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Dear Quilters,

This winter went by so quickly, I didn't get to visit much with our winter friends! It was a whirlwind of activity! I only hope the summer passes as quickly, as I am finding the heat less desirable every year.

I have been following Kathy Doughty's articles in Quiltmania Moderne magazine which comes out quarterly - (we carry the magazine). She is another Aussie with an interesting take on color and design. (She designs fabric for In the Beginning) I am working on one of her quilts now and hope to try it out in August (If the Quilting Fairies help me finish it!)

As a shop owner, I find myself torn in many ways, ordering fabric, paying bills, planning new classes, kits etc. Oh and making shop samples. I am feeling like the queen of panels. If I make something from a panel, it sells out quickly.

We have new fabrics coming in monthly with plans for kits; which means more samples!! I'm not complaining, just wishing I had more time to work on my own projects!

We will have a new Tilda's Toy Box project this summer: Fishies in a Pail. I have changed it a bit but it will add hours of indoor fun for children during our steamy summer months.

We also are introducing a new teacher, her name is Diane Forrest, who will be teaching Redwork! This is a form of embroidery, done with red floss. Diane has planned some eye catching projects which are very portable - come in and see what she has to offer.

We are also going to offer a monthly personal sewing day at the shop...get together with other stitchers and who knows you might make new friends in the process. Check the newsletter for the dates and times.

Ah Stormy Summer Months - that is the answer. Hunker down and complete as many projects as possible during this time, when being outside is so uncomfortable. That's the ticket. Let me know how much you have done and I will let you know what I've accomplished.

Until the fall,

Donna

Carol's Corner

Hi Ya'll,

I've been trying to recall what, in the way of quilting I've done in the past few months. Unfortunately not a whole lot comes to mind. I made three small wool sewing accessories for a class sample, put together several backs (for my daughter), attached some bindings (also for my daughter) and half finished another sample for a class. The day before the class, as I was getting things ready, I realized the half I had put together was pieced incorrectly. Five fabrics sewn in strips #1,2,3,4,5. My COMPLETED half was sewn #1,2,4,3,5! So guess what? I fessed up, we had a good laugh and everyone had a good time! I intend to (someday) finish the quilt. It can live on my bed, half right, half wrong and I will probably tell everyone who sees it how I messed up. Isn't that what we always do?

Oh, I just finished a top for the shop called "Sergeant Pepper". As I was ironing the backing I discovered a small hole in the fabric. What to do? Why not kill two birds with one stone and cover the hole with the label! Oh, I feel so smart! The label is in a weird spot, kind of in the middle, but I don't think the "quilt police" will care! So here it is, month four of 2017 and not much accomplished. But I have an excuse! Two actually. The first is a retired husband. I know a lot of you can relate. Who knew they were so needy??? The other is, well...I'm really embarrassed. It's something I swore I'd never let happen. Here goes: I'm hooked on a word game on my phone!!! It won't leave me alone! It shows up in my hand WAY too often. It's really challenging and makes me think, when it's not making me mad 'cuz I can't figure it out so does that sort of justify all the time I'm on it? I don't know but don't tell anyone that it really is fun!!! I'm trying to leave my phone in another room in the evenings so I will pull out my hexies and stitch a bit on them. It's tough though, kind of go through withdrawals.

Several girls at the shop have decided to do Eleanor Burns "Underground Railroad". In a moment of weakness, or maybe my phone wasn't close by, I joined the group. Kay says, we have a full year to do it. Sounds reasonable but I think we're already a month or so into the year. I have my fabrics picked out, that's a start! I guess my phone and I will have to come to some kind of and understanding.

Quilting #1

Phone #2

I'll let you know how it works out.

