

Forget-Me-Knots Winter 2023 Newsletter

Happy Anniversary to Us!

We celebrated our 35th anniversary in September.

My anniversary of purchasing the shop is in January 2024.

So.....

The UFO Challenge Quilt Show is back!!!

Saturday, January 20th

See newsletter Events for more details



Happy New Year & a wonderful 2024!

I had a wonderful opportunity to visit Ireland in November with my friend for her son's college graduation. I only found one quilt type shop while there and yes I did bring back some fabric. Visiting this shop made me appreciate my own shop so much more. The crowded shelves where you could only see the top of the bolt and lack of organization made it difficult to shop. But it was an incredible experience overall and I love my new Aran sweater! Since I've been back, I've dived into my quilting. Trying to finish a few projects for the UFO Quilt Show in January...

EVENTS

We've now celebrated 35 years as a business. I purchased the shop and took over on January 4, 1999. There have been some wonderful memories over the last 25 years and I've loved working with other like minded quilters providing help and inspiration when I could. To celebrate this milestone, we invited people to sign up their unfinished projects in August and challenged them to get them finished by January. We will be hosting a small quilt show of these projects in the shop's classroom on Saturday, January 20th from 10 am to 4 pm. Join us to what got accomplished with a deadline. Just to reminder to those who registered, you're deadline is January 15, 2024.

In February, it will be time again for our annual Quilt Run 101. This year it will be running from the 16th through the 25th of February. There are 11 participating shops from Astoria to Port Orford. Each shop will have a free pattern to give away and to stamp your passport. If you visit all 11 shops you will be eligible to win a Janome sewing machine or one of 11 \$100 gift certificates and all lower prizes. If you visit 8 shops, then you will be eligible to win one of 11 \$50 gift certificates and lower prizes. If you visit 4 shops, then you will be eligible to win one of 11 \$25 gift certificates. Each year we have around 200 people who make the trek over the 10 day period, so with 34 prizes, your odds of winning are pretty good.

QUILT SHOWS

• *Oregon Quilt Festival,* February 15th - 17th *Oregon State Fairgrounds*

Other Important Items

Store hours through January 31st, will be Tuesday through Saturday 11 am - 4 pm (with the occasional Monday - see the website for dates www.forget-me-knots.net) Starting February 1, 2024, we will return to Tuesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm hours. We will be closing at 3 pm on Saturday, December 23rd & Saturday, December 30th.

^{*} Open 9:30 to 5:30 February 16th - 25th for Quilt Run.

Winter Class Schedule 2024



Hand Embroidery Club

First Saturdays, January 6th, February 3rd, March 2nd, April 6th 10 am - 1 pm No Host. Free

We're providing a meeting place for people interested in sharing, learning and working on hand embroidery. Beginners to advanced welcome.

Paper Piecing Support Club

Mondays, January 8th, February 5th, March 18th, April 14th 11 am to 3 pm.

Led by Michelle. \$5 each session

Bring your own pattern to work on during this informal club. Get help with getting started and keeping going) or just with the basics of paper piecing.

UFO - Get 'Er Done Workshop

Fridays, January 12th, February 2nd, March 22nd, April 12th 10 am - 3 pm Hosted by Michelle. Free

Come join us for a day of dedicated time to finishing those pesky UFO's that clutter our workspaces and fill us with guilt. Bring your supplies and sewing machine and get help when you are unsure of the next step. Or come just to have quality time with friends and other quilting enthusiasts.

Landscape Techniques: On Point

Friday, January 19th 10 am - 3 pm

Taught by Michelle. \$20

This technique for creating a fabric landscape, uses a fusible foundation with diagonally drawn squares. Choose and cut landscape fabrics like

grasses, flowers, trees, sky, etc and play with your layout. The final step is simply ironing in place then fold & sew. This is a great project for beginners who want to dabble in the art quilt world.

Beginning Patchwork & Quilting

Friday, January 26th & Saturday, January 27th 10 am - 3 pm Taught by Michelle. \$40

This is an introductory course into the wonderful world of quilting. We will work through the entire process from cutting to piecing. Then how to put your project together, basting all of the layers, and very simple machine quilting. We will finish if off with how to do the binding to finish the end. We will making a simple table runner so we can finish in 2 days.

Landscape Techniques: Collage

Saturday, February 10th 10 am - 3 pm

Taught by Michelle. \$20

Next in my landscape series, will be making a landscape by layering landscape type fabrics to create a scene using fusible web and raw edge techniques.



Landscape Techniques: Photo transfer

Saturday, March 16th 10 am - 3 pm

Taught by Michelle. \$20

We will explore how to take a favorite photo (make sure it's yours or one you aren't violating copyright laws with) and blend it with landscape fabrics to create a piece of fabric art.



Basic Walking Foot Machine Quilting

Saturday, March 23rd or Friday, March 29th 10 am - 4 pm

Taught by Michelle. \$20

This class will explore how to do simple machine quilting using the walking foot for your machine. This class will mainly be no to low marking of your quilt. We will practice several different techniques on samples, not on actual quilt samples.

