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Masterwork creator gives crafty lessons

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Gerringong Branch of the Children's Medical Research Institute's Lucy Hill (left) and Sue Ferguson (right) with quilt-maker Merelyn Pearce, who will be the special guest at the upcoming fund-raiser, which combines a quilting show with high tea at Gerringong Town Hall. Picture: DYLAN ROBINSON

QUILT-MAKER extraordinaire Merelyn Pearce will share secrets of her craft at a Gerringong Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) fund-raiser this Saturday, October 5, at Gerringong Town Hall from 2pm.

Mrs Pearce has put together an incredible array of works since first starting quilting 20 years ago, including winning Best of Australia three times (2002, 2008 and 2011), Best in Show at the Sydney Royal four times (2002, 2005, 2008 and 2011) and also taking out the Quilting World Masters in 2005.

"I suppose I was originally inspired by the art of Margaret Preston, among others, and have just gone on from there," Mrs Pearce said.

A selection of her work will be displayed and the CMRI committee will provide one of their famous afternoon teas, which is worth the price of admission alone.

"You could probably say the afternoon is a cross-section of our committee's two best-known events, the annual Quilt Show, which will be held in November, and our famous high teas," member Lucy Hill said.

Tickets at the door are \$15, with proceeds going towards the work of the Children's Medical Research Institute.