



## News & Happenings ~ Winter '26

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Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season making memories with family or friends if that is what makes the holiday special for you. But if quiet time is what makes your season best, I hope you had a great time spent doing whatever makes your heart sing.

We have so many things planned for 2026, I just hope I can keep it organized in my head and get it rolled out for you. Sometimes my ideas out weigh my time and organizational skills!!!! This newsletter is a start to our year and features our current scheduled classes. I'm very excited about the classes we have to offer and the techniques the teachers are ready to teach us.

We will be hosting our second annual fun Stay-cation Retreat scheduled for Jan 29-31. I offer this each year for those that want to go on retreat but maybe leaving home for 2-3 nights isn't in the books for them. We offer 3 days of UFO sewing and you don't have to leave town. The retreat is open 8 am - ?? each day. You set up on Thursday and leave it all spread out until Saturday when you're ready to head out. We'll have a kitchen/fridge available to bring you lunch (and dinner if you want) and you can come and go as you need/want. Contact the shop to register – it's so worth the time to just meet up with fellow quilters and really dig into a project you've wanted to complete.

We'll be participating in the All-Florida Shop Hop '26 again this year and if you haven't had a chance to check it out, the fabric this year is Christmas inspired. It'll be nice to make "Florida" quilt that is a little different. The magazines should be in the shop this week and fabric is schedule to be shipped by the end of the month.

We are hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Airing of the Quilts on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - more details to be announced later.

Many of you know of our Angel Fabric program -- we purchase estates and offer the items and fabric in the shop at a very discounted rate and use some of the proceeds to support our relief quilts we donate after storms, i.e., backing, fabric for piecing, quilting fees, shipping costs, etc. We shipped 55 quilts to Jamaica in December and to date we've donated a total of 200 quilts to those affected by storms.

That being said, I received a call just before the holidays that can only be called a true blessing!! The shop has purchased a private estate of quilting fabric, notions, and "stuff". We are in the beginning stages of processing the very large STASH and look forward to having in the shop as we go along. Our Angel Fabric shelves are full again and we will be offering other items throughout the store at discounted prices to help keep quilting affordable to everyone.

***Please remember the Disconnected Piecers Quilt Guild bi-annual quilt shop Feb 13-14 at the Charlotte Harbor Convention Center in Punta Gorda, FL This is an excellent show that you really don't want to miss if you're in the area.***

Until we see you again in the shop, happy sewing and SPRING IS COMING!!!!

Cheryl & Cynthia

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### Piece Keeper Project Bag

**Feb 18 9:30am -1:30 pm**

**Fee: \$25**

**Instructor: Shirley Ruchti**



A By Annie project bag that will become your go to for your current and future projects. This will be the first in a series of By Annie bags for those that want to learn the techniques to make more amazing projects from this designer. Shirley is very experienced with these patterns and will take the frustration out of it.

### EZ Breezy Table Runner & Place mats

**March 10 & 17 9:30am -3:00 pm**

**Fee: \$45**

**Instructor: Darla Parks**



A perfect project for all those large-scale prints with NO curved seams to stitch. And what's better than a great looking table runner and place that are quick – quick to make. Talk about a super recipe for an impressive gift. And the bonus is that they're already quilted when they're done!

### Open Wide Bag

**Session A Feb 5 9:30am - 3:00 pm**  
**Session B Feb 19 9:30am – 3:00 pm**

**Fee: \$40**

**Instructor: Shirley Ruchti**



Create these classy zippered bags for use in your suitcase or just for every day. Quick and fun to make, the bags can be made in 3 sizes. The open WIDE for easy access to all your supplies. Inner mesh pockets keep things organized and easy to view.



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### Rope Bowls

**Feb 25 & Mar 4 9:30am - 1:00 pm**

**Fee: \$45**

**Instructor: Shirley Ruchti**



Learn to create a beautiful, functional rope bowl in this beginner-friendly class. Using a sewing machine and simple cotton rope, you'll master the coiling technique to form a sturdy, custom bowl. Add a splash of color with decorative thread or fabric scraps for a truly personalized piece. You'll leave with a finished bowl and the skills to create many more.