Still Happily Stitching (and playing)

Carol

UPCOMING CLASSES

****Class Policy: 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 (5) days before the class, you can transfer to another class or receive a store credit.**

TEACHER: LISA ARNDT

BEGINNING MACHINE QUILTING

Friday June 9 10:00 - 3:00

Friday August 11 10:00 - 3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

Come learn the basics of machine quilting. We will cover how to make the quilt "sandwich", basting options, marking options, important considerations when machine quilting, walking feet flexibility and start you on free motion quilting. Prerequisite: You must be knowledgeable about your machine, how to thread it, make bobbins, switch feet, and be able to adjust: thread tension, stitch length, and foot pressure.

ADVANCED MACHINE QUILTING

Friday July 21 10:00 - 3:00

Friday August 18 10:00 - 3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

If you have taken my beginning Machine Quilting and want to continue to learn! We will get more in depth with using stencils and how to mark, as well as, how do you decide what to quilt where. I will also give tricks and clues on how to quilt those larger quilts on your domestic! Join me for a deeper look into domestic machine quilting.

Prerequisite: must have completed a beginning machine quilting class.

TEACHER: RHONDA BINGHAM

YELLOW BRICK ROAD



Monday June 19 10:00 - 4:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

This versatile pattern has never gone out of style. Choose your fat quarters and simply come to class. A great class for a beginner with basic rotary cutting and sewing skills.

RHONDA BINGHAM cont'd

CATHEDRAL WINDOW



Monday July 17 10:00 - 4:00
Fee: \$35 1 Session
Sewing Machine Required

This me-honored technique is fast and easy 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 anything goes!

TEACHER: CAROL BRADSHAW

BINDING BASICS

Monday May 1 10:00 - 2:00
Fee: \$15 1 Session
Sewing Machine Required

Bring a small quilted project to class and see how easy it is to finish with a professional looking binding. You'll learn how to make straight and bias binding, perfect mitered corners, join the beginning to the end and lots more. You're quilts will be show worthy in no me!

HEXAGONS ENGLISH PAPER PIECING

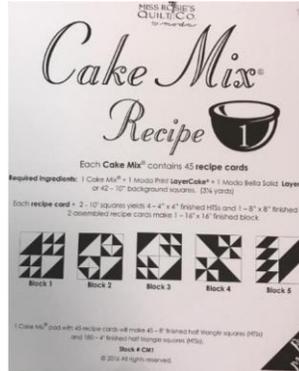


Wednesday May 24 10:00 - 3:00
Wednesday July 12 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$35 1 Session

English paper piecing is a very old technique that is enjoying a comeback. It's a great hand project and can be done in many sizes and shapes other than hexagons. Class will concentrate on cutting and sewing the hexies with points on fussy cutting to create some unique designs. It's usually thought of as being done in more "traditional" fabrics but anything goes - Kaffes, batiks, 30's etc. Simply make it your own.

CAROL BRADSHAW (cont'd)

CAKE MIX BLOCKS



Wednesday	May 31	10:00 - 3:00
Wednesday	July 5	10:00 - 3:00
Fee:	\$35	1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

Carrie Nelson teamed up with Moda fabrics and came up with a very unique paper piecing concept. The "mixes" are pads of printed foundations, 4 different sets of varying size triangles. The "cakes" are layer cakes. Put a print and a solid layer cake together, pick your favorite foundation "mix" and start sewing. The finished squares can be assembled in lots of different ways, creating interesting blocks. Come join the creative fun!

OB-LA-DI



Wednesday:	June 28	10:00 - 3:00
Wednesday:	July 19	10:00 - 3:00
Fee:	\$35	1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

This quilt is a great beginner project - not a lot of seams to line up. Three simple blocks twist and turn across your quilt and the pieces are large enough to showcase your fabric choices.

CAROL BRADSHAW (cont'd)

DOUBLE WEDDING



Thursday July 20, August 3 & 17 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$55 3 Session
Sewing Machine Required

Everyone loves this traditional pattern but construction can be challenging. Paper piecing these arcs and using a plexiglass template to cut the background fabric helps to simplify the process. Multiple sizes are offered.

