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Happy New Year to each and everyone of you. This is not a very good way to start the new year, but the first thing I need to do is apologize for this newsletter being so late. I was fortunate enough to have taken a holiday to spend Christmas with my daughter and her family in Newfoundland. I had great intentions of starting this newsletter when I was there, but spending time with my grandchildren seemed more important at the time. Needless to say I arrived home to a busy store and no newsletter. I have been working hard on it but I know it is later than usual.

Now that it is complete and you are reading it, I hope there is something that appeals to you and maybe you will join us for a class.



Beginners Quilting

Thursdays beginning Feb. 4 for 8 classes 9:00 - 12:00

Each morning we are going to make a part of this small quilt in 8 easy classes. It is made up of 2 simple blocks that will teach the basic techniques all done on the sewing machine. You will learn how to find a true 1/4" seam, half square triangles, strip piecing, quilting and binding. This is a very basic class geared to beginners or anyone wanting to perfect the basics.

Cost; \$50.00 for 8 classes



5th Saturday Challenge

Are you up for a challenge where there are no rules or limitations on your creativity?

Each year there are 4 months with 5 Saturdays! For these five Saturdays we are going to make up special Challenge kits of a \$40.00 value. To join in the fun you must reserve and prepay \$25.00 for your challenge kit sight unseen. Your project must include some of every fabric in the kit. You can add anything else you would like.

Each 5th Saturday project is due 10:30 am the next 5th Saturday south of Wolseley, which is 123 km meeting. Each meeting turns out to be a fun and inspiring Show and Tell. The challenge projects will be on display in the store for the following 2 weeks, during which time we encourage you to drop by and vote for your favorite.

All our customers get a vote!

The next 5th Saturday is January 30!

Sign up by January 18 to take the challenge!

The viewers choice winner will receive the next 5th Saturday Challenge bag FREE!

We are now on facebook.
Please check us out!



Quilt Retreats

January 22, 23 and 24

Moosomin Communiplex

We will set up Friday afternoon and sew until Sunday afternoon. Dig out all those UFO's and lets get them done! We will provide supper on Friday, lunch and supper on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. We will let you make your own arrangements for sleeping accommodations. Let us know if you need help with that. We will share lots of laughs, see some demo's, win some prizes and get lots of sewing done. Let us know as soon as possible if you will be able to attend.

The cost for the week-end will be \$125.00

March 18,19,20 or April 15,16,17

Circle Square Ranch

Circle Square Ranch is located 20 km west of Wolseley, which is 123 km south of Moosomin on the #1 Highway. It is a camp with a large building that contains a large dining hall - where we will sew and then several bedrooms in the same building. As it is a camp you will need to bring your own bedding and towels. They will provide us with 6 meals - supper on Friday, breakfast, lunch and supper on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. We can arrive Friday morning and leave Sunday afternoon. You need to provide your own lunch on Friday. That should give us time to get some sewing done! The cost for the week-end is \$125.00. To keep this fair for everyone, I will start taking registrations on Feb. 1. Payment after that date will secure you a spot.



We all have several of those Unfinished Objects lurking in our sewing rooms and closets. I am going to challenge you to finish 10 of those before May 1st 2016. To register for this challenge you need to list 10 partially started quilts that need finishing, drop off or e-mail me this list with your name and address. As you finish each quilt send me a picture. I will mark that project as being done on your list and enter your name to win one of the prizes. The more you can finish, the more chances you have to win.

On May 1, I will pull 3 lucky peoples names and award them with their prize.

1st - Collection of 12 spools of Aurifil Thread

2nd - Bundle of batik fat quarters

3rd- Creative Grids Circle Savvy Ruler



Block of the Week

Mid Winter Blues

by Whirligig Designs

1:00 p.m. on Feb.3,10,17,24

March 2,9,16,23,30

In this class there is no in store sewing. I demo a part of the quilt each week, then you go home and sew on your quilt. The next week you return with your quilt. It is always exciting to see the same quilt made up in different colors.