The first session, we will create a round bowl of your choice. It can be straight rope, you can add fabric in the bottom for a base or you can add fabric strips randomly or cover the entire bowl with fabric. The second class, we'll make an oval bowl with handles. Again, you can decorate the bowl in any number of ways.

### Folded Tote Bag

**March 12 9:30am -1:00 pm**

**Fee: \$20**

**Instructor: Cheryl Eggert**



A simple to make folded bag to have in your purse or backpack whenever you need an extra tote. Great to give as gifts or to have a few in the vehicle for shopping.

### Colossal Rug

**March 18 & 25 9:30am - 1:00 pm**

**Fee: \$55**

**Instructor: Shirley Ruchti**



In this creative class, you'll learn how to transform a jelly roll of pre-cut fabric strips and batting into a beautiful, durable and washable rug. We'll cover all the steps, from connecting the strips and enclosing the batting to enclosing and stitching the rug together with a wide zig-zig stitch. This is a fun and modern twist on traditional braided rugs, perfect for adding a pop of handmade color to any room. Pattern included



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### Thread Sketching/Painting

**Feb 17 & 24**      9:30am - 1:00 pm

**Fee: \$100.00**

**Instructor: Eric Drexler**



Use your sewing machine as a drawing tool to create expressive lines, outlines, and details on fabric. Learn to fill shapes with dense, layered stitching to create lifelike images, layering threads to create dimension with free motion quilting. Your instructor will guide you through the process but it is best that you've taken Eric's previous offered Fearless Free Motion class.

### Beginning Bargello (Table Runner)

**Mar 9**      9:30am - 3:00 pm

**Fee: 25**

**Instructor: Sue Fox**



Learn this unique technique to sew strips together, cut them and arrange in the most appealing way to create the amazing designs this quilt is known for.

### Facing Class (alternative to binding)

**Feb 16**      9:30am - 2:00 pm

**Fee: 30**

**Instructor: Darla Parks**

An alternative technique to traditional binding on the edge of your project. There will be no binding showing on the front of the project, leaving the art to speak for itself.



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### Jelly Roll Bargello Quilt

April 15 & 22 9:30am – 1:30 pm

Fee: 45

Instructor: Shirley Ruchti



This class begins with arranging fabrics into a pleasing order and create strip sets. It progresses to creating waves and cutting strips into various widths and then joining them together to create a spectacular quilt top. The class provides hands-on instruction to work toward the completion of your project.

### New Moon Rising

March 23 & 30 9:30am – 3:00 pm

Fee: 60

Instructor: Darla Parks



This class begins with arranging fabrics into a pleasing order and create strip sets. It progresses to creating waves and cutting strips into various widths and then joining them together to create a spectacular quilt top. The class provides hands-on instruction to work toward the completion of your project. Pattern included

### Sew Kind of Wonderful (QCR Ruler Class)

April 2 9:30am – 3:00 pm

Fee: 25

Instructor: Darla Parks



This class will teach confident beginners how to create stylish, curved quilt blocks without pins by mastering the Sew Kind of Wonderful ruler, involving layering fabrics, cutting precise curves with a rotary cutter, squaring up blocks to create unique runner designs, making it a perfect intro to curved quilting.





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### Zip it Up Bag

**Feb 11 9:30am - 3:00 pm**

**Fee: \$30**

**Instructor: Shirley Ruchti**



This purse is ideal for vacation or just traveling around town. It is more stylish than a fanny pack, without the size and weight of a large purse. The zippered pockets replace your wallet by offering space designed for credit cards, cash and change. It can be worn over your shoulder or cross-body and still be flat and comfortable.

### Legit Kit Paper Piecing – Bon Voyage

**March 11 9:30 am – 3:00 pm**

**Fee: \$25**

**Instructor: Sue Fox**



A “Paper Piecing Legit Kit” class teaches a simplified, efficient method of foundation paper piecing (FPP) using a innovative system, focusing on organization and frustration-free sewing without curves or Y-seams. During the class, you will learn how to organize the kit materials, block approach construction and finishing suggestions for a great wall hanging for your home. Kits can be reserved at the shop and includes pattern, fabrics and papers to complete the project.

