

Newsletters in October 2014

[Kathy's newsletter/Holiday Glitz](#)

October 30, 2014

Happy Holidays,

Whoa, this year went by so fast. This is the costume I wore to a wedding on Halloween night! What a wonderful, crazy wedding. They have been together for 22 years and wanted to do something really fun.



The newsletter is a bit ahead of schedule this time. I am almost ready to soar off to Nashville next week for some video taping for AQS.

With thankful gratitude all year.

A bit like Alice in Wonderland, I fell down a rabbit hole 17 years ago into adventures I never even dreamed of. I am so grateful for the friends, adventures, serenity, joy, even frustration, that quilting has brought me. I belong to a special tribe of the most generous, fun people, and I get to go play with them all over the country and world. Ladies and gentlemen we are doing our part to hold up the economy too!! See [here for the latest Quilters Survery report](#). Thank you and a high five to all of us who share this passion and fill the world with beauty and kindness.

The cruise to Australia and N.Z is on for next April. We have 50 quilters with families or friends. There is still room. *A lovely Christmas present.* Come snuggle a Koala bear with me. (Surely

they will have one for us to play with on the boat.) Koalas smell like cough drops. Some say a



pleasant eucalyptus smell. Let's make one to take home.

- **Tips and a free project.**

This year I want to send out my little holiday project/pattern early. I needed new Fall Placemats at my house and thought it would be fun to add some holiday glitz to them. One of the workshops I just dropped included lots of different art mediums that can be added to quilts. (I canceled it because there were too many supplies that I had to pack and travel with.) **One of the things that students had the most fun with was Foil. So easy and lots of fun!!** Your holiday project this year is Foiled Fall Leaves appliqued onto a place mat. The leaves were turned with the Appliquick method because placemats need to be washed. *Turned edges hold up better in the wash.* Several people have asked me the best way to turn points and these leaves were a good place to demonstrate that. Then we will foil them before quilting. If you fuse the leaves, be sure to machine applique the edges with a narrow compact zig zag stitch to prevent them from fraying in the wash.

- When laundering, treat your placemat as a fine washable. Use water, a gentle soap, and a gentle cycle. Lay out flat to air dry and then iron on low from the back side. Jones Tones does not recommend using the dryer. Jones Tones foils are washable after application.

[Click here for the link to the pattern.](#)

[Click here for the video link to learn about Foiling on Fabric.](#)

If you are interested in buying and trying some foil *I have the foil sheets for sale at \$6.00. You can buy the Jones Tones glue on Amazon.*

Purchase the foil sheets [here](#).

Ribbons and Things.

I am thrilled with my pretty new blue ribbon for Best Small Pictorial at the Pacific International Show. The award was for "Poppies of Provence". You can see it in my gallery at <http://www.kathymcneilquilts.com/gallery/photo/110/>

(I see you smiling Casey:) - Casey was my Teachers Aide at the LaConner Quilt Festival and a dear friend and student. She is a teachers aide extrodinaire!

The newest issue of Quilter's World just arrived. It has a photo of "Jingle Bells" and the pattern for the Christmas Angel that I gave all of you last year!.

I hope you have a full heart, tummy, and soul on Thanksgiving!

Hugs to everyone.

Kathy