Pattern; \$22.95

Class Policies

You must pre-register for all classes, either by phone or in person. Class fees must be paid in advance to reserve your space as class space is limited. If the class is canceled these fees will be fully refunded.

At the time of registration, you will receive a supply list of what is needed for that particular class. We appreciate you buying your supplies from us so we will give you a 15% discount on all supplies for your class. Most of the classes require a sewing machine. Please make sure yours is in good running order. If you do not have a sewing machine you can bring, let us know and we will have one ready for you.



Monthly Mini's

from Patchabilities

1st Friday of each month from
9:00 - 4:00 starting February 5

This is a series of 12 seasonal beginner friendly applique patterns. We will make one each month. They are so cute and will sew up so quickly.

Class; \$30.00 Patterns; \$10.98

Some months there are buttons that you could use to embellish the design.

It's my Tuesday and I will quilt if I want to!

Do you have projects you would like to finish but can't find the time? Maybe you need a little help with a certain technique? On the 3rd Tuesday of each month we will meet at the store and work on whatever you want. You can come at 1:00 or at 7:00 or you can come in the afternoon and stay for the evening!



Runners from Let's Do Lunch

Saturday Feb. 6 9:00 - 4:00

Many of you received the book "Let's Do Lunch" in your stocking. We thought it would be fun if we provided a day when you could come and make an item out of that book. Linda has made up 2 of the runners, "Ribbon Candy" and "Polka Dot Piecrust" and will guide you through making these really cute table runners. We still have extra books if you didn't get one and want to join in the fun.

Cost; \$30.00 Book; \$24.98



Voyager Bag

Saturday Feb. 20 9:00 - 4:00

The ultimate carry-on duffel bag for girls on the go. It features a removable, adjustable long strap for cross-body or shoulder use, 2 outer pockets, 2 inner slip pockets and comfortable padded handles. It finishes at 19"x11 1/2"x7 1/2".

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern; \$11.98

Charity Quilts

2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 1:00-4:00

Come and join us for a fun afternoon of sewing. We provide the fabric, you sew and together we will provide quilts for those in need.

2nd Saturday of the Month

This is a very busy day at Shirley's Sewing Room and it is about to get even busier. I have so many ideas and I want to accommodate those who travel a distance, so here is our line-up

Saturday Sampler

10:00 a.m.

This is a long standing class where I demo one block each month and you go home and make your own, returning the next month with your finished block to receive \$5.00 in Merry Money.

Farm Girl Vintage

1:00 p.m.

This is the cutest quilt ever. Following the book by Lori Holt we make up to 4 blocks a month and then bring them for Show and Tell.

Gravity

2:00 p.m.

Gravity is a very modern looking quilt designed by Jaybird Quilts. It is a block of the month design featuring 9 unique blocks all created with the Super Sidekick & Hex N More rulers. Each month we will create 2 blocks from the same design but using a different colorway.

Border Creek Mystery

3:00 p.m.

We have done the mystery from Border Creek before so we know the instructions will be easy to follow and that the finished quilt will be gorgeous. Sherri preselected 2 lines of fabric for this mystery so you can follow her lead or she gives you lots of hints on how to choose your own colors, this can prove to be very helpful when you have no idea how the pattern goes together. This quilt can be made in 2 sizes, 59"x77" or 98"x98" Cost; \$25.00

**Diamond in the Sky**

Tuesday Feb. 23 9:00-4:00

Karen Combs is well known for her illusion patterns, and this is no exception. You won't believe how easy it is to create this amazing table runner.

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern; \$12.98

**Boomerang**

Saturday Feb. 27 9:00-4:00

Jaybird quilts is one of my favourite designers. Some of you have been introduced to the Super Sidekick Ruler in the Gravity quilt, so here is a chance to use it again. If you are familiar with the ruler, it is very easy to use and cuts several shapes.

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern; \$14.98

Ruler; \$36.98



As you know 2016 is a Leap Year. That means we are given an extra day! I know we have all commented on how busy we are and wish we had another day so here is your chance. I can't think of anything I would rather do when I am given that extra day than to spend it quilting. So we are going to give you an opportunity to do just that. We are inviting you to join us for the day, from 9:00 til 5:00. You bring a project to work on, we will provide snacks and lunch. We will also do some demo's through out the day to introduce you to new items in the store.

