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Dear Friends

This could be one of the more difficult letters I have had to do. No, not bad news, just no news. Marsha, my guru of the newsletter, is going to be in New Zealand soon and needs my letter a little early.

My granddaughter is due to arrive next week but is not here yet, so I can't tell you if she has dark hair like her mother and father. My other six grandchildren arrived with blonde hair.

The Cardinals play their first game of the World Series tonight. I don't know whether I will be over-

joyed or not at the end of the series.

I leave for Quilt Market next week. I am sure I will have lots of wonderful new things purchased, but I can't describe them yet.

The retreat is always a huge success, but I can't give you any funny anecdotes about what happened.

About every ten days our rotary cutter on table two gets a nick in it. We don't know why and the mystery is not solved yet.

As you can see there is a lot up in the air. Hopefully, we will have the answers soon.

One thing I can report on for sure. The



renovations are done. It was a big job which had its moments, but it has been well worth the effort.

Do stop in for the complete report on Market and my new grandchild. I don't think you will need to contact us about the Cards!

Louise and her Terrific Staff

Important Dates

- November 11-13—Clear the Small Bolt Sale
- November 25—UFO Night
- December 10 & 11—Holiday Sale Days
- December 23—UFO Night
- December 20 — Holiday Respite Day
- January 21—Kaffe 9-Patch Exchange Show and Tell
- January 27—UFO Night
- February 5—Super Bowl Sale & Sew -In
- February 24—UFO Night
- March 29-April 1—Shop Hop
- April 25-28 — Paducah Bus Trip
- May 18-20—Todd Hall Spring Retreat

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Holiday Sale Days!!!

Saturday, December 10; Sunday, December 11
Holiday fabric on sale! See the new class samples!
Pick up your coupon book!

Gift Ideas: Gift certificates are always available and are our most popular gift! We also have silver thimbles, silver thimble holders, pendant thread cutters, decorative wooden needle cases, charms, Roxanne thimbles, books, puzzles, mugs, fabric, calendars, fine scissors and more!



Classes, Classes, Classes

Class Policy — Register in person, by mail, or telephone using charge card, check or cash. All classes must be paid for in full upon registration. There are no refunds on classes unless we cancel the class. If you cancel 12 days in advance, you will be issued a store credit. If you can't make the class, send a friend. If we cancel a class, we'll let you know at least 24 hours in advance and you will receive store credit or a refund. Class supplies must be purchased before class. To help us keep the roof over your head during class, we would appreciate it if you would purchase your supplies at The Quilted Fox and we will give you a 10% discount for supplies purchased at registration. We cannot call to remind you of a class. Your registration receipt is your reminder. Also, the class you pay for is the class you must attend. Any make-up will be at the teacher's discretion. Please review your class supply list prior to class and bring all items requested.

#100 -- Beginning Hand Piecing- - \$65

by Louise Georgia

This four-session class will take you through all the basics of hand piecing, including fabric selection. You will be making a table runner or wall hanging—your choice. Even if you have never held a needle or just need to learn the tricks to make it simple, this is the class to take. Suggested second class is #105 which covers hand quilting. B
Thursdays, January 12, 19,
February 2, 9 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

#101 -- Beginning Machine Piecing -- \$70

by Shirley Plegge

This six-session class will cover everything you need to know to make your first quilt top. It will include fabric and tool selection, rotary cutting, machine piecing, assembling your quilt top, and adding borders. Suggested second class is #114 Basic Machine Quilting. B
Thursdays, January 19, 26,
February 2, 9, 16, 23 -- 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Or Tuesdays, January 17, 24,
31, February 7, 14, 21 – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

#105 – Traditional Hand Quilting -- \$21

by Marilyn Donovan

If you have ever wanted to create an heirloom quilt or just relax and do hand work, come learn how to do a beautiful quilting stitch, how to layer, mark, and quilt a small sample. Tools of the trade will be covered. Marilyn will teach you to quilt without a frame or a hoop. B
Thursday, February 16 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

