forward to catching up at the meeting on the **20th February**, when it is planned to get **Back to Basics**, working on boards prepared by Roger. Thank you to Roger for suggesting this activity and for the preparation of the boards. Members, please **bring materials** with which to work and to **share** with any beginners who may be attending.

The next activity will be the **Live-in-Workshop** at **Crows Nest** on the weekend of **March 18-20**. Those planning to attend should book a cabin at the **Crows Nest Caravan Park** by phoning **4698 1269**. The restaurant presently opens only on **Saturday evenings**, and your **dinner booking** should be made at the same time. This venture will only go ahead with sufficient participants – please consider if you able to attend and register your name at the February meeting or by phoning me on **3359 8937** or by email grahamandbarbara@dodo.com.au. Have you any ideas as to a **focus** for the weekend? Is there something about which you would like to learn a little more? Bring your suggestions to the meeting so preparation can be made.

Plans will also need to be made for activities for the remainder of **2011**. As decided in 2010 application was made to Brisbane City Council to be part of the **GOLD** Program in June. This was followed by an email, but no response has been received. Further follow-up will be made as to whether this program still exists, but all the same we need suggestions and involvement of members to complete an itinerary for the year ahead.

Your input will make for an interesting exchange on February 20th - I hope most members are able to come. Until then, BARBARA CHAPPLE (Secretary)



The following little ditty was kindly sent in by Val English, courtesy of Barbi from *Daisy Chain*, their local scrapbooking store.

'Twas the Month after Christmas...'*

Twas the month after Christmas
And all through the house,
Nothing would fit me –
Not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled,
The chocolate I'd taste
At the holiday parties
Had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales
There arose such a number!
When I walked to the store
(less a walk than a lumber).

I'd remember the marvellous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
Then wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."

As I'd dressed myself in my hubby's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt...
I said to myself, as only I can,
"You can't spend a summer disguised as a man!"

So, away with the last of the sour cream dip!
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished –
Til all the additional ounces have vanished.



I won't have a cookie, not even a lick...
I want only to chew on a celery stick.
I won't have sweet biscuits, or shortbread or pie.
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore...
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all, and to all a good diet!

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Upcoming Events

First Meeting – 20 Feb: The first “official” meeting will incorporate a *Back to Basics* workshop on boards kindly provided by Roger Johnston. Members will need to bring a photo 6 x 4 inch size. If the photo is computer generated, it will need to be well sealed, as stain will leach into unsealed edges. You will also need to bring glue, a sheet of baking paper, and a roller (if you have one). In fact, general materials for gluing and mopping up. For any further info. contact Sue or Roger Johnston, phone 07 4635 2164.

Crows Nest Workshop Weekend: The workshop area has been booked for the weekend March 18-20 (numbers permitting). Members are requested to make their own bookings for cabins, caravan sites and dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings as desired. (Crows Nest Caravan Park – phone 4698 1269). Please advise Barbara at the meeting if you are planning on attending.

Future Meeting Dates for 2011

April 10

June 5

August 14

October 9

Future Social Dates for 2011

May 1

July 3

September 4

October 2

November 6

“Good friends are like stars, you don’t always see them, but you always know they are there.”