



The Quiltmaker's Shoppe

Arlington WA

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



Greetings to all!

Oh, hey there everyone! How's it going in your world? Are you willing to hear about mine? I'm going to whine a bit about the joy of aging so if you don't want to hear about it, skip this part!

First, Bill is getting ducks lined up for retirement. Can they possibly make any of this more confusing? Social Security, Medicare. Medicare's alphabet soup parts. Pension. Retiree medical insurance. Dental. Vision. Drugs. All stacked up to be dealt with, can't do this thing until you do that thing, but that thing needs a letter from this thing that you've tried to do the other thing..... The papers stack up higher and higher.

Next, my thumb on my right hand decided to have an arthritic FIT starting 7 days ago and is punishing me for years of abuse, as well as bad genes, by swelling up like a cartoon hitchhiker's thumb and refusing to let me use it without miserable pain. (Revenge of the Body Parts now showing at a Quilt Shop near you) So, no sewing, no handwork and I'm typing this out one-handed - with my wrong hand. I have to tell you quickly that I am an incredibly incompetent left-hander. My brain tells my hand to move this way and that dang left hand thinks for a second and tries to move THAT way. Honestly. Can't trust my own hand.

Then, to add to the fun of life right now, Bill had to have foot surgery while I'm one handed so we're quite the pair at the moment. I have feet, he has hands - we're almost capable of doing the laundry between us. Enough crabbing for now? OK. On to Shoppe News!

SHOPPE TALK

I am loving the Shop Hop fabric for this year with the marine theme - I'm still waiting for a lightning bolt of inspiration for the block, as well as a good Row by Row idea! I'm drawing a blank on both at the moment. We

will be taking pre orders for the Shop Hop fabric starting April 15th.

For the last couple of months I have been having a lot of fun making rugs. What a clever idea this is! I've made 2 straight strip rugs and one oval, all of them much easier than I would have imagined them to be. If you haven't made one of these yet you are missing out! Use a Jelly Roll or cut your own strips, the batting is precut in a long strip to make it even easier and you can make them in any size or color to fit your own home or give them as gifts! I finally have a rug that fits and coordinates with a downstairs bath. I've been searching for one for years. Nothing was quite the right color or they were too big. I have another one all ready to start on once my thumb allows me to work again.

Last info bite, if you look under the "Coming Up" section below, you'll notice that we will be selling tickets for the Everett Quilt Show as well as the Mukilteo Garden and Quilt Tour. Plan ahead! Save money! Get your tickets and prepare to ooh and ahh with a gaggle of quilting fans.

NEW FABRIC AT THE SHOPPE

Come in and see the beautiful "Dream Big" panels from Hoffman Fabrics. Gorgeous 1 yard plus panels. Patterns are on their way in for some projects but I bet your imagination can take you a long way to your own design.

Another collection from Hoffman is the McKenna Ryan fabric collection "Painted Forest". Also beautiful and giving lots of room for your creativity to romp. From Maywood Studios is an adorable children's collection called "Love Is....." plus new Colorwash Flannels and the latest fabric and patterns from Crabapple Hill - "Back Porch Celebration". The Northcott "Stonehenge" fabrics are trickling in and the panel is certainly beautiful.

FABRIC COMING SOON

"Garden of Dreams" by Jason Yenter of In the Beginning Fabrics will be arriving soon. This collection has a book with lots of projects, and a pattern will be available for a kaleidoscope quilt made with the border print. Also from Jason is our newest Block of the Month, "Poinsettia Winter". The fabric is expected to ship in May for this, come in and see the poster and get your name on the list for this 4 month project. Or, you can pre order a kit to make the "Winter Twist", also shown on the poster. At this time there is no plan to do a class on this second project but that may change so stay tuned! AND, Christmas fabrics will start showing up in May!

CLASS NOTES

Just a couple comments here. By popular demand, Belinda is teaching the Jelly Roll Rug Class again, this class filled quickly last time so get in and get signed up! She is also teaching a scrap sack class - every quilter needs a few of these around the house and this is a great pattern. Judy Irish will help you use up your scraps making the "Spumoni" Quilt, Pat is on the same road with her "Scrappy Two Block Wonder". And, Krista Moser is debuting a brand new pattern - so new I don't even have a name for it as I type this but she told me it's a Patriotic Quilt using her Diamond Ruler from Creative Grids. Open Embroidery continues through the summer and Finish it Friday will run through June 14th, then we will go on hiatus for the summer. Support our local teachers! They put a lot into these classes and really want to share what they know with you, face to face!