#112 – Introduction to Hand Appliqué-- \$60

by Marilyn Donovan

Learn the basic skills and techniques of needleturn hand appliqué, including preparation of appliqué shapes using freezer paper and templates, marking for needle-turn appliqué, reverse appliqué, appropriate hand appliqué stitches, techniques for sharp inner and outer points, and techniques for making bias stems and circles. B
Sundays, January 8, 15, 22 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

#114 -- Basic Machine Quilting - - \$40

by Marsha Bray

Using a practice muslin “quilt,” we will learn the basics of machine quilting. We will cover basting, marking, anchoring,

stitching in the ditch, and straight line quilting designs with a walking foot. B

Saturday, February 25 – 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

#116 -- Beginning Free Motion Quilting -- \$25

by Marsha Bray

Using a practice muslin “quilt,” we will learn the basics of free motion machine quilting. With a darning foot, we'll practice stippling and other simple filler patterns. We'll practice quilting a marked design. Then we'll learn about threads, tension, tools, and techniques to improve your quilting. Pre-requisite class is #114 B
Wednesday, February 15 – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

#118 – Color Workshop -- \$25

by Louise Georgia

Explore color in a very special and open atmosphere. We won't be using a color wheel or technical tools. We'll just expand our eye to color and what we like and why. This class is a prerequisite for East Quilts West (#121). B
Saturday, January 14 – 8:30 am – 10:00 am

#121 -- East Quilts West -- \$7.00 each class

by Louise Georgia

Learn to expand your horizons by making a block each month that

To see any picture in color, go to our website and open the newsletter by clicking on “newsletter” on the sidebar.

Key to class difficulty level—B— Beginner—No quilting experience; AB— Advanced beginner—Has made at least one to three quilt tops; I — Intermediate— Has made several quilts; A — Advanced— Has made many quilts of increasing difficulty

Classes, Classes, Classes

allows you to try new colors, patterns and designs. In class we will discuss what colors and patterns work well together but which are not predictable. East Quilts West by Kumiko Sudo is used in the class. The color workshop (#118) is a requirement before taking this class AB

Thursday, December 1, January 5, February 2 - 10:00 am - 12:00

OR Saturday, December 3, January 7, February 4 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

#128--- Painless Paper Piecing -- \$25

by Marsha Bray

Would you like to have perfect points and precise lines? You can do it with paper piecing. This freezer paper method makes it very easy! Machine required. AB

Friday, February 10 - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

#130 -- Basic Machine Appliqué -- \$25

by Marsha Bray

Do you like the look of appliqué but don't like to do hand work or just want it fast? Try quick and easy machine appliqué. In this class you'll learn the technique that you can then apply to any appliqué project. Requires a sewing machine with an adjustable zigzag stitch. AB
Friday, February 10 - 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

#150 -Intermediate Hand Piecing -- \$7 per month

by Louise Georgia

Do you love that you have learned to hand piece but would like to refine your skills even

more? Louise will help you learn to get the perfect results that you seek while making a quilt that is 68" x 84". The size can be varied by altering the layout. It will take 12 months to complete the blocks and another month to put it together. What a good opportunity to learn while enjoying the company of the other students. Held every 4th Wednesday. (Note December and January date changes) AB
Wednesdays, December 21, January 18, February 22 - 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

#155 -- Freezer Paper Appliqué - \$21

by Louise Georgia

Learn Louise's freezer paper appliqué technique. The class will also cover her favorite notions for appliqué as well as her stitching technique. B
Thursday, February 16 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

#225 - Borders and Bindings -- \$21

by Candy Grisham

Have you wanted to learn how to measure and attach borders without ripples and how to do straight or bias bindings? This will be a technique class and you will go home with samples and written instruction for: straight borders, mitered corners, straight and bias bindings and finishing bindings. Candy will also demonstrate more advanced finishes. In addition, extra time has been added to finish some of your own borders or bindings after the class time. B
Saturday, January 7 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

