



The Quiltmaker's Shoppe

Arlington WA
April – June 2017

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Check out the Shoppe's website! <http://www.thequiltmakersshoppe.com>



A very fond hello to all! I want to thank all of you who stopped in on International Women's Day last month. I hope you enjoyed the day as much as Pat and I did! Cookies, gifts, fabric and friends - who could ask for anything more in a day? I think this needs to be an annual tradition - I just have to remember next year.

WHAT'S NEW

Belinda brought in the top for the "Forest Floor" Block of the month that is starting this summer. It still needs to go to the longarm and be quilted but take my word for it, it's gorgeous! Beautiful greens, browns and orange-ish batiks, fussy cut leaves and a pattern that showcases the fabrics perfectly. Sign ups will start in May and class spaces will be limited although kits will be available so you can do it at home. There is also a table runner and a lap quilt pattern using the same fabrics if you don't need the large bed quilt, but, once you see it you may decide that **want** overrules **need** in this instance.

I have finished the Shoppe sample for the "Here a Chick, There a Chick" project from Bonnie Sullivan using the Woolies Flannels. It is adorable and getting the kit with the pieces all pre-cut and pre-fused is well worth the investment! No tracing, cutting, fusing, cutting, fusing again - just peel off the paper, lay it on the background, fuse it once and off you go! Also just finished and up at the Shoppe is the Snowglobe embroidered quilt from Crabapple Hill Designs. After spending about 3 months embroidering all 12 of the blocks I misread the instructions for trimming the blocks. Don't ask me how but I read 12½" as 9" and trimmed all of

those Snowglobes to a perfect 9" square. The story just gets better when I tried to calculate the fabric cuts for the piecing of the quilt to fit this unwieldy 8½" finished square. The first thing I did was forget that the seam allowance doesn't change - so my first attempt wasted 4 yards of fabric. Lesson (re)learned, cut fabrics for ONE block and measure before cutting the rest of the pieces! The second time around I discovered that rulers do not have ⅓" marks on them so THAT was challenging! Enough to say that I handed the quilt off to Krista for quilting and told her to please take her time on it because I didn't want to see it again for awhile! Now that it is finished I love it, but each time I look at it I kind of cringe and flash back to graph paper with 6 squares per inch taped to my ruler.

New in fabrics is a Folk Art style farm collection from Wilmington called "The Way Home." The sample is very sweet and is all kitted up and ready to go home with you. Cows, pigs, sheep, a barn and pineapples! Why pineapples? Why not? They chop up nicely and go back together in new and intriguing ways on your sewing machine. Also, per your requests, I have brought in some 60" wide flannel to use on baby or lap quilts. I have a good collection of wide back cotton as well for the larger quilts.

Lots of new batiks and a few new flannels, new precuts and kits - by the time you read this there will be more items to list!

FABRIC COMING SOON:

Oh gosh. Here we go - my memory is so bad! I know that I will be receiving Christmas fabrics starting in May. The Gingerbread Christmas

collection from Crabapple Hill is coming. This is for all of you that loved the Gingerbread House hand embroidered quilt that was at the Shoppe but had neither the time nor the inclination to do hand work! It's all preprinted on fabric and you can embellish with your own stitches or leave it as is - it will be beautiful either way.

The Call of the Wild fabrics from Hoffman Digital Prints should be here in April. Eagles, Bears, Foxes, all done with the quality you've come to expect from Hoffman.

And.... Minkee!! I've resisted Minkee because it is so bulky and, let's face it, messy to cut! But, Michael Miller has a program going with Minkee now to put some of their prints onto the Minkee fabric. Great prints with very simple projects. These will also start arriving late April, early May so watch for it! It's mostly juvenile prints but you may want to make one for yourself in case you begin to regress mentally or just want to snuggle under a super soft unicorn or cowboy print next time you have a cold. Also on order are batiks, florals and landscape prints.

EVENTS:

Quilt shows:

"Crazy for Quilting"

Camano Island Quilters, April 7th & 8th
Stanwood Middle School
9405 271st NW
Stanwood WA
www.ciquilt.com

"Through the Eye of the Quilter"

All in Stitches, April 28 & 29
Xfinity Arena
2000 Hewitt Ave
Everett WA
www.allinstitcheswa.org

"A Festival of Quilts"

Northwest Quilters, May 12th and 13th
Portland Expo
Center Hall D
Portland, OR
www.northwestquilters.org

Mukilteo Garden and Quilt Tour

July 15th and 16th

Mukilteo, WA

www.mukilteogardenandquilttour.org

I have bookmarks available at the Shoppe if you would like more information on these events. Also, I will be pre-selling tickets at the Shoppe for the Mukilteo Garden and Quilt Tour. There is a discount for purchasing before the event and I will have maps available for those who purchase so you can just head down, park your car and start gawking at the gardens and quilts! I expect to have the tickets in May.

ROW BY ROW EXPERIENCE, 2017

"ON THE GO" is the theme for this year - plan on lots of fun ways to make cars, boats, airplanes and trains! I'm still working on my row - I think I must work best under pressure because my ideas don't ever fully form until the last minute and then I usually have to do them over at least twice before it becomes what I want!

The row collecting begins on June 21st and the free pattern will be available through Sept. 5th. This year there is also a "Row by Row Junior" and a "9th Row" option that I am participating in. The Junior is a free pattern for kids between 6 and 14 that come into the shop during the dates above. Kits for the Junior can be sold to any age. The 9th Row is a row designed by Karen Montgomery with her proceeds donated to the "Make a Wish" Foundation. A portion of the proceeds for any 9th Row kits sold at The Quiltmaker's Shoppe will be donated to a local children's charity.

CLASS NOTES

We are lucky to have Krista this quarter teaching 2 brand new quilt patterns she has designed. Many of you have admired the Hexagon Quilt at the Shoppe that she taught last quarter, but next she will be rolling out the "City Girl Chevron" and the "Argyle Lad". Her classes are always energetic and fun, not to mention educational! Judy is going to uncover some of the secrets of making your very own

"art" quilt and Belinda has found a fun pattern that makes 2 quilts at once! The embroidery group is still going strong and so are the Finish it Friday evenings, Applique Only and the The Cotton Club.

And, a teaser for you - I'm working with someone to get a Sashiko class started! Not sure when yet, but it's a needlework art I want to learn.

WHETHER WEATHER

by Deb

It's true that on a sunny day
I want to sit and while away
The hours doing not a thing -
just watch the sunshine glistening
And sometimes when it's wet and gray
I want to stay inside all day
The hours pass with constant sound
Of raindrops hitting on the ground
And when the wind blows fierce and cold
Why court that chill that gets my bones?
The hours marked by tree branch snaps
By lightning bolts and thunder claps
And what of fog or sleet or snow?
I sit and wonder, should I go?
Whether which or whether wander
I step outside, I stop and ponder
Weather yes or weather no
I think I'd rather sit and sew
And count those hours row by row

SUPER WEEKEND Watch your e-mail for the great deals the first Weekend of every month!

SPRING CLASSES

OPEN EMBROIDERY - Cathy Callan

This class is just becoming more fun every month! Cathy has so many ideas for us! Of course, she is ready, willing and able every month to help you with your embroidery project, whether you are a beginner or learned at Grandma's knee and just want to advance or brush up your skills. She has also started bringing us along into the world of wool applique and fancy stitching to make some really fun stuff! So, come join! Bring in something you are working on or

stop into the Shoppe and pick up a brand new pattern and floss. It is a great way to spend a few hours a month with friends.

Fee: \$10

1st Thursday of the Month (10:30 - 12:30)

FINISH IT FRIDAY - Belinda Murray

Have projects you'd like to finish up (or start)? Need a little help figuring it out? Like to sew with other quilters? Just want to sew away from the laundry, the dishes, the phone, the pets, the kids and grandkids? Join us! It will be a fun time out. Space is limited, so sign up early as it will fill fast.

Fee: \$15

2nd & 4th Fridays (1:00 - 9:00)

MEADOW Block of the Month - Belinda Murray

Another beautiful Block of the Month from Wing and a Prayer Designs using Timeless Treasures Batiks! These patterns are never boring, and always surprise with the way these different blocks combine to make a quilt full of detail and interest. The color scheme is restful and the bit of machine applique adds just that extra touch!

Fee: \$65 per quarter (\$260 total)

2nd Saturday of the Month (10:30 - 1:00)

APPLIQUÉ ONLY - No Teacher

It's always more fun working on projects with friends. Bring your unfinished appliqué project or start a new one!

Fee: \$15 per year

3rd Wednesday of the Month (10:00 - 1:00)

INTRODUCTORY QUILTING - Pat Mitchell

Beginning in April, Pat will introduce a new round of quilters to the world of half square triangles, flying geese, sashing, borders, quilting and binding! Or, to refresh the skills of anyone wanting to get some basics back in hand. You learn a LOT in this class and are ready to take on almost any pattern once you've mastered these basic skills. Please come and join her for a fun and enlightening experience! It will be well worth the time!

Fee: \$70.00 plus fabric/tools

Thursdays - April 20,27, May 11,18,25, June 1
(12:00 - 3:00)

FREE MOTION QUILTING - Judy Irish

Learn to sandwich and quilt all those quilt tops you have stashed away! Judy's free motion class is just the place! She will encourage you to dump fear and intimidation and simply have fun breathing and quilting! This class continues to fill fast; sign up today to secure your place.

Fee: \$35

Thurs, April 13 (10:30 - 3:00)

LIVING ON THE RAW EDGE - Judy Irish

This class for all levels is a fast and fun way to create a "painting" in fabric, thread, yarn, or other embellishments. All you need are a few supplies, an inspiration for your "painting", and spirit of adventure to play. You will be surprised at how easy and fun this project can be!

Fee: \$35

Sat, May 6th (10:30 - 3:30)

BAMBOO & PINWHEELS - Belinda Murray

Want to double your fun? Come join us for an easy project to make two quilt tops with one cut! These would make great quilts for baby, charity or to make the larger sizes for a bed. This project is beginner friendly and is fun.

Fee: \$35 + pattern

Sat, May 20 (11:00 - 3:00)

CITY GIRL CHEVRON - Krista Moser

Not your sisters Chevron Quilt. Do you want to make a Chevron Quilt, but need a little more pizzazz than the tried and true? This fun take gives you the option of using multiple color combinations in one quilt. I used gold accent strips to make these Chevron diamonds sparkle. Or lay out your diamonds light to dark for an ombre effect. This quilt is entirely strip pieced and fool proof. No fussy piecing techniques. If you are just getting into quilting, this would be a good next step on your new quilting journey.

Fee: \$35 + pattern

Sat, May 27th (10:30 - 3:30)

ARGYLE LAD - Krista Moser

Looking for a good guy quilt? This was designed for those guys in mind...you know, the ones who want a quilt, but don't want anything girly. Made with the classic argyle plaid design, this quilt has a timeless look to it. You could of course make it in any fabric (I think Seahawks colors would be amazing!). Come take a class and learn how to piece diamonds accurately and how to do sashing on the diagonal (easier than people think). The bulk of this quilt is strip pieced so we will get quite a bit done in class!

Fee: \$35 + pattern

Sat, June 17th (10:30 - 3:30)