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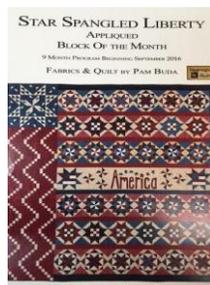
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NEWSLETTER

Hello quilters!

I hope your summer has meant vacations, and relaxation. I actually took a week off this summer and was able to sew something for myself. I also cleaned out my sewing room. I refolded all the fabric on the shelves; cleaned off my sewing table and put all the patterns and books back where they belong! I was so pleased with myself until I turned around and found a three foot pile of "things" that didn't have a home. They are still there because I vowed not to stuff them in a closet or somewhere else out of sight! So much for staying home for vacation - Next time I am heading out!

We have a busy fall coming up - We have many new classes and two new blocks of the month (BOM). The BOM is a nine (9) month program called Star Spangled Liberty by Marcus Fabrics. If you love Americana quilts this one is for you. There are 15 openings and we are currently accepting reservations.



The next BOM is Christmas wool applique project called Cozy Christmas, by Calico Patch Designs. It is a twelve (12) month program of wool applique on cotton. This will be a charming

addition to your home. We will send out an email when further details as they become available. Here is a sample of two of the blocks:



We are so fortunate to live in the quaint community of Dade City. They are planning many events this fall and winter. September 9th brings a "down home" Fish Fry and Music event at the Pioneer Museum just north of town. (you can come in to the shop for tickets). October 8th & 9th will be busy with the Fall Antique Faire and also a Scarecrow Festival on the 8th at the Pioneer Museum. Check out the other events listed at the back of the newsletter and come join in the fun! And yes...the Car shows begin the first Saturday in September.

Still trying to finish my half done projects...ask me how I'm doing!

Donna

Carol's Corner

Hi Ya'll,

I'm sure most of you have been to quilt shows, large, small, national, local. Some better than others but always a feast for the eyes and a ton of inspiration, not to mention ALL THOSE VENDORS!!!! I had the opportunity to see the AQS show that was held in Daytona this past spring. OMG!! It was amazing to say the least.

I was surprised by the huge number of what I would consider "art quilts." The creativity, colors and amount of quilting (some beautifully done by hand) blew me away. I was also surprised by the lack of traditional quilts, a handful maybe. What this says to me is that quilters are no longer afraid to think out of the box. They're using their imagination, doing their own thing and loving the journey. YAY!!

I've been thinking about how one views a quilt show. We stop and study the quilts that speak to us. We're awed by the workmanship, inspired by the design and the choice of colors amazes us. How many hours were spent on the quilting alone? we wonder. We drink in our fill and move on to the next but the next holds no "wow" factor for us so with a glance and maybe a "what were they thinking" face we move on. But what if we stopped and really looked at the unappealing colors, the miss matched seams and the lumpy binding. What would we really see? Love? Joy? Sadness? Tears? A first quilt proudly on display for all to view or bits and pieces of someone's life while they were just trying to hang on.

I am number one guilty of making the "what were they thinking" face. Now I try to stop and really see those quilts that aren't calling to me. I want to know their story and possibly learn something about myself. Why doesn't this piece appeal to me? Is it the colors or the pattern? I no longer want to be so judgmental. I want to enjoy, appreciate and be inspired. Quilting should be all about love and sharing and self-worth. Let's leave the criticism out of it.

So I hope you all will keep stitching, anything you want, any way you want. Continue to enjoy every stitch and don't ever be ashamed or embarrassed to show off your work. Display it proudly but if you decide to enter it in a show be prepared for the "what were they thinking" face. No matter what we do or how hard we try there will always be those who see things differently from us. Does it really matter? Maybe. Can we change it? Probably not.

Still happily stitching (and hopefully less judgemental)

Carol

P.S. Our very own Diane LaCombe had her "Pinwheels and Twirly Balls" quilt accepted to the AQS show and also the show in Paducah. We are all so very proud of her. Way to go Diane!!!!

UPCOMING CLASSES

TEACHER: RHONDA BINGHAM

CATHEDRAL WINDOW



Monday: October 3 10:00 - 3:00
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!

RED X SALE
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

ALL BOLTS THAT HAVE A RED X WILL BE \$4.99/yard

BEGINNING MACHINE PIECING



Fridays

October 7, 14, 21 & 28 November 4 & 11

The first class: 9:30-1:30 All others: 9:30-1:00

Fee: \$65 6 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required

If you've ever wished you could make those beautiful quilts you've seen in magazines or on television, this class will make that dream come true. Learn basic to intermediate skills. Even if you've been quilting for a while, this class will help you iron out those annoying little problems. Come join the fun & see just how wonderful quilting can be!