#260 - Mastering the Art of Precision Piecing -- \$25

by Tracy Back

Take your piecing to the next level. Learn techniques to enhance your accuracy, make points perfect and all seams match. AB

Saturday, January 28 - 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

#310 -Embroidered Appliqué-- \$30

by Suzanne Marshall

What a difference embroidery makes when it is added to appliqué! See examples of appliqué with embroidery--then needle



turn appliqué a small bunny. Individual help will be given as needed with perfect curves, sharp points and smooth edges. Then add embroidery and admire the impact! AB
Friday, January 27 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

#325 -Sole Cool Hot Iron Bag-- \$25

by Eunice Porvaznik

Safely take your iron along with you wherever you go. Make this quick and handy bag and never have to wonder what to do with that hot iron when your class or retreat is over. Pattern purchase required. AB

Saturday, February 4 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Classes, Classes, Classes

#335 – Seasonal Table Runners-- \$21 first class, \$10 each additional classes

by Eunice Porvaznik

Dress up your table throughout the year with these calendar table runners. Super simple piecing and machine appliqué make them quick and easy. Pattern purchase required. AB
Saturdays, December 17, January 21, February 18 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

#340– Mexican Star -- \$30

by Eunice Porvaznik

This wall hanging is so much fun to make! You'll see circles, stars and even cathedral windows in it and it is all done with straight line stitching. Pattern purchase is required. B
Sunday, January 29 – 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

#345 – Modern Dresden Plate -- \$50

by Candy Grisham

A modern update for making a variety of Dresden plate designs using a single template. The class will cover 4 different variations of edge finishes. Size variations are endless. You will learn to sew the plates by machine and mix and match your edge finishes if desired. Designed to be a technique class, letting you determine how many plates, what sizes and finishes and layout you desire. Template purchase required. Intermediate skill
Thursdays, January 26 & February 9 – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
or Sundays, February 12 & 26 -- 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm



#360 – Four Patch Posey-- \$40

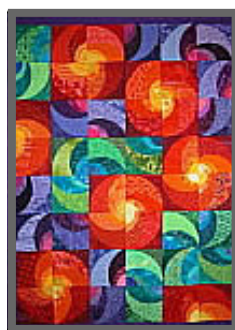
by Linda Grabel

Make a gorgeous quilt using only one print fabric for the blocks and borders. It's beautiful with an Asian print, exotic with an Australian print, and pretty with a floral print! Create your own special look! AB
Friday, February 17-- 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

#385 – Radiant Sun -- \$40

by Janet Singer

Just see how the Radiant Sun glows in this fun pattern by Cara Gulati! Make this incredible looking quilt. It's easy to sew these 10" blocks of only 5 curved



pieces each. 48 blocks make a quilt about 68" x 88". Pattern purchase required. Kit is available for purchase if desired. I
Saturday, February 11 – 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

#395 – African Sunshine-- \$40

by Lois Hays

African Sunshine is a bold, asymmetric design from Jan Krentz's book Hunter Star Quilts. It features a wide variety of African fabrics set on a neutral background. Unlike most of the



hunter star quilts, these stars are subtle because they use the same colorful prints as the rest of the design. Kaffe Fassett fabrics would also be a great choice for this quilt. Kit is available for purchase if desired. I
Saturday, January 14 - 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

Gift Certificates are always available at The Quilted Fox!



Save the Date Annual Shop Hop

March 29, 30, 31,

April 1, 2012

This year the shop hop will feature a gorgeous new Hoffman Batik designed especially for St. Louis quilt shops. It will feature the arch and other favorite St. Louis icons. For more information:

<http://metroslouisshophop.com/>

Linda's Favorite Notions

Linda Grabel picked her favorite notions for this newsletter.