WOOL APPLIQUE



Wednesday: July 26 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$35 1 Session

This class is a basic introduction to wool appliques. You'll make a small project, a pincushion or needle case. You'll learn a new technique and end up with a cute usable item.

TEACHER: DONNA LILLBRIDGE

QUICK BABY QUILT



Tuesday May 9 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$25 1 Session
Sewing Machine Required

Need a quilt that can be done quickly because the baby is coming or is already here? Then this is the pattern for you. Great for beginners on up.

DONNA LILLIBRIDGE (cont'd)

TOOTHBRUSH RUG



Saturday	May 13	10:00 - 3:00
Saturday	June 17	10:00 - 3:00
Saturday	July 15	10:00 - 3:00
Saturday	August 12	10:00 - 3:00
Fee:	\$35	1 Session

Do you have extra fabric lying around? Join in the fun of making your own braided rug that you can throw in the washer and dryer!

PAIL OF FISHIES



Friday	June 16	10:00 - 1:00
Tuesday	July 11	10:00 - 1:00
Fee:	\$15	

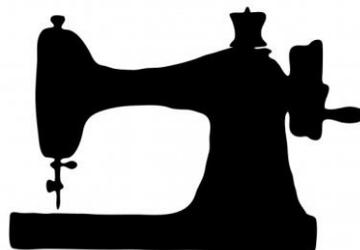
Sewing Machine Required

Come make a pail of fish, fishing pole and bucket for indoor fun. Keeps children busy while the rainy days of summer are with us.

SEWING MACHINE REPAIRS

Drop off at the shop and pick up within week.

Call the Shop for further details



TEACHER: SARA ROSS

BUTTERFLY



Tuesday June 13 & 20 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$35 2 Sessions
Sewing Machine Required

These beautiful butterflies will help you soar to new levels. You will learn how to make the large butterfly in class and the same technique that I teach you will be used to make as few or as many butterflies you wish to make after the class.

TEACHER: DIANA FORREST

REDWORK EMBROIDERY



Tuesday May 23 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Tuesday June 20 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Fee: \$15 1 Session

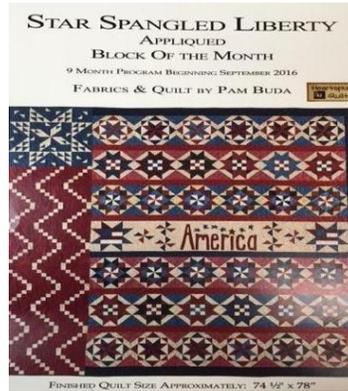
"Redwork" is one of the hottest trends today! Redwork is done by hand and is very portable, fun and relaxing! Come join the fun!!

30% OFF STOREWIDE SALE**
Saturday August 5 9:00 am - 7:00 pm



**Sale and Consignment items are exempt

BLOCK OF THE MONTH
 STAR SPANGLED LIBERTY by
 Marcus Fabrics



This is a nine (9) month program called Star Spangled Liberty. If you love Americana quilts this one is for you.
 WE STILL HAVE A FEW OPENINGS

BLOCK OF THE MONTH
 WOOL



May 9, June 13, July 11 & August 8
 Fee: \$19.95 a month

5:00 to 7:00
 4 Sessions

Do you want to get ahead of the rush? Schedule a me in December to have your quilt quilted and get started now. The quilt is a 60 X 75 inch quilt made of cotton and wool. Each month you receive cotton fabrics for background and sashings and wool to complete the center square for that month. The kit will include all the wool and cotton fabrics to complete the project, plus binding as well as patterns. You can embellish as you desire with beads, embroidery, etc. The price is \$19.95 per month. I will be meeting at the shop on the second Tuesday at 5:30 pm. If you bring in a completed month, you will be in the drawing for prizes! If you can't come please send us a picture of your completed work. Join us for the fun. Don't miss out in the fun! We have SEVEN openings!