YELLOW BRICK ROAD



Monday: October 10 10:00 - 3:00

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.

TEACHER: CAROL BRADSHAW

LEARN TO DO HAND QUILTING

Wednesday: September 28 10:00 - 3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Hand quilting is alive and well! We'll work on an 18" square, using a hoop and stitch away! Instruction in marking, bas ng and lots of information on batting, needles, threads etc.; as well as the stitching technique. You'll be hand quilting that treasured heirloom before you know it!

WOOL ORNAMENT



Wednesday: October 5 10:00 - 3:00
Wednesday: November 16 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$30 1 Session

This is a fun way to learn some basics of wool applique. You'll have two (2) patterns to choose from, each containing three (3) different ornaments. Pick your favorite and hopefully you'll leave class with a finished ornament ready for your tree. Cute, fun, fast and versatile.

FLYING GEESE



Wednesday: October 19 & 26 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$45 2 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required

Another easy "Eleanor" pattern. I just love her method for making flying geese. They are perfect every time! This is a strippy quilt. The rows of geese alternate with rows of "cookie cutter" flowers. Fuse them on for a fast finish. Or use your favorite method of applique. Multiple sizes are offered.

RAGGY SNOWMAN



Wednesday: November 2 & 9 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$45 2 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required

This little charmer will warm your heart all winter long. Raw edge applique snowman faces alternate with 4-patch raggy edge blocks. Rag quilts are "quilted as you go, so there's no additional work or expense. When it's done - it's done! KITS AVAILABLE

TEACHER: CHONG KROPIK

MACHINE QUILTING I

Thursday: September 8 10:00 - 2:30
Tuesday: November 15 10:00 - 2:30
Fee: \$30 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

This hands-on class will give you the confidence you need to complete those unfinished projects. Instruction in free motion quilting, using the walking foot, batting, thread, etc.

TEACHER: DONNA LILLIBRIDGE

TOOTHBRUSH RUG



Saturday: September 10 10:00 - 3:00
Saturday: October 22 10:00 - 3:00
Saturday: November 12 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$35 1 Session

Do you have a bit of fabric in your stash that you wonder, "What was I thinking?" Well, gather those orphans and make a charming rag rug! Just throw it in the washer and dryer!

WOOL SANTA



Tuesday: November 8 5:00 - 7:30 PM
Fee: \$25 1 Session

Wouldn't you love to have one or two of these little charmers around the holidays? Come in and make one this evening! **KITS AVAILABLE**

TEACHER: DARLENE LEOSCH

TUFFET



Tuesday: November 22 10:00 - 3:00
Saturday: December 10 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$35 1 Session

Get on the tuffet band wagon! These are so addictive that you will have to make more than one. Once your friends and family see them they will want one too. These tuffet "stools" take only 8 FQ's to make the wedges and are so easy you just won't believe it. At the end of class you will be going home with it all done! Yes, all done!

TEACHER: MARLYN MOREY

CANDLELIGHT



Monday: October 17 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$35 1 Session

Two fabric applique requires no templates, no numbering system, no borders, and no small positioning of small pieces to create this design. Choose your Holiday - Christmas, Easter or Hannukkah, then chose 2 fabrics, a light and a medium or dark (batiks work well). Using reverse needle-turn applique sometimes referred to as channel applique, we will get a good start on this project.

FARMER'S WIFE SAMPLER QUILT



Monday: November 14 & 21 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$45 2 Sessions

This sampler quilt was inspired by a contest in the 1920's by the "Farmer's Wife" magazine. Reading the letters is a real eye opener in how women's lives have changed in the last 100 years.

The class will discuss choice of fabrics, teach you how to draft sampler blocks & how to hand sew the blocks for perfect corners & points. This is a great project for travel or working in a small space. Students who wish to construct the quilt by machine may also join the class.

BEGINNING NEEDLETURN APPLIQUE TURTLE BAY



Friday: November 18 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$35 1 Session

Learn the secrets to successful needle-turn applique. We will start at the very beginning choosing fabrics and tools. Using a tropical "Turtle Bay" pattern created by your teacher, you will learn how to make freezer paper templates, transfer these to your fabrics of choice and how to sew the applique stitch. This completed project could be used as a small wall hanging, a pillow cover or the front of a beach bag. This class is designed to teach you the hand applique techniques you can apply to future projects.

TEACHER: SANDI MORGAN

SAVE THE SELVAGES



Tuesday: December 6 10:00-3:00
Fee: \$30 1 session

Sewing machine required

Start saving those selvages and make some fun projects with them, including needle cases, pincushions, thread catchers, zippered pouch and more. A fun class to make small gifts for your quilting/sewing friends. So save those selvages and join us for some fun.

SEWING MACHINE REPAIRS

Call the shop for details

TEACHER: SARA ROSS

FANCY FOREST



Thursday: October 6, 13, 20

November 3, 10 & 17

10:00 - 3:00

Fee: \$65

6 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required

Make your "forest" small or large - a thistle or animal each of five weeks and "put it together" the sixth week. A fun forest full of animals for your young family members or friends.

CRYSTAL BALL



Monday: November 7 10:00 - 3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

I can see it in my "Crystal Ball", a technique for making a traditional quilt sometimes called "Robbing Peter to Pay Paul". You use an acrylic template to rotary cut the pieces. You will find gentle curves easy to do with this method.

30% OFF STOREWIDE SALE**

Tuesday December 27 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

**Sale and Consignment items are exempt

TEACHER: JACKIE THACKERY

BRAZILIAN EMBROIDERY
Summer Bouquet



Saturday: November 26 & December 3 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$35 2 Sessions

This beginner/intermediate Brazilian embroidery design comes with a 6 page basic stitch instruction booklet as well as design instructions. The basic Brazilian embroidery stitches are all included in this piece which fits a 5" x 7" mat or frame.

TRUNK SHOW AND TALK
BRENDA GRAMPSAS, AQS CERTIFIED QUILT APPRAISER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 10:00AM
LECTURE FEE: \$5.00



"RUBBA DUB, DUB: Should my quilt go into the tub?"

Brenda Grampsas, AQS Certified Appraiser of Quilted Textiles, will present this Lecture/Trunk Show about the Care & Laundering of Quilts. Should you wet wash a quilt? Sometimes the answer is "NO". The answer can also be "YES"! Brenda has had success laundering quilts using some rather unconventional methods. Come and hear the ins and outs of getting stains and spots out of your quilts. Learn how to store and care for your quilts.

Brenda will be available to do written appraisals of your new, vintage & antique quilts.

Fee: \$45.00 per quilt

Don't need a written appraisal but do want to know more about your quilt. Brenda will be doing verbal evaluations.

Fee: \$20.00 per quilt or quilt top or set of quilt blocks.

Please note: Fee is due at time of inspection. Completed appraisals are mailed to you within a week of inspection.

Call the Shop to be scheduled for a written appraisal or verbal evaluation.

RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES

(formerly ConKerr Cancer)

Saturday, September 24 9:00AM - 4:00PM

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

37367 Magnolia Ave

Dade City, Fl

We are sponsoring a pillowcase sew-in Saturday September 24th, from 9:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, to benefit the Tampa Bay Chapter of Ryan's Case for Smiles (formerly ConKerr Cancer) and we would love it if you would join us.

Bring your sewing machine or serger, and fabric to this worthy event. Each pillowcase will bring a smile to seriously ill children in the Tampa Bay Area. We are looking for any donations of fabric, especially holiday themed such as Halloween, Christmas etc. white vinegar and/or zip lock bags. You can drop off your donations to the shop ahead of time as well as the day of the event.

Even if you're not a sewer, we NEED you....there is much organization that is involved in this venture, from pinning fabric to pressing the finished pillowcases, counting them and putting them in zip lock bags.

Come join us for fun and bring a covered dish to share!

Kay Kortman will be in the shop Saturday November 5 to sell her beautiful baskets



CLASS PREVIEW
SATURDAY JANUARY 7, 2017
10:00 - 12:00

Come meet the teachers and see what new and exciting projects and techniques they have planned for the upcoming year.

RECEIVE A 20% DISCOUNT ON CLASS SUPPLIES ONLY, with your paid registration.

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 January 17th 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



DADE CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

Farmer's Market - Hibiscus Park	First Saturday of each month
Classic Car Show - Downtown	First Saturday of each month
Scarecrow Festival -Pioneer Museum	Saturday October 8
Antique Faire - Downtown	Saturday and Sunday - October 8 & 9
The Great Unwrap - Downtown	Saturday November 8
Electric Light Parade - Downtown	Friday December 2 - dusk
The Stroll	Saturday December 10

SPECIAL SHOP ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Saturday of the month	Plum Lane Bag Lady Day
Month of September	RED X SALE
Labor Day -Monday September 5	Closed
Day before Thanksgiving	Closed at 2:00 PM
Thanksgiving - Thursday November 24	Closed
Christmas Eve - December 24	Closed
Tuesday December 27 9:00 - 7:00	30% Storewide Sale
Saturday January 7 10:00 -12:00	Class Preview