#1—Thread Heaven

This little blue box may look small and insignificant but it's actually quite mighty! This thread conditioner binds thread fibers to prevent fraying and tangling. It makes thread more manageable and glide through fabric with very little drag. It is acid free, non-toxic, washer/dryer safe and can be ironed. It protects thread against UV rays, mold, and mildew. \$3.15 each



#2—Auriful Thread

Auriful machine embroidery and quilting thread is a high quality Italian thread manufactured from 100% Egyptian mako. It is strong, smooth and relatively fuzz free.

You will love this thread for hand and machine piecing. Because it is lightweight but strong it makes a thinner seam. Thinner seams = less bulk in your quilt.



Linda says the best part is how much thread her bobbin holds. You won't have to rewind nearly as often!

\$10.50 with 1422 yards per spool

#3—Bohin Marking Pencil

Linda says "When I want to mark my fabric, I absolutely LOVE the Bohin mechanical marking pencil." The "lead" available for the pencil is made of a waxy chalk. It adheres to the fabric long enough to quilt the design, but it is easy to remove when you are finished quilting. The chalk refills come in several colors: white, gray, green, yellow and pink. This pencil is very easy to mark with making a nice thin (0.9 mm), smooth line on the fabric.

\$11.95 for the pencil and white lead
\$6.95 for refills



Groups

1st & 3rd Saturday Groups

Mark your calendar to attend:
December 3 & 17; January 7 & 21; February 4 & 18

Michael Miller Clubhouse

Wednesdays, December 14, January 11 & February 8 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm or Saturdays, December 17, January 21 & February 18 from 10:00 to 11:00.

Sit and Sew

Meets 1:00—2:30 pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month—December 28; January 25; February 22. This free club is designed especially for those of you who like to get together and socialize. It doesn't matter if you are hand piecing, hand appliquéing or other hand sewing. Please drop in and visit with us.



Mystery Quilt



A mystery quilt is a quilt pattern written in steps and revealed one part at a time to hide the final appearance of the finished quilt. Each month you'll pick up a clue containing your cutting and sewing instructions for the next step. At the end, you have a surprise quilt!

Our latest mystery quilt started in November, but it's not too late to catch up. Missed clues are available for \$1. New clues are available free after the first of each month.

"UFO's Are Us"

Friday Night Retreats!
Come and sew or shop from
6:00 to mid-

night
Fridays:
December 23;
January 27;
February 24



Never have enough time to get everything done? Can't get to retreat? Come for a mini-retreat and sew with us. We'll provide the sewing space. You provide the projects, snacks if you want, and good company. It's only \$5! Advance registration is required to stay and sew. Space is limited.

Just want to shop? No registration or fee is needed. Just stop in anytime from 6:00 to midnight to shop. Staff will be there to help you.

Holiday Respite Day—December 20

Do you find the holidays stressful? The Mayo Clinic says to **"Take a breather."** Make some time for yourself. Take a walk at night and star-gaze. Listen to soothing music. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breathing and



restoring inner calm." We say "Visit The Quilted Fox."

Join us on Tuesday, December 20 at any time from 10 to 4:30. Bring your stitching or just sit and visit. We'll have some refreshments as well as lots of peace and quiet.

Holiday Gifts

Don't forget to—

Make your holiday shopping list and bring it to us. We'll keep it on file for you. You can send your kids, your spouse and your mother as well as Great Aunt Matilda to see us. We'll show them what you put on your list, and you'll get the items you really want this year!!!! Or just send them all in and tell them to ask for a gift certificate! It's guaranteed to fit and then you can pick out exactly what you want.



New & Now: Elna eXcellence 740

The 740 offers over 240 stitches, including 26 Elna exclusive stitches plus the Elna exclusive "PS" "Personal Stitch" memory. 20 Memory slots to store your personal stitch combinations. There are too many special features for quilters to list them all!



In addition to all the features for quilters, this machine has a free arm option that makes it perfect for garment sewing too! This one has all the bells and whistles.

Test drive this fabulous machine soon!

Bus Trip to AQS in Paducah

*Travel with
The Quilted Fox
to the AQS Quilt Show
April 25 - 28, 2012*

Paducah is a Mecca for quilters and quilt enthusiasts during the American Quilter's Society An-

nual Quilt Show & Contest each April.

The bus goes down in the morning and returns that evening. There will be a bus each day of the show. Sign up now to hold your seat!

You'll stop for breakfast on the way down and dinner on the

way back. You'll be able to rest on the trip home and let us do the driving! There will be:

- 400+ beautiful quilts in the AQS Quilt Contest from across the U.S. and around the world
- 400+ vendor booths

Nifty Notion of the Month—Monthly Specials

December

Olfa Rotating Mat

Olfa's exclusive **Rotating Mat** features the same self-healing surface as our other popular mats. The convenient **12" square size** is perfect for taking to class. Use the Olfa Rotating Mat for cutting squares, triangles, diamonds, circles, any shape which would ordinarily require you to turn your project or your body around.

Regularly \$43.99, but 20% off in December.

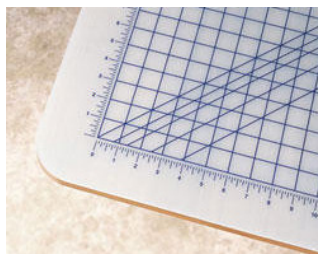


January

Koala Cutting Mat

Giant mat 50" x 59" provides seam free cutting on even large tables. It can be trimmed to fit your table if needed.

This heavy duty translucent mat features square corners, sharp dark blue 1" grid marks, and bias angles.



Regularly \$88.95 but 20% off in January.

February

Bubble Jet Set 2000

- bubble jet ink set solution for 100% cotton and 100% silk fabric
- excellent for quilting squares, labels, neckties, scarves, mouse pads or any craft idea!

16 oz (473ml) bottle comes with detailed instructions

Regularly \$19.45 but 20% off in February.



***For all nifty notions, quantities may be limited. Offer valid while stock lasts.

Annual Todd Hall Spring Retreat—Save the date

Join other quilters for a time of relaxation, socializing and sharing at our quilting retreat at convenient and beautiful Todd Hall. Leave your kids, husband, work worries, and cooking behind and pamper yourself



with undisturbed quilting time in a group. Do your own thing or do a mystery quilt. It's your choice!

Make your reservation now!
May 18, 19, & 20, 2012
(Not Memorial Weekend)

Quilted Fox Annual Coupon Book

In December we will have a **gift for all of you** in appreciation for being our customer! Stop in and pick up your 2012 coupon book. For each month in 2012, there will be a coupon for you to use that will feature a different sale item.

It must be picked up in December!



Save the Date

**Bits 'N' Pieces
Quilt Show
March 17-18, 2012**

**Kaffe 9-Patch Exchange
Show and Tell
January 21, 10:00 am**



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- Yes, my name and address are correct.
- I've moved. Please correct my address as noted.
- Save resources. Please remove me from the mailing list.

Email us and let us know!
info@quilted fox.com

Shop Hours

Mon. & Wed.-10 am- 5 pm
Tues. & Thurs.-10 am-6:30
Fri. & Sat.-10 am-4:30 pm
Sun. 12 noon—4:00 pm

**Remember, we are happy to mail order
if it serves your needs!**

Super Bowl Sunday Sale and Sew-In

Sale!! February 5 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm

100's of fabrics on sale

Some samples and books on sale

Mark your calendar now!

3rd Annual Super Bowl Sew-In

Join us to sew for the day (11 am -7pm). We'll have a very special Quilted Fox kit for you to purchase for the class. Come and let us surprise you with a mystery quilt especially for Super Bowl Sunday. Don't wait to sign-up because space is limited and you won't want to miss this special project.

\$10 registration fee with a \$15 store credit
issued upon attendance at class.

