



Quilt Shop News

April 2012

Thank you! Thank you!

The Stitches in Time Quilt Show was a great success and it wouldn't happen without you. We had many beautiful quilts on display (again, thank you) and Edyta Sitar gave a wonderful talk, twice on Saturday due to an overflow crowd.

The Quilters' Road Trip is brand new this year and will be continuing through June. There are 16 shops participating and you will be able to visit each shop once each month to take advantage of the shop hop specials. There will also be a prize from each shop once a month chosen from all hoppers who have visited during that month. Each shop has a pattern available from Pieced Tree Patterns.

We have had lots of new fabric arrive including some gorgeous Asian designs from Kona Bay and Robert Kaufman.

There is a new pattern series of Holiday Houses that include the small details of the pattern already printed on fabric for you. We are working on models of these and they are great fun. There is one for every month and they fit one of the Ackfield hangers.

The entire line of Edyta Sitar's Over the Rainbow Batiks is on order and due in late May or early June. We have also ordered a kit for the Spring Bouquet quilt. You will be able to order a kit for the whole quilt or select individual blocks.

Be sure to visit during one of our UFO days. It's a great way to keep up with the local Guild challenge and your own New Year's Resolutions.

Events

-New Shop Hop- Quilters' Road Trip

April, May & June
16 shops · 3 months
Passports \$5.00

There are two quilt shows the weekend of
May 19 & 20.

Everything is Coming Up ...Quilts
Jackson Catholic Middle School
915 Cooper St., Jackson, MI
Exit 139 off I-94

For the Love of Quilting
Causeway Bay Hotel
6820 South Cedar St., Lansing, MI
Exit 104 off I-96





Classes

Raw Edge Machine Appliqué...Melissa

Learn to fuse fabrics and then use the blanket stitch to add a design element as well as permanently attach the fabric to the background.

Tuesday June 19 from 1-4

\$25



Hand Appliqué ...Joyce or Melissa

Traditional needle turn appliqué doesn't need to be frightening. Come learn the tips and tricks from an expert.

Monday April 30 from 10-1

Tuesday June 12 from 1-4 with Melissa

\$25

Bonus: use the same book for hand and machine appliqué class

Machine Quilting ...Joyce

Here are the basics of machine quilting. You will learn how to set up your machine, the needles, threads and notions to use and free motion stitching. There is ample time for hands on practice.

Tuesday May 10 or

Saturday May 19 from 10 - 4

\$40

Paper Piecing...Joyce

Learn to paper piece using the Judy Niemeyer pattern of your choice. This class is for those new to the technique as well as anyone who would like a refresher.

Tuesday May 22 from 10 - 4

\$40 plus Judy Niemeyer pattern of your choice



Dancing Batiks

Circle Quilt...Denise Olson

Here is a new twist on a basic circle pattern quilt. This quilt as you go method is easy to make into any size and is reversible.

When this quilt was in the Stitches in Time Quilt Show in 2010 it generated lots of attention and Denise agreed to teach it at the shop.

Saturday June 23 from 10-4

\$35



T Shirt Quilt...Sally

Use those old t shirts. Sally has a favorite pattern.

Tuesday April 24 from 1-4

\$20



Dance Partners...Diane

Fast, easy, fat quarter friendly.

Saturday April 28 from 10-4

\$20 plus pattern



Dimensional Applique...Jodie Dobbs

These two beautiful pieces were on display at the quilt show and Jodie agreed to teach them at the shop.

Nantucket Basket June 7, 14 & 21 from 10-4

Hummingbird & Fuchsia August 2, 9 & 16 from 10-4

Each class is \$75



Monthly:

Civil War Stitch Along...Gail

Commemorate the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Come on in for an old fashioned sewing bee with fabrics appropriate for that time. If you have been working on Dear Jane or the Civil War Tribute block of the month bring those blocks along for help or encouragement.

Every first Sunday from 12 - 4

UFO Day

Once you cut into the fabric it's a UFO until it's finished. We all have too many of these so come finish a few with other "project collectors". The only requirement is that you work on a UFO.

Every first Tuesday from 10-4

And, beginning in April

Every fourth Friday from 10-4

English Paper Piecing or the Insanity Quilt

This is once again becoming popular and at least two new books are scheduled for release soon. All English paper piecers are welcome to come in and stitch for an hour or all day. Some are making the Insanity Quilt (English paper piecing with $\frac{1}{2}$ " hexagons) but this certainly isn't a requirement.

Every first Wednesday from 10-4

Home Sweet Home...Pat

This is a long-standing sit and sew. Come join us while you work on your current project

Every second Saturday except September from 10 - 4

Farmer's Wife...Sue Webster

The Farmer's Wife Sampler Quilt by Hird is the latest book the majority of these quilters are using. Come work on this quilt or another project.

Every third Sunday from 12 - 4

Hospice Helpers

This group meets monthly to work on quilts for Oaklawn Hospital's Hospice program. Some cut, some sew and others put on binding or pick up a kit. Come and join them if you can.

Every third Tuesday from noon to 4



Appliqué Circle...Joyce

Joyce loves appliqué and invites others who feel the same way to join her. Bring your own project and stitch for the day.

Every third Wednesday from 10 - 4

Miniatures...Gail

Are you out of room for another quilt? Make your next one a mini! We have been collecting fabrics and patterns appropriate for these quilts so come and join in.

Every fourth Wednesday from 10-4

Is there a technique or project you want to learn that we don't have listed?

We will happily schedule a "class on demand" for three or more people. Talk to your friends and give us a call.

Regular Hours

Mon.-Sat. 10 - 5

Sun. 12-4

Block of the Month



Sweetheart Houses from Shabby Fabrics

Fabrics for this project should start coming in late May

This will cost \$36.00 for the pattern and \$15.00/month for 10 months for the fabrics.

An embellishment kit is available for \$28.00