NEW OFFERING!		
MONTHLY SUMMER SEW-IN		
Wednesday	June 14	10:00 - 3:00
Saturday	July 8	10:00 - 3:00
Wednesday	August 9	10:00 3:00

Come to the shop and bring whatever you're working on and have fun with other people who enjoy the same things you do!

TRUNK SHOW AND TALK
BRENDA GRAMPAS, AQS CERTIFIED QUILT APPRAISER
THURSDAY, JULY 27 - 10:00AM
LECTURE FEE: \$5.00



Civil War Quilts: Before, During and After

It is that time again! Brenda Grampas will be with us at the shop on Thursday, July 27th. She will be presenting a Lecture/Trunk Show at 10:00 on Civil War Quilts: Before, During and After the great conflict. She will present quilts that demonstrate how the Civil War influenced quilt making. Come for the fun! Come for the fellowship! Come for the quilts! Learn a bit about quilt history circa, 1860 and beyond.

The trunk show begins at 10:00 a.m. with written appraisals and verbal evaluations to follow. Please call the shop to be placed on the appraisal/evaluation list. A written appraisal is \$45.00 and a verbal evaluation, per item, is \$20.00. A written appraisal is a wonderful addition when giving one of your treasured quilts. A written appraisal is also a valuable tool in recovering the value of your quilt if (God forbid) a loss occurs. See you there!!

ROW BY ROW EXPERIENCE
All 50 US states and Canada, too!
Travel and collect rows
June 21 - September 5, 2017

Bring in completed quilt for prize:
June 21 - Oct. 31, 2017
No passports! No fees!

How about this... a shop hop type event with no fees, no passports and all summer to play? Simply visit any of the participating shops and receive a free pattern for a row in a quilt.

Combine your rows in any way to create a unique quilt that represents the fun you had traveling throughout the summer. Travel with friends, discover new quilt shops and have fun collecting rows!

Prizes, collectables and more fun!

Create a quilt using at least 8 different 2017 rows from 8 different 2017 participating Row by Row shops and be the first to bring it into a participating shop to win a stack of 25 fat quarters (6-1/4 yards of fabric!). Use that shop's row in your quilt and win a bonus prize!

30% OFF STOREWIDE SALE**
Saturday August 5 9:00 am - 7:00 pm



**Sale and Consignment items are exempt



Be a Quilts on Plum Lane Bag Lady!

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, come shopping with your Quilts on Plum Lane Bag and you will be able to take advantage of Surprise Specials. For example come in Saturday May 20th and see what is on sale just for you! You will find it is cool to be a Bag Lady. If you happen to come in on that day and you don't have a bag yet, DON'T FRET you can buy it that day and take advantage of the bargain!

Cost for the bag is \$14.99

MONTH OF MAY COUPON

25% OFF

Choose ONE day in May and create your very own PERSONAL SHOPPING DAY! Present this coupon to take advantage of this opportunity!

**Sale and Consignment items are exempt

10% OFF

The [HALLE GRACE FOUNDATION](#) is holding it's annual Toy Drive in the month of May. The foundation collects NEW toys and distributes them to Children's hospitals in the Tampa Bay area, to celebrate Halle's birthday.

Drop off a new UNWRAPPED toy to the shop during the month of May and get 10% off your entire purchase.

The foundation was created in memory of Donna's granddaughter Halle.

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DADE CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

First Friday - NEW!

First Friday Night of each month

Classic Car Show - Downtown

First Saturday of each month

SPECIAL SHOP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sales and Special Days

First Friday Evening of each month

Come and join us for the NEW event

Memorial Day - Monday May 29

Closed

Monday and Tuesday - July 3 & 4

Closed for 4th of July

Thursday July 27 10:00 am

Brenda Grampsas Lecture and appraisals

3rd Saturday of each month

Plum Lane Bag Lady Day

Saturday August 5 9:00 - 7:00

30% Storewide Sale