

Fabric Patch Newsletter

Six New Clubs Starting this Year!!

The Club memberships have been our most popular classes for several years.

Whether you are part of Breakfast Club, Jo's Club or Blockwatchers - the monthly camaraderie is always a bright spot in the month, and something all of us look forward to. Some of the older clubs are gone for now, but in an attempt to keep up with the "demand" we have added five new clubs and a few BOM's that will join the other established clubs (see page 3 for complete club listing). You will definitely find at least one or two that suits your needs. Our new clubs are:

Judy Niemeyer Club: This is for all of you that are currently working on Judy's quilts, and those of you that would like to start one. Thelma will share all of her secrets, color savvy, tips and skills as she features a new pattern each month. You will bring your machine and project pouch

to work on your quilt (whichever one you are doing) while getting help from Thelma, perfecting your 'Niemeyer' techniques, and learning new skills.

Dear Jane: this is a famous quilt made up of quite a few 4" blocks. It is a striking quilt that includes every piecing lesson from paper piecing, to curved piecing, to templates and more. The blocks are small, and after an initial purchase of background fabric, you will be able to use remnants from your stash to complete this award winning quilt. Charisma will be your guide through this fantastic quilt.

International Mystery: Will be a fun series, led by Diane Escure. See complete

details on page 3, but sign up early as the limit for this class will be 10.

Felted Women is a fantastic class taught by Virginia Cole. She will teach wool handiwork with emphasis on embroidery edge work, hand embellishment, bead work and more - all on a small little wallhanging that will be quick to complete and adorn your wall beautifully. See this sample in the shop, it is stunning.

Fat Quarter Club is the only club that does not involve a classroom. It is really a cross between a block-of-the-month and a \$5 quilt. See complete details on page 4!

Resolutions is actually a block of the month that we will be working on in a classroom setting because it is just that cute. See page 8.

Benefits of Club Memberships:

- Only a four month commitment
- 2 - 3 hours/month
- New friends, new skills
- \$30 membership pays for all classes, patterns, specials and gifts.

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The Fabric Patch - worth the drive from anywhere!

Most of you probably noticed the rise in cotton prices and resulting high fabric prices in many shops and online. Our prices raised very little as we have continued to absorb much of the increase in cost in an attempt to encourage quilting and promote it as an affordable hobby.

We would like to point out we are still lower than the three major fabric warehouses on the internet, and substantially lower than most city quilt shops.

We continue to receive new fabrics every week, and pride ourselves on selecting a varied palette for everyone's taste. We will continue to offer free demo days to showcase new techniques and patterns at no cost to you (check out the calendar for dates).

A few "Spring Things" you should note are:

- **Shop Hours** in January will be 10am to 5pm. We hope this offers no inconvenience, but January can have a great deal of inclement weather and most of us travel at least 15 miles to get to work.
- **Fat Quarters** will go up to \$2.50 for cotton and \$2.99 for flannel and batik on February 1st. But there are fat quarter specials to watch for in clubs and during special events.....

- We will offer our "**Spring Cleaning**" promotion again this year... each Monday you will find 10 specially marked bolts (hanging tag) that will be offered at **\$5 per yard**. The offer will continue until the bolt is gone, or until Thursday at 5pm. This will continue through February.
- All novelty yarn in the yarn shop is now at **40% off**. We will continue to carry luxury yarns, wools and sock yarn and free classes (as soon as Bertys gets back - she takes all of January off).

Innova Quilting Machines

We are the Washington/Oregon/Idaho dealers for the Innova Quilting Machines. We have sold over 300 machines in 4 years and expect to sell at least 50 more this year. Do YOU need one?

They are an affordable machine with the best in quality options and technology. ABM is a leading industrial machine manufacturer, internationally known for many patents. They designed the Innova with an independent hopping foot, constant tensioner and a huge motor that will power even 8 wt embroidery floss so you can actually embroider on the machine!

It's a machine you have to see to appreciate. And at under \$9000 for a complete package, you won't look any further.

The complete package includes: Long arm machine equipped with state of the art stitch regulation, work light, acrylic ruler plate, front and rear handles, laser stylus, heavy duty lift table, leaders, needles, thread, bobbins, bobbin winder, tool kit, dust cover and a two day one-on-one instruction class.

Many options are available if desired. Machines come in 18", 22" and 26" arm length and tables are custom made to desired length.

Stop in to test one out, or rent it to quilt your next quilt.

We charge .01 per inch to **rent the machine**.

Appointment is required. No classes required prior to use.

We will also quilt your quilt for you. We have three professional quilters on staff with a two week turnaround time.

We quilt free motion edge to edge for .015 per inch (approx \$70/twin). Custom block and border work in any desired pattern for only .0175 per inch. (approx \$90/twin). And heirloom quilting with feathers, ruler work and micro work for only .02 per inch. We meet with you to determine the desired quilting and guarantee all work.

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Quilts can be dropped off any time during shop hours, or call ahead if you'd like to meet with the quilter.

We have a large stock of backing fabrics and battings in stock including cotton, poly, bamboo and wool. You receive 10% off your batting when you leave your quilt or rent our machine.

"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."

Blockwatchers is Wild and Crazy!!

The Blockwatchers crowd tends to be made of more experienced quilters looking for a challenge, so this time...

We will have a mystery, a challenge, a swap and monthly featured notions, books and patterns. We are also going to be working on the "Planet Patchwork" block of the month that features every block size, every ruler angle, every technique and a great deal of 'awesomeness'.

There are additional quilt patterns within the quilt that are optional projects along the way. They include book covers, totes, kitchen gifts, sewing notions and more.

This is a lecture only class, you will not bring your machines with you, but there is some expectation you will work on the quilt during the month, with prizes awarded to active participants.



Four Long Arm Classes this Spring!

We offer a class every month that is free to Innova owners, and we constantly get asked if we would open these to other long arm users.

So, Cindi is offering four different classes this spring!

We will start in January with a basic long arm class, that will be applicable to any long arm user. We will discuss loading options, basic stitches, textures, lines, circles and quilt planning. 4 hours for \$15

In February Cindi is teaching her

popular "Feather" class. You will leave very comfortable with every type of feather made in every directions.

In March look for the "Tips, Tricks, Tools and Techniques" class she taught at Innovations for \$45. Offered to you for \$15. This is a class every long arm quilter should take, it covers all of the rulers, tools, mapping, echo tricks, fixes for "lettuce-edge" and much more.

Then, lastly, in April Cindi will have two short hands-on demonstration classes offered on the same day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. She will cover "Appli-Quilting" and "Quilt-as-you-go". These are fabulous techniques you can use as a long arm owner, or use them for a quick quilt if you rent our machine.

These four classes are offered for \$15 each or all four for \$50. All supplies and handouts provided.

Club Corner (openings available in all clubs)

We at the Fabric Patch certainly recