

THIMBLE TOWNE

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HOT OFF THE PRESSES

Spring is here and summer is right around the corner! Spring is proving to be a very busy time at Thimble Towne! Starting off with the Best of the Valley Quilt Show, followed by the Seven Sister's Quilt Show, and finishing off the month of April with the 3rd annual Heart of the Valley Quilt Shop Hop, it's a busy time of year! We are very excited to be participating in all of these events and hope you are too.

With spring comes cleaning and renewal as well, Thimble Towne is no stranger to this either. In the beginning of the year we revamped our Beginning Quilting 101 class. The changes received rave reviews from new and experienced quilters alike! Our Beginning Quilting 102 class was also changed to incorporate a new quilt pattern, Amish with a Twist, by Nancy Rink. This is an excellent skill builder class for both new and intermediate quilters alike. The quilts our students turned out in this class were all beautiful and unique.

We are also happy to welcome back Charlotte Rogers to our class schedule this quarter as well. She will be teaching a revamped color and value class and has had plenty of time on her mini "hiatus" to come up with some new ideas that you will be sure to love! Kathy Hawkins who joined Thimble Towne in January will also start teaching this quarter too! Look for her Magic Squares class this coming May.

Look for some of our upcoming block of the month quilts coming early summer. We will be offering both color options of the Stonehenge Meets Jamestown Sampler block of the month. In addition we will also offer Vintage Rouge, designed by Vicki Bellino using Marcus Brothers fabrics. Thimble Towne will be hosting award winning machine quilter, Cindy Seitz-Krug for a two day workshop in June. Her workshop, Free Motion Feathers and the Background Stitches to Show Them Off, is one you will not want to miss.

With all the new and exciting changes make sure you plan plenty of time to come pay us a visit. Gather your fabric, dust off your sewing machines, and check out our class schedule. Spring has sprung and it's time to get sewing!

Keep Stitching,

Jeremy & The Amazing Thimble Towne Crew

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Monday - Friday
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Baby Lock Training

Let Jeremy teach you the basics of your Baby Lock machine! We will cover basic operation, maintenance and explain the different accessory feet. These classes focus on sewing not embroidery. Class times vary by machine. See details. Training classes are free, unless you purchased your machine elsewhere.

Symphony, Estante, Ellageo & Ellegante Training
Tuesday 5/8: 12pm-3pm -OR- 6/12: 6pm-9pm
(\$50 if purchased elsewhere)

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Basics
Wed 4/18
6pm-9pm

Elisimo
5/8 12pm-3pm
6/12 6pm-9pm

Kids Camp

Details coming soon!
July 16-20

Strip Club

Saturdays 4/21, 5/19, 6/16: 1pm-4pm
Tuesdays 4/24, 5/22, 6/26: 10am-1pm -OR- 6pm-9pm

Quilt Shows & Shop Hop

Best of the Valley Quilt Show
Lindsay, CA
4/13, 4/14, 4/15

Heart of the Valley
Quilt Shop Hop
5/4, 5/5, 5/6

7 Sisters Quilt Show
San Luis Obispo, CA
4/28 & 4/29

The General's Wives

April 12, 2011 marked the 150th anniversary of the firing of cannons on Fort Sumter, South Carolina. It marked the opening day for the Civil War; a war that would divide families, friends and a country. It ultimately took the lives of over 618,000 soldiers (about 2% of the population of our country at the time).

The generals who served during this time had been friends, classmates or roommates at West Point prior to the war. Theirs was now the task to destroy that friend to support the cause in which they believed. This was not an easy decision. The wives of these generals had to support their husbands as they wrestled with those decisions.

This gorgeous quilt is 100 x 100 inches and includes 13 blocks, 3 different setting blocks, border and binding. Every block is prettier than the next and will entice all quilters!!! This amazing quilt comes with additional "easy to do" bonus projects that you are sure to love! Each block offers the history of these valiant women in the hopes that the quilter will enjoy learning a bit more about them.

Saturday 4/21, 5/19 & 6/16: 9am-12pm

Open Sew

4/9, 4/10, 4/11, 5/11, 5/24, 5/25, 6/7, 6/19, 6/20, 6/21

Feathers & The Stitches That Make Them Pop

Machine Quilting Workshop with Cindy Seitz-Krug

Thimble Towne is pleased to offer this amazing workshop with Cindy Seitz-Krug. Cindy's quilting is quite simply put... amazing. Cindy has won numerous awards regionally, nationally and internationally. These awards include Houston International Quilt Festival, AQS shows in Lancaster, Nashville, Knoxville, Pacific International Quilt Festival, Road to California just to name a few. This workshop will cover the anatomy of feathers, design and layout background stitches. This workshop will include your practice fabrics, the fabric for your project, batting, bindings, thread, breakfast and lunch, and of course lots of fun and learning. You just need to bring yourself and your sewing machine.

