

Newsletters in August 2014

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Summer greetings-

My web server seems to be having issues with the video at the end of the newsletter and not sending it at all. If you got two, I apologize. Check to see if you can now view the video at the end if you were missing that on the first go.

Maybe I am not as young as I feel. Determined to get some exercise that might be fun, I bought a new granny bike. I haven't ridden a bike in 20 years but they say that's a skill you never lose? Well they would be wrong about that. I managed to stay on it for a week and a half before falling and breaking a small bone in my left hand. The E.R. doc had no sympathy when I explained to him that I was only about 10 hours away from finishing the quilting on my new quilt. *Deadlines, had he ever heard of them?* He looked at me like I was the most bizarre creature and started applying plaster and ace wraps. As my fingers disappeared, so did my hopes of finishing my project. I left with instructions to see an orthopedic specialist in about 10 days when the swelling came down. They would be giving me a permanent cast then. Let's just say this nurse was NOT a good patient! Bruce considered a 6 week backpacking trip.



Deliverance came with an angel of a girl who looked to be about 25. She introduced herself as my orthopedic surgeon. After checking the latest x-rays, she said, "Oh no, it's just a chip off the bone and you will be fine in a soft splint for just two more weeks." I rediscovered my fingers with all the delight of a 4 month old baby. "Bless you pinkie, hello ring finger, and my oh my, you are a gorgeous thumb". One can quilt with a splint and I made the deadline by a whisker.

Newest Baby "**Poppies of Provence**"- *Remember that amazing trip to France.*

Provence has always been known for its saturated light. Intense colors abound. Azure skies, rows of lavender and poppies that dance across the fields like butterflies have all nurtured artists for centuries. Pastry shops on every

corner, medieval hill towns, dry stone walls and open air markets; a feast for the eye, stomach and soul.



Ribbons and Things- Three pretty new ribbons. Viewers choice (the best) and judges choice for "Jingle Bells" at Quilt Odyssey. 2nd place Wall quilts for "More than a Memory" at AQS Charlotte. " More than a Memory" heads to Houston.

The next and last issue of Quilt Life features an article I wrote about finding a home for my 63rd quilt. A love for old water wheels was the inspiration behind this quilt, called "Color Wheel". The quilt retired and I wanted to find a good home for it. So I began researching historic old mills in the United states. I found the most beautiful one in Tennessee. www.fallsmill.com Quilts are supposed to make the world a happier, more beautiful place. Hoping the owners of the mill would like it, I packed it up and shipped it to them!!

My daughter said,"Did you call or write to them?" Well no. Bruce just rolled his eyes and said, ' I love your wacky side, but Honey, this one is a doozy.'

What happened? Well I can't tell you until the magazine comes out. AQS has decided to discontinue publishing Quilt Life. I loved their stories and will really miss Ricky, Alex and the whole team.



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Great new coffee table inspirational book- 500 Traditional Quilts. I'm pretty excited to have two traditional quilts to my credit in this book. *All thanks to my piecing partner Geri Parker* (since we all know that my piecing skills are pathetic). However I did do the design, applique and quilting. Get it on Amazon.

Whirlwind travel. I have been on the road teaching a lot. Sorry this newsletter is late getting to you. I've been in three states in the last 6 weeks. Right now I am writing to you from the closet of my hotel room at the AQS show in Grand Rapids, MI. I have to teach today and so does my delightful roommate Nancy Prince. It's 4 am and I don't want to wake her up. So please be very quiet as you are reading this. I will post it when I get home.

Next stop is **South Carolina**. I'm so excited. 3 guilds to meet and play with and then an extra weeks vacation to explore the area. In October it will be the **LaConner, WA**

Quilt Museum Festival with 4 days of workshops. There is still time to sign up!

Christmas Cardinal's from the Audubon quilt. Oct 2nd

Foil and paint media sampler Oct 3rd.

Two day Landscape class Oct 4 and 5th.

Get help with your own photos or use one of my patterns.

register at www.laconnerquilts.com

Hear Ye, Hear Ye. Guess what latest and greatest thing I found at the vendors today? Rosa from Spain has bravely come to the US to share her awesome, near surgical, tools for turning edges. She is in her thirties and speaks halting English but oh what a little wizard she is. I had to buy \$2500.00 worth of her tools to get them wholesale so I can make them available to my quilting friends and students at the same price she was charging after bringing them here. On sale with 10% discount for the combi pack!

Watch this guys. **We have them in stock.** [Click here to go to the web store.](#)

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