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# Convention 2017



Marta Knight, Diana Barden, Cheryl Minshew, Lynn Raymer, Linda Killoran. Marta is holding a picture of our founder, Phyllis and Cheryl is holding a coloring book sent by Esther Arlan. We gave \$8700 to Polio Plus.

## Check it out!

In Kuna, Idaho & Canberra, Australia to Birmingham, England - August 6 & 11 2017

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Chapala, Chapala Jalisco Deadline to register is July 31!

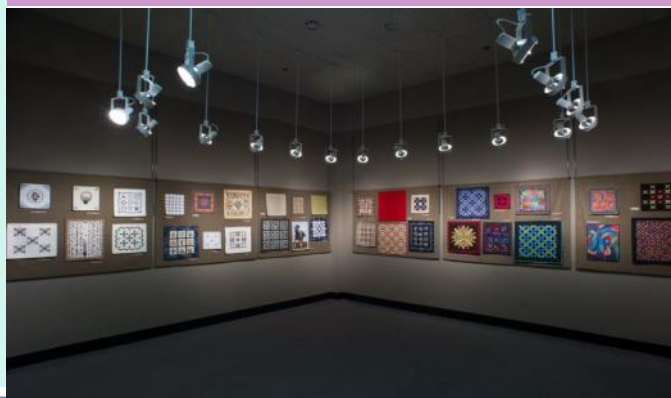


# The National Quilt Museum By Lynn Raymer

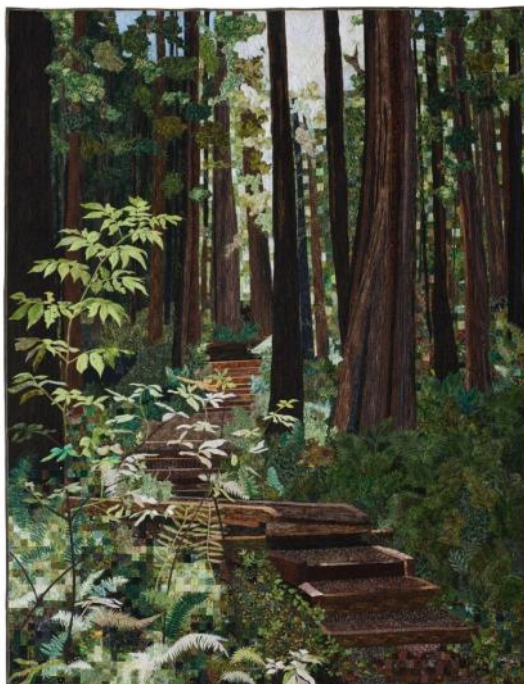
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[www.QuiltMuseum.org](http://www.QuiltMuseum.org)



**Fire Dragon Rhapsody**  
by Ricky Tims, LaVeta, Colorado  
Machine pieced, machine appliqued,  
Machine quilted; bobbin writing



The National Quilt Museum Gallery, miniature quilts



**Forest Walk**  
by Pat Durbin, Eureka, California  
Machine pieced, raw edge appliqued, machine quilted



**Corona II: Solar Eclipse**  
by Caryl Bryer Fallert, Paducah, KY  
Hand-dyed fabrics; machine pieced and machine quilted.  
Named one of the 100 Best American Quilts of the 20th Century.

It was a delight to be able to visit the National Quilt Museum on my way to the convention this year. It is truly amazing to view the detail and see the artistry of the quilters. From the traditional to the modern, from soft delicate fabrics to wood, they are all awe inspiring. Yes, I said wood. There is even one quilt made of wood that is so beautiful that you want to touch it to believe it is not fabric! If you ever have the chance, be sure that it is on your itinerary.







# Rotary duo embody Service Above Self



Hazelbrook resident and member of the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains, NSW, Sue Bell is the "Quilt Queen" of the Blue Mountains and lives and breathes Rotary's *Service Above Self* motto. Sue has just completed another of her personal aid programs - manufacturing and delivering quilts to needy families hard hit by bushfires.

A couple of weeks ago, Sue gathered her stockpile of 16 beautifully sewn quilts and, with her husband and fellow Rotarian Grahame, drove to the small town of Coolah in north western NSW - close to the Uarby area recently devastated by the infamous Sir Ivan fire.

Always conscious of Rotary protocols, Sue informed district governors Bruce Lakin and Stephen Jackson (who administer the Rotary areas involved), made contact with Barry and Lee Tait, of the Rotary E-Club of Australia Nomads, and paid a courtesy visit to president of the Rotary Club of Mudgee Graham Taylor, given Mudgee's status as the closest Rotary presence to Coolah.

Once in Coolah, Sue passed the quilts to Barry and Lee, who have agreed to seek out families who lost everything in the fires.