### Sea Glass Tree

**March 19 9:30 am – 3:00 pm**

**Fee: \$60 Kit included (must be preordered)**

**Instructor: Darla Parks**



Join us for a fun and creative workshop to craft your very own beautiful, lighted sea glass tree! This class is perfect for adding a coastal charm to your home decor or creating a unique, handmade gift for a loved one. Our instructor will guide your step-by-step through the entire process, ensuring that no prior crafting experience is needed, this event is beginner friendly!! Kit included



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### Pineapple Blossom Quilt

**Feb 26 & Mar 5 9:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**Fee: \$45**

**Instructor: Shirley Ruchti**



Learn to sew logs (fabric Strips) around a central square, adding triangles to create the distinctive pineapple shape. Pattern can be made with either 2 inch or 2 1/2 inch (jelly roll) strips. This class will focus on the jelly roll technique.

### Sunflower Wall Hanging– Paper Piecing

**Mar 16 9:30 am – 3:00 pm**

**Fee: \$40**

**Instructor: Sue Fox**



This class is intended for comfortable beginners that have basic paper piecing skills. You will learn the traditional form of paper piecing that maximizes your fabric and shows how to use your stash to create unique art pieces for your home. Pattern Included



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### Class Policies:

- Payment is required to reserve your seat in the class.
- A supply list and special instructions will be given out after registration.
- Most classes require a solid working sewing machine.
- Please be prepared to have your own equipment (rulers, rotary cutter, etc.)
- Our quilt workshops are for piecing the top only unless otherwise specified.
- Cancellation after registration will be given as a shop credit up to 10 days prior to the class.  
**No refunds after 10 days before the class unless the spot can be filled.**
- **No refunds** on kits or supplies for the class will be issued.
- As appreciation to our customers, we offer a **10% discount** for fabric and supplies purchased for our classes, clubs and workshops. (excludes kits/patterns if included in the fee).

### CLUBS:

#### Breakfast Club

**Third Thursday of the month**  
**8:00 - 9:30 am**

This group selects a project to do each time and we share ideas and techniques to help each other grow and learn.. There are no skill level expectations – we're all here to just learn and share. Call the shop for details and our next meeting time/location.

#### Quilting Club

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month**  
**5 pm – 9 pm**

This group is an open sew to work on any project you want – maybe you need a little help with something or want to share an idea – there isn't any agenda for these nights. We get together to have a little fun, talk a little and pretend to get a LOT done. Yeah, Right!!! Come join the fun.

*NOTE: If you have an idea for a group, let me know, we'll figure out what works for everyone.*





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### January

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Rope Bowls (1) 9:30-1:30	22	23	24 Short cuts 1:00pm
25	26 Spinning Stars 9:30-2:00	27 Free Motion (1) 9:30-1:00	28 Rope Bowl (2) 9:30-1:30	29 Retreat 8am -?	30 Retreat 8am -?	31 Retreat 8am-?

### February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Free Motion (2) 9:30-1	4	5 Open Wide A 9:30-3	6	7
8	9	10 Flamingo (4) 9:30-1	11 Zip it up 9:30-3	12	13 Quilt Show	14 Quilt Show
15	16 Facing 9:30- 2	17 Thread Sketching 9:30-1:30 (1)	18 Piece Keeping 9:30-1:30	19 Open Wide B 9:30-3	20	21
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### March

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1	2	3	4 Rope Bowl (2) 9:30-1	5 Pineapple (2) Blossom 9:30 – 1:30	6	7
8	9 Beg. Bargello Table runner 9:30-3	10 EZ Breezy (1) 9:30-1	11 Legit Kit 9:30-3	12 Folded Bag 9:30-1	13	14
15	16 Sunflowers FPP 9:30-3	17 EZ Breezy (2) 9:30-1	18 Colossal Rug (1) 9:30-1:30	19 Sea glass Tree 9:30-3	20	21
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