Quilting With Rulers

Saturday March 5 9:00-4:00

This a new trend in machine quilting, a revolutionary technique for free motion quilting without marking lines. We use acrylic rulers that are thicker than rotary cutting rulers. You guide a special foot for your sewing machine along the edge of your ruler to produce a perfectly straight line, curved angle or circular shape. Come in for the day and play around with the rulers and see what you think.

Cost; \$30.00

There are various rulers to try and I will have the special feet in stock.

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**

Tuesday March 22 9:00-4:00

This colorful table runner is filled with bright fabrics and beautiful dimensional flowers. It is easily pieced and finishes at 14" x 38".

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern \$13.98

**Forest Friends**

Saturday April 2 9:00-4:00

This pattern shows how to make a fun child's quilt with adorable forest friends. Perfect for a girl or a boy. It finishes at 43" x 56", big enough to last the child for a long time.

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern \$14.98



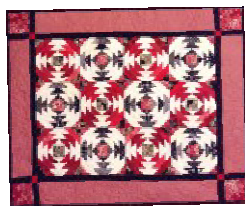
Tea Time Placemats

Tuesday April 5 9:00-4:00

These cute, fun, fast and striking placemats will impress at any tea time gathering. We will learn Judy Neimeyer's newest paper-piecing technique - curved paper piecing. The placemats finish at 11" x 22".

Cost; \$30.00

Pattern with papers \$29.98



Scrap Pineapple Quilt

Thursday April 7 9:00-4:00

This is an old pattern that is geared to using up some of your scraps, just separate the lights and darks. In this class we are going to use the Pineapple Trim Tool from Creative Grids. This makes sewing this block so easy and accurate. You can make as many blocks as you wish.

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern; Free

Ruler; \$24.98

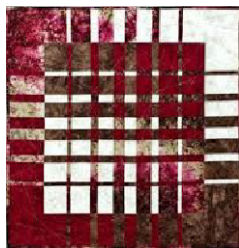
Coming Events

Minot Quilt Show
March 11-13

Melville Spring Festival of Quilts
April 22 & 23

Highway #1 Quilter's Run
May 26,27,28

Row by Row Experience
June 21 until Sept.6



Convergence Quilts

Saturday April 23 9:00-4:00

Again I get to share another of the patterns Ricky Tims showed us at the seminar I attended last spring. Convergence quilts feature 2 or more fabrics cut into strips, sewn together, then cut and pieced again. Nothing could be more simpler or more magical.

Cost; \$30.00 Book; \$25.95

Machine Embroidery

Friday Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 11, April 22, May 27, June 17, July 15

We have been having a lot of fun learning how to use the embroidery unit on our sewing machines. We meet once a month on the 3rd Friday. Notice there are some months when the 3rd Friday didn't work so I changed the day. Each month we make a project from Bernina's Embroidery Club.

Cost; \$75.00 for 10 classes or \$10.00 for each



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Whats New!

Fabrics

First Crush by Sweetwater
Soul Blossom by Cherry Guidrey
Cantik Batiks to co-ordinate with the Canadian Mystery
Frivols Sets 1,2,3,4,5

These are quilt kits packaged in the cutest tin cans.



Water Activated Fusible Cotton Batting - This is the greatest invention if you like to spray baste your quilts but you don't like the smell and stickyness. This batting is infused with a water activated fusible so you just spray the batting with water when you are ready to use it and it will fuse to the fabric!

Books

Triangle Stars by Barbara Cline
Foolproof Walking foot Quilting
Designs by Mary Mashuta
Wool Applique by Piece of Cake
Geese Migrations by Quiltworx

Notions

Stipology Ruler from Creative Grids
Split Recs and Diamond Recs from Deb Tucker
Guidelines Quilt Ruler Upgrade Kit works with 12" & 24" rulers

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