Space is limited!

Workshop includes breakfast and lunch and two full days of fun.

6/1 & 6/2

\$150 includes kit

Thimble Towne Classes

Registration & Policies

Class fees must be paid at the time of registration.

We accept cash, personal checks, and all major credit cards.

Phone registrations are welcomed with any major credit card.

Mail registrations require check or money order.

- Please call in advance to ensure class availability.
- You will be placed on a wait list until payment is confirmed.

Registration Inquiries by Email

If you have questions about classes (availability, difficulty level, etc.) please do not hesitate to email us. Write "Class Registration" in the subject line.

- Please include a phone number, class number/ name, and dates you're interested in.
- A staff member will contact you.

Cancellation Policy & Missed Classes

We cannot transfer you to another class session or refund your fees unless we cancel the class.

No make-up classes or refunds are provided for missed classes. Class fees are non refundable once paid.

If your class is cancelled

Classes may be cancelled if the minimum number of students is not met seven days prior to the class start date. We will call to notify you if your class has been cancelled. You will be issued a refund or class credit for any fees you have paid in advance.

Supply Lists for Classes

All classes will require a supply list. Students who register in shop will receive their class supply list at that time. If you register by mail or phone, it will be mailed to you upon payment confirmation. Supply lists come with a **15% Off** coupon good toward any regular priced merchandise that you may need for your class. Please have necessary class supplies purchased prior to the start of class.

Class Descriptions

Rotary Basics

Whether you are just starting your quilting adventure or you have been quilting for awhile this class will teach you the basics of proper rotary cutting. You will learn the proper way to handle your fabric, rotary cutter, and rulers.

Instructor: Barbara Phillips

Monday 4/16: 6pm-9pm

-OR-

Wednesday 4/25: 10am-1pm

Skill Level: 

Class Fee: \$20 plus supplies

Beginning Quilting101- Just Can't Cut It

Learn the basics of quilt making with Barbara. You will complete your quilt top in two short weeks. This new class allows you to make the quilt any size you wish while learning proper quilting techniques.

Instructor: Barbara Phillips

Monday 4/30, 5/14 & 5/21: 6pm-9pm

-OR-

Wednesday 5/2, 5/9 & 5/16: 10am-1pm

Skill Level: 

Pattern: Just Can't Cut It

Class Fee: \$40.00 plus supplies

Amish With a Twist aka Beginning Quilting 102

This beautiful sampler quilt from Nancy Rink Designs replaces the previous Beginning Quilting 102 quilt. In this 5 week class you will sharpen your skills and complete a stunning quilt.

Instructor: Barbara Phillips

Wednesday 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/27 & 7/11: 10am-1pm

-OR-

Monday 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2 & 7/9: 6pm-9pm

Skill Level: 

Pattern: Amish With a Twist

Class Fee: \$60.00 plus supplies

Class Skill Levels:

 Beginner

 Intermediate

 Advanced

Thimble Towne Classes

Jelly Beans

From the popular book that brought us "Dragon Bones" last quarter, Brenda presents us with "Jelly Beans". Jelly Beans is an introduction to the shattered angles technique. Whether you use a theme fabric, floral or batik, or black and whites your Jelly Beans quilt will be truly unique!

Instructor: Brenda McCutcheon

Thursday 4/26 & 5/10: 10am-2pm

Skill Level:  

Book: Accent on Angles

Class Fee: \$30.00 plus supplies

Basic Embroidery Placement

Take the mystery out of embroidery placement with this basic technique class. You will learn how to place an embroidery design exactly where you want it, whether it is on a quilt block, shirt, towel, or whatever you want to embroider on.

Instructor: Jeremy Swaim

Tuesday 4/17: 10am-1pm

-OR-

Wednesday 4/25: 6pm-9pm

Skill Level: 

Class Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Macy Giggles Dress Class

Easy and breezy as a bright spring day, as refreshing as a child's giggle. This sundress is cute enough for a party, and comfortable enough for play. You'll love how fast this dress comes together. Make it with or without pockets, and with a thin or wide band in the skirt.

Instructor: Brenda McCutcheon

Saturday 5/12: 10am-4pm

Skill Level:  

Pattern: Macy Giggles

Class Fee: \$30.00 plus supplies

Monogrammed Embroidered Towel

Grab your embroidery machine for this fun class. We will be using Zentangle Lettering to create this wonderful towel with a fabric tie. This is a great chance to learn some embroidery and sewing techniques while finishing a project in class.

Instructor: Jeremy Swaim

Thursday 4/19: 6pm--9pm

-OR-

Tuesday 5/1: 10am-1pm

Skill Level:  

Class Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Made to Match Apron Class

Learn basic sewing techniques while making this adorable apron. The pattern, Made to Match, has sizes Misses', Girls', and Dolls'.

Instructor: Barbara Phillips

Thursday 4/19: 10am-3pm

Skill Level:  

Pattern: Kwik Sew #3787

Class Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Table Grace Placemats

Simple but elegant, tablecloth, placemats and napkins! Make the whole set or just pieces you want. These placemats are so easy you'll want to whip them up for every occasion. Piece and quilt at the same time.

Instructor: Barbara Phillips

Monday 4/23: 10am-2pm

Skill Level:  

Pattern: Table Graces

Class Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Class Skill Levels:

 Beginner

  Intermediate

   Advanced

Thimble Towne Classes

Hand Applique with Ann

Ann has done it again! She brings us her amazing hand applique with a new wall hanging. This is a class meant to teach you the basics hand applique using the freezer paper method. There are many techniques covered in this class and you will learn them ALL!

Instructor: Ann Hinman

Tuesday 6/5 & 6/19: 6pm-9pm

-OR-

Monday 6/14 & 6/28: 10am-2pm

Skill Level:  

Pattern: Quails Table Runner

Class Fee: \$35.00 plus supplies

Hunter Star

If you have ever wanted to make a Hunter Star Quilt now is your chance. We will be making this project the "Rapid Fire" way. With a little strip piecing and a little cutting you will have your blocks made in no time with perfect points! Make any size you want from Wall Hanging to King Size!

Instructor: Jeremy Swaim

Tuesday 5/15 & 5/29: 10am-1pm

-OR-

Wednesday 5/30 & 6/13: 6pm-9pm

Skill Level:  

Pattern: Rapid Fire Hunter Star Ruler

Class Fee: \$30.00 plus supplies

Beginning Machine Quilting

You don't need to be afraid of machine quilting any longer. This class will give you the basic mechanics and confidence you need to begin your machine quilting adventure. This class is for those who have not machine quilted before or those needing to freshen up your skills.

Instructor: Debbie Van Fossen

Tuesday 5/1 & 5/8: 6pm-9pm

Skill Level: 

Class Fee: \$35.00 plus supplies

Embroidered Jeans

Turn an ordinary pair of jeans into a pair of designer jeans without the cost! Use your embroidery machine, a little imagination, and some help from Jeremy to create your own unique design.

Instructor: Jeremy Swaim

Tuesday 5/15 & 5/29: 6pm-9pm

Skill Level:  

Class Fee: \$30.00 plus supplies

Thimballina Bag/Batik Purse

Aunties Two Thumballina Bag- Made from Batting Stuffed Fabric Strips. This mini messenger bag, with a long 42" shoulder strap, has 2 five inch square pockets on the inside for your cell phone or iPod. Great for travel or anytime you want to travel light. Make this in 3 different sizes for the perfect bag!

Instructor: Debbie Van Fossen

Thursday 5/10 & 5/17: 6pm-9pm

-OR-

Saturday 6/23: 10am-3pm

Skill Level:  

Pattern: Thimballina Bag

Class Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Harmonic Convergence

Have you been intrigued by Ricky Tims' "Convergence Quilt" but thought it was too difficult to try on your own? In this class, Juanita will guide you through a streamlined technique to produce a top of this mysterious and magical wallhanging.

Instructor: Juanita Cairns

Wednesday 5/9 & 5/23: 6pm-9pm

-OR-

Tuesday 6/5 & 6/12: 10am-1pm

Skill Level:  

Book: Convergence Quilts

Class Fee: \$30.00 plus supplies

Class Skill Levels:

 Beginner

  Intermediate

   Advanced

Thimble Towne Classes

Color & Value

Charlotte has revamped her Color & Value class and you are sure to love it! Learn how color and value can make or break a project. In this class you will create a small wall hanging you can refer to in all future projects!

Instructor: Charlotte Rogers

Thursday 5/17: 10am-3pm

Skill Level: 

Tool: Color Tool by Joen Wolfrom

Class Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Magic Squares

Join Kathy Hawkins for Magical Squares! Create a graphic 3D optical illusion using just 3 light fabrics and 3 dark fabrics! Kathy always has lots of tips and tricks to teach you. Don't miss out on her first quilt back teaching for Thimble Towne.

Instructor: Kathy Hawkins

Monday 5/21 & 6/4: 10am-1pm

-OR-

Wednesday 6/6 & 6/20: 6pm-9pm

Skill Level:  

Pattern: Grand Magic Squares

Class Fee: \$30.00 plus supplies

Leaf & Flower Fabric Bowls

Have you seen those amazing fabric bowls? Sara takes fabric bowls to the next step with leaves and flowers. Her bowls are stunning and surprisingly easy to create. You will finish the majority of your bowl in class, leaving just a bit of embellishment to be done at home. These are like Lays potato chips, you can't just make one!

Instructor: Sara Kelley

Friday 5/18: 10am-3pm

-OR-

Thursday 5/24 & 5/31: 6pm-9pm

-OR-

Saturday 6/9: 10am-3pm

Skill Level:  

Pattern: Leaf Bowls or Flower Bowls

Class Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Grand Convergence

If you love Ricky Tims' convergence quilts, you will love Grand Convergence. Think of it as convergence with a twist. It looks much harder than it is. You will have time to complete most of the Grand Convergence in class. Juanita will share tips and tricks for creating your own masterpiece.

Instructor: Juanita Cairns

Thursday 6/14 & 6/21: 6pm- 9pm

Skill Level:  

Book: Convergence Quilts

Class Fee: \$30.00 plus supplies

15% OFF

Your regular priced merchandise for your

THIMBLE TOWNE class!

NOT AN ACTUAL COUPON

Coupon will be received upon payment for class. Phone and mail registrants will receive coupon by mail upon payment confirmation.

 Beginner

Class Skill Levels:
  Intermediate

   Advanced

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Open Sew 10-3	10 Open Sew 10-3	11 Open Sew 10-3	12	13 Best of the Valley Quilt Show	14 Best of the Valley Quilt Show
15 Best of the Valley Quilt Show	16 Rotary Basics 6-9	17 Embroidery Placement 10-1	18 Open Sew 10-3 Baby Lock Basics 6-9	19 Apron Class 10-3 Embroidery Towel 6-9 Double Punch Day!	20	21 General's Wives 9-12 Strip Club 1-4
22 Sewsational Sunday 8-6	23 Table Graces 10-2	24 Strip Club 10-1 or 6-9	25 Rotary Basics 10-1 Embroidery Placement 6-9	26 Jelly Beans 10-2	27	28 7 Sisters Quilt Show
29 7 Sisters Quilt Show	30 Beginning Quiltling 6-9					



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May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Embroidery Towel 10-1 Beg Machine Quilting 6-9	2 Beg Quilting 101 10-1	3	4 Shop Hop	5 Shop Hop
6 Shop Hop	7	8 Symp Training Noon-3 Beg Machine Quilting 6-9	9 Beg Quilting 101 10-1 Harmonic Convergence 6-9	10 Jelly Beans 10-2 Batik Purse 6-9	11 Open Sew 10-3	12 Dress Class 10-4
13	14 Elisimo Training 10-1 Beg Quilting 101 6-9	15 Hunter Star 10-1 Embroiderd Jeans 6-9	16 Beg Quilting 101 10-1 Ellisimo Training 6-9	17 Color & Value 10-3 Batik Purse 6-9 Double Punch Day!	18 Flower Bowls 10-3	19 General's Wives 9-Noon Strip Club 1-4
20 Sewsational Sunday 8-6	21 Magic Squares 10-1 Beg Quilting 101 6-9	22 Strip Club 10-1 OR 6-9	23 Beg Quilting 102 10-1 Harmonic Convergence 6-9	24 Open Sew 10-3 Flower Bowls 6-9	25 Open Sew 10-3	26
27	28	29 Hunter Star 10-1 Embroidery Jeans 6-9	30 Beg Quilting 102 10-1 Hunter Star 6-9	31 Flower Bowls 6-9		



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June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Quilting Workshop 10-4	2 Quilting Workshop 10-4
3	4 Magic Squares 10-1 Beg Quilting 102 6-9	5 Harmonic Convergence 10-1 Hand Applique 6-9	6 Beg Quilting 102 10-2 Magic Squares 6-9	7 Open Sew 10-3	8	9 Flower Bowls 10-3
10 Sewsational Sunday 8-6	11 Beg Quilting 102 6-9	12 Harmonic Convergence 10-1 Symphony Training 6-9	13 Beg Quilting 102 10-2 Hunter Star 6-9	14 Hand Applique 10-2 Grand Convergence 6-9	15	16 General's Wives 9-noon Strip Club 1-4
17	18 Beg Quilting 102 6-9	19 Open Sew 10-3 Hand Applique 6-9	20 Open Sew 10-3 Magic Squares 6-9	21 Open Sew 10-3 Double Punch Day Grand Convergence 6-9	22	23 Batik Purse 10-3
24	25 Beg Quilting 102 6-9	26 Strip Club 10-1 or 6-9	27 Beg Quilting 102 10-2	28 Hand Applique 10-2	29	30

Don't forget these important dates on your July calendar.....

Beg Quilting 102 continues 7/2 & 7/9: 6pm-9pm -OR- 7/11: 10am-2pm

Kids Camp runs from 7/16 - 7/20!

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