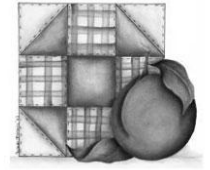


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Dear Quilters,

Welcome back to all of you who have been away for the Summer! We missed you! For those of you that Hunker Down, enjoy the cool and remember what the Summer was like.

I have found that *Giving Back*, is a satisfying thing to do, especially when there seem to be more in need these days. The joys of giving can go beyond the season of giving.

This Summer/Fall we spent a day making pillowcases for Conkerr Cancer. 22 individuals showed up and we made 454 pillowcases before the day was out. We met at St Mary's Episcopal Church for a covered dish and sew in!! Conkerr Cancer donates over 800 pillowcases a month to the Bay area Children's hospitals and Boggy Creek (cancer camp) It is a wonderful cause and I am able to log in the number of cases to the millions of pillowcases across America. One, 10 year old young girl, sent 10 pillowcases to help with the cause.

We are meeting again, Saturday, Feb. 26th 10 am to 4 pm. St Mary's Episcopal Church. Dade City. Call the shop for more information. If you have a group at your park or you are part of a guild, we challenge you to take the day as a group, to make some very appreciative children a pillowcase. We will award prizes for the most pillowcases made by a group, etc. Call the shop for particulars, 352-518-0003. If you would like to join us or if your group would like to join the challenge, let us know!!!

Donna



Carol's Corner

Hi Ya'll—

A few weeks ago I finally decided I'd had enough—changes had to be made. I'm a big girl—I can do this. So—armed with dust rags & determination I marched down the hall to confront the clutter in my sewing room that had begun to meet me at the door.

The worst offender was all my yummy wool (are you surprised)?! Piles & bags everywhere and all those little pieces I can't bear to part with! After several hours of an even bigger mess it was all color coordinated on my shelves & those little guys were bagged & put away. A sight to behold!

My reorganizing unearthed several unfinished projects (again, anyone surprised?) All neatly stashed in those wonderful zipper bags just waiting for attention. Now they're all lined up in a (rather large) basket. Some I'm still passionate about, others not so much. Should I finish them or pass them on? Ah—a decision for another day.

Feeling quite proud of my accomplishments & seeing only a half dozen UFOs, I went to the closet in search of some blocks I'd promised a friend. There, neatly stacked in containers half way to the top—more! Lots more!

I handled it well—I found the blocks, put the lids back on the tubs & closed the closet door.

Life is good, order has been restored & I know I'll never say to myself "I'm bored & have nothing to do." Isn't quilting wonderful?

Still happily stitching-- Carol



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**RHONDA BINGHAM
BEGINNING MACHINE**

PIECING

Fri. Jan 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25
9:30-12:00

Sat Jan 22, Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 &
Mar. 5 9:30-12:00

The 1st class on both the Fri. & Sat. classes will be 9:30-1:30

Fee: \$65 6 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required
Make your dreams of making those beautiful quilts you've seen in magazines or television come true. Learn basic to intermediate skills. If you've been quilting a while, you'll find answers to problem areas. Come on in and join the fun of how wonderful quilting can be!!

ECLIPSE

Sat Feb 26 1:00-4:00
& Mar 12 10:00-4:00

Fee: \$40 2 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required
Afraid of circles? This pattern has the beginning piecer in mind. You'll be amazed at the ease of construction and the beauty of the resulting quilt.

FUSIBLE APPLIQUE

WORKSHOP

Thur Mar 10 10:00-4:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required
If you've ever wanted to learn the basics of fusible appliqué, this class is for you! Bring a pattern of your choice and Rhonda will take you through all the steps from fabric selection to construction techniques.

**RHONDA BINGHAM-Cont.
INTERMEDIATE MACHINE**

PIECING

Thur Mar 17, 24, 31 & Apr 7
10:00-4:00

Sewing Machine Required
Fee: \$65 4 Sessions
Still dreaming of making quilts that are presently beyond your skill level? Then this class is for you! Inset seams, curved piecing and diagonal settings are just the beginning! Basic quilting skills required. **Instructor approval required.**

**CATHEDRAL WINDOW BY
MACHINE**

Fri Mar 18 10:00-4:00

Sewing Machine Required
Fee: \$35 1 Session

This time-honored technique is fast & simple done on the sewing machine. Start small with a pillow or table runner or make a quilt of any size. Coordinate your window fabric or make it scrappy ó anything goes!

**CAROL BRADSHAW
DOUBLE WEDDING RING**

Thur Jan 20, Feb 3, 17 10:00-3:00

Fri Mar 25, Apr 8, 22 10:00-3:00

Sewing Machine Required
Fee: \$60 3 Sessions

Foundation piecing makes a difficult project so much easier! Arcs stitch up quickly & the curves are gentle. Several sizes offered.

**CAROL BRADSHAW-Cont.
WOOL WORKSHOP**

Thur Feb 10 10:00-3:00

Wed Mar 30 10:00-3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Bring a kit of your choice to class (suggestions offered) & learn how simple & fun wool appliqué can be. With the basic techniques taught, you'll be on your way to beautiful creations from table mats to quilts.

STRIPES SQUARED

Thur Feb 24 & Mar 3 10:00-4:00

Sewing Machine Required
Fee: \$45 2 Sessions

Are you óafraidö of stripes or have a stash but no clue how to use them? This quilt is for you! Your eye moves in & out of the blocks created by a wide variety of color and widths. Super easy & fat quarter friendly.

**PAT GASTON
MARINER'S COMPASS**

Mon Jan 10 & 17 10:00-3:00

Sewing Machine Required

Fee: \$30 2 Sessions

Are you intrigued by the beauty of the Mariner's Compass but all those sharp points make you nervous? Paper piecing this block takes the pain away!



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DONNA TREFETHEN

HAND QUILTING

Tue Feb 22 10:00-3:00

or

Tue Mar 15 10:00-3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Learn the basics of fine hand quilting in this hands-on class. Donna will take you through all the steps ó from marking to binding. Keep this age-old tradition alive!



LINDA WHITAKER

PUNCH NEEDLE WORSHOP

Sat Jan 22 2:00-5:00 or

Mon Feb 21 10:00-1:00

Fee: \$25 1 Session

This is another great craft for those who enjoy handwork. Punched items can be finished in lots of waysó pictures, hangings, etc. Wait till you see some of Linda's beautiful workó the inspiration will flow!



MAGGIE WINSBRO

BINDING BASICS

Fri Feb 11 1:00-3:00

Fee: \$15 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required
Frustrated with those pesky bindings? They're so easy to do using Maggie's tips & techniques. Perfect mitered corners, easy beginnings and endings and you won't believe how much more!

MAGGIE WINSBRO—Cont.

TWISTER or Lil Twister

Fri Feb 25 1:00-4:00 &

Fri Mar 4 10:00-4:00

Fee: \$45 2 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required

A fun new way to make pinwheel blocks. Rather than cutting individual pinwheel pieces to sew together, the squares are sewn together and the pinwheels are cut using the template. These templates are designed for the popular 5ö or 10ö precut fabric packs but the precuts are certainly not necessary. Cut your own squares if you don't find a package that you like.

MACHINE QUILTING

Fri. Mar 11 10:00-2:30

Fee: \$25 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required
Unfinished tops? You'll have them quilted in no time after taking this hands-on class. Instruction in using the walking foot, free motion, batting, threads and much more.

STEEL BALL FRAME PURSE

Sat. Mar 19 10:00-3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required
You will love making this lovely purse. It is small enough to look elegant and large enough to hold all your essentials. Fabric choices make this a -day or -night purse.

EDITH WOOLEY

Tatting

Sat Feb 12 & 19 1:00-4:00 or

Sat Apr 9 & 16 1:00-4:00

Fee: \$35 2 Sessions

What an opportunity to learn this hand work from the past! Edith, tatter extraordinaire, will teach you wonderful ways to make beautiful laces to trim your blouses, pillow cases, table runners and much more.

Both the Farm Fest and Quilt show and the Pasco county Fair are great opportunities to show off those quilts you have been making.

If you are interested, in showing a quilt, give us a call and we can let you know how to get the paperwork necessary to fill out.

We are taking donations of Fabric, gallons of vinegar and quart storage bags for Conkerr Cancer!!

Does anyone know a quilter also known as Sprinkles? The Backdoor friends do.

Class Policies: Payment is required at the time of registration. Classes may be cancelled if the teacher minimum is not met. Refunds will be given if a class is cancelled. If you are unable to attend a class and call five days before the class begins, you can transfer to another class or receive store credit.



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Feb. 5. and Mar 5, Jazz in the Garden at the Garden Café in
Dade City

Farm Fest and Quilt Fest at the Pioneer Museum Feb.5th &6th
At Pioneer Museum just north of town. Quilt appraisals,
vendors and quilts

***Special
Announcements***

CLASS PREVIEW
Sat Jan 8 10:00-12:00

KUMQUAT FESTIVAL
Sat Jan 29

FAT QUARTER SALE
Tue Mar 8 9:00-7:00

30% STORE WIDE SALE
Sat Apr 2 9:00-7:00

BACK DOOR FRIENDS
1st & 3rd Tue 5:00-8:00

PLUMQUAT CIRCLE
3rd Thurs 4:30-8:00