SHOPPE HOURS NOTE

Speaking of the summer. For anyone new to this newsletter I need to warn that when temperatures get hot, we close early! The Shoppe is comparable to a very hot sauna with the flat roof, single paned windows facing the sun in the afternoon and lack of air flow. No fun to shop and even less fun to work! Believe me, we're all about the fun at The Quiltmaker's Shoppe! So, if temps are holding in the 80's and above for more than a couple of days you can either check the voicemail or the Facebook page to see if we are wimping out for the day. I'll try to always have current info available by 11 a.m. and generally when we close early it's around 2:30 or 3, when the sun hits those front windows.

COMING UP:

CAMANO ISLAND QUILT SHOW

Stanwood Middle School

April 12 - 13

THE EVERETT QUILT SHOW

"It's Raining Quilts"

Edward D Hansen Conference Center

April 25 - 27

Tickets available at The Shoppe with a \$1.00 savings to you! Now through the 27th

MUKILTEO GARDEN AND QUILT TOUR

July 20 - 21

We will be selling tickets again this year at The Shoppe starting June 8th. Tickets purchased in advance will be \$15, at the event they will be \$20.

SHOP HOP

JUNE 21 - 29

Vancouver WA to Lynden WA

ROW BY ROW "Taste the Experience"

June 21st - Sept 3rd

Worldwide!

BUSY BEE QUILT SHOW

Hope Church, Snohomish

Sept 13-14

TIP TIME

Be kind. Be fair. Be honest. Try to imagine yourself into someone else's life and be empathetic rather than passing judgement. Don't be fearful. Start your day with a desire to make someone else's day better and maybe someone else will make your day better. Mostly though, just be kind.

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

SPRING CLASSES

APPLIQUÉ ONLY - No Teacher

It's always better together! Enjoy 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)

OPEN EMBROIDERY - Cathy Callan

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 cool 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 have fun and spend a few hours a month with friends.

Fee: \$5

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)

JELLY ROLL RUG - Belinda Murray

Ok, admit it, you have some beautiful jelly rolls just sitting there begging to be used. Come join us in making one of the new jelly roll oval rugs. It's Fun, pretty Fast and it's Functional.

Fee: \$35

Sat, April 20 (11:00 - 3:30)

SCRAP SACK - Belinda Murray

A must have for all quilters! Great for taking to classes, in your studio, or on your couch arm. Keeps all your snippets from getting tracked all over, threads from wadding up in your chair wheels and in general makes short work of cleanup. They are also great for corralling those remote controls. So, come join us and make some for yourself, around your house, or as gifts for friends.

Fee: \$30

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

SCRAPPY ONE BLOCK WONDER - Pat Mitchell

This is a fun simple and quick three piece block quilt for any occasion. It is especially good to use up some of your scraps but can also be done with coordinating fabrics.

Fee: \$30

Sat, May 18 (10:30 - 2:30)

SPUMONI - Judy Irish

Create a fast and fun quilt with colorful piecing.....a great way to use your scraps or stash. The pattern, called Spumoni is by Christine Barnes, and available at the Quiltmaker's Shoppe. This is an easy project for all levels, and can be made in any size. It is also called crosses and plus. See you in class!

Fee: \$35 + pattern

Thurs, May 23 (10:30 - 4:00)

SNEAK PEEK - Krista Moser

This is a brand spanking new quilt from Krista Moser. You can get a sneak peek at it from our calendar page by clicking on the link. It's so new that we don't even have a supply list yet, but Krista says it will be ready soon so get your name on the list!

Have you noticed Krista is popping up all over the place these days? She is becoming quite famous in the quilting world and deservedly so! To all of you who say, "I knew her when" and have supported her through the use of her long arm service and attending her classes, you get a bit of the credit for her fame! Just a tiny amount but still!!!! How lucky we have been to have such a talent bloom right in our own backyard!

Fee: \$65 + pattern

Sat, June 1 (10:00 - 3:30)