Sue's generosity and capacity for quilt production knows no limits. She has previously produced and delivered quilts to needy families after bush fire disasters in Victoria, Toowoomba, Qld, and Coonabarabran, NSW; and has also produced dozens of quilts for Rotary and Girl Guide fundraisers, raffles and prizes. Sue's *Service Above Self* is not confined to Rotary. She has completed many years as a Girl Guide Leader and taken part in several Guide "missions" to assist with education of Guides in India.

Sue and Grahame are two of the most giving people in the Blue Mountains community. In addition to all the above, they have also completed Rotary tours of duty to India to assist with vaccination of children against polio. Grahame is the current treasurer of the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains, while Sue has served two terms as club secretary. Grahame was also Penrith's leading men's hockey umpire for many years and mentored many young umpires.

# The Book Disease by Esther Arlan

"The Giant Slayer" by Iain Lawrence. The story is about children who contracted Polio and were living in iron lungs. A young girl visits the patients in the hospital and shares stories with them. Since we raise funds to eradicate polio thru selling things at the booth at International Convention it might be interesting reading.

Quilted Women: a coloring book illustrated by Susan Schmitt.

[www.SusanSchmittArt.com](http://www.SusanSchmittArt.com)

The book disease is as bad as the yarn and fabric disease.

**Greetings fellow quilters and fiber artists,**

**It is a hot, hot summer day here in New Hampshire and I decided that in lieu of doing all that I had to do I would stop and go thru my various knitting patterns. I was shocked to find sweaters and vests that I knitted 50 years ago for my kids! Also, patterns of sweaters I made for grandchildren. Knitting these days for me are afghans for the next generation of babies being born or anticipated by friends grandkids and our Rotary exchange students and Ambassadorial Scholars. Time sure has flown by.**

**To quilters and fiber artists there is always something new that needs to be added to the stash on hand. So here is how to determine if you have enough fabric or yarn in your stash:**

#### **ADEQUATE STASH ASCERTAINMENT FORMULA**

- A. Your current age.....**
- B. Number of projects you plan to complete per year .....**
- C. Number of projects in your stash currently .....**
- D. The age at which you will retire/or retired .....**
- E. The age you think you'll live to .....**
- CALCULATE .....**

**You will need to add to your stash .....**

**Let's hear from you. Tell us what you have squirreled away for the next few projects.**

**Summer is the time for light reading on the beach or floating on a raft in the middle of a lake. Here are some titles to help you relax and while away the time: Crewel Yule, Cutwork and Murderous Yarn by Monica Ferris; She has also written Embroidered Truths. Knit One, Kill Two by Maggie Sefton and check out books at Barnes & Noble or Amazon that might be of interest. I am collecting these types of books for our Senior Center Library. Perhaps if you have any books lurking at your home that you have read you might consider donating them to the Senior Center in your town or your library book fair. I have been donating my books at the nearby hospital. They are most appreciated at the hospital as often that trip to the emergency room can take hours and you don't have your knitting/crocheting or book with you.**

**The reports of our booth at Convention was once again a highlight for many. Thanks to all the folks who set up, spent hours meeting fellow Rotarians and their guests, sharing stories and just plain enjoying each other's company. Next year it is off to Toronto perhaps our "team" can let everyone know what the top sellers were at the booth and we can all get busy making items that sell out quickly.**

**Life is very precious and we need to make time for our family and friends. We need to be supportive of them and they need to be aware of our needs at different times – take a minute to make a call to someone you haven't spoken to in a while. The rewards are great. I recently connected with an old and dear friend. Her husband passed away and we were miles away at the time and could not be with her. When we came down the mountain to Nashua, NH I called her and we cried together and laughed together over things that had happened years ago. We both felt so much better afterwards and now we talk at least once a week. She also is great and patient whenever I mess up my crocheting.**

**Wishing everyone a great summer and start looking for those fall patterns that seem to be on the net from various manufacturers. Holiday patterns are popping up all over the place. Hard to think of Thanksgiving, Christmas or Chanukah gifts when it is the high 90s.**

**From Esther Arlan**



# Random Fabrics by Lynn Raymer

Though I am a weaver, not a quilter, I'm totally intrigued by fabrics of all kinds. RI convention is a perfect place to browse. These pages are just a few of the fabrics/costumes that caught my eye as well as a few pictures of quilt shops I visited on the way.









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**Woven Style for the 15" Rigid Heddle Loom: Go Beyond the Rectangle Combining Knitting, Sewing or Crochet book by Tamara Poff**

Please let us hear from you. We enjoy putting the newsletter together but are especially fond of hearing your stories. Whether it is a brief story about a project or a picture of something that caught your eye, please send it! If you don't see it in the next newsletter, send us a reminder. A time or two, something got lost. While we do edit, we haven't deliberately left anything out completely.

We would especially like to hear a little about our new members and their interests.

Thanks for taking the time to read and give us feed back. We love your letters and your input.