



Quilt Shop News

June 2012

Once again I'd like to start the newsletter with a thank you. This time to the wonderful group of women who work here. They kept things running smoothly while I was away for almost a month welcoming a new grandson.

For those of you who love batiks...visit you tube and search for Moda Batiks. Then select the Making of Moda batiks. This will give you a much better understanding of the process and why no two pieces are alike. It also made me happy that they aren't even more expensive.

Of course, there are frequently new batiks in the shop. Robert Kaufman, Hoffman and Moda supply many of them but you will also find offerings from Island Batik, Batik Textiles and Timeless Treasures.

The arrival of Edyta Sitar's Over the Rainbow collection from Moda has been delayed until August. As soon as the shop kit for her Spring Bouquet quilt arrives we will begin taking orders for the quilt or individual blocks.

Other blocks of the month beginning soon are Sweetheart Houses using Lakehouse fabrics and The Mill Girls from Marcus Brothers.

Fabrics are beginning to arrive for Sweetheart Houses and The Mill Girls is scheduled to begin in September.

Events

A Quilter's Harvest

Saturday September 8

9am - 5pm

Sunday September 9

10am - 4pm

At the Marshall Activity Center
On Michigan Ave. just west of I-69

For your convenience we will be open 9 - 5:30 Sat.
and 10 - 5 Sun. during the show

Stop by to see us on your way to either of the two
big shows in Grand Rapids

AQS

August 22-25

Or

Quilts on the Grand

October 5-7

Busses and other tour groups are always welcome. If
you let us know ahead of time that a large group is
coming we'll be sure to have extra help on hand.

Marshall has several events in July to interest
you or others in your family

Welcome to My Garden Tour

July 14 & 15

Blues Festival

Saturday July 21



LOST

Omnigrd cutting pressing mat 12x17

Please check to see that you don't have Joyce's



Classes

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.

Friday December 1 from 10-4

\$40

Machine Quilting II ...Joyce

You already know the basics, now learn how to choose the designs to use in quilting. Bring your tops to discuss what to use to compliment your quilt.

You will also practice additional designs.

Saturday October 20 from 10-4

\$40

Raw Edge Machine Appliqué...Melissa

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

Tuesday July 10 from 1-4

\$25

Zipper Bag...Gail

This is a quick 2 hour class on how to put a zipper in the very popular bags from Atkinson Designs. Choose your favorite!

Friday July 20 from 10-12

\$10 plus pattern

This is also one of our UFO days so you can stay the rest of the day to finish or work on another project

Hand Embroidered Christmas

Ornament...Jodie

Start your embroidered ornament collection with one of the many available from Chickadee Hollow Designs. Jodie will show you how to do the basic stitches and the finishing techniques.

Monday July 23 from 1-4

\$15 plus ornament

Hummingbird & Fuchsia...Jodie Dobbs

The flowers in this piece were designed by Jodie. Learn the Petal Play technique and how to construct Jodie's beautiful fuchsias

Thursdays, August 2, 9 & 16 from 10-4

\$75 plus pattern



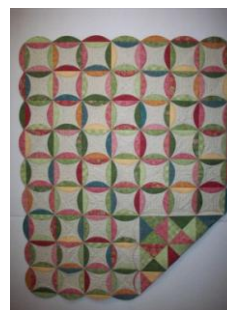
Circle Quilt...Denise Olson

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 August 18 from 10-4

\$30 plus pattern



Serenity Shoulder Bag...Jodie

Use Texture Magic on the flap of this bag to create a truly unique look.

Monday August 27 from 10-4

\$30 plus pattern

Anything Amy...Denise Olson & Karen Penrod

Amy Bradley is one of our favorite raw edge appliqué designers. Choose any of her whimsical designs and benefit from Denise and Karen's tips and tricks.

Thursday September 27 from 10-4

\$30 plus the pattern of your choice



Paper Piecing-Niemeyer style...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.

Friday October 12 from 10 - 4

\$40 plus Judy Niemeyer pattern of your choice

Paper Piecing-Mathieson style...Joyce

This paper piecing method uses freezer paper and eliminates the need to remove paper after completing your top. Try both methods and see which works the best for you.

Friday November 9 from 10 - 4

\$40 plus book

Hawaiian Appliqué...Joyce

These two fabric quilts are very distinctive and, according to Joyce, quite easy to do. There are several models in the shop and some new patterns available.

Tuesday September 25 from 10 - 4

\$40 plus pattern

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

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

!!!!!! We need new leaders for this group !!!!!

Please talk to Rosalee, Patti or Karen



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.

This is often a big group and they have a wonderful time.

Come join the fun!

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

The Mill Girls



10 months
Beginning in September

Blocks of the Month

Sweetheart Houses

from Shabby Fabrics



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.

Most of these fabrics are in and Block #1 is ready to go. Give us a call and sign up now.

The cost is \$42.00 for the pattern and \$15.00/month for 10 months for the fabrics.

An embellishment kit is available for \$28.00

Regular Hours

Mon.-Sat. 10 - 5

Sun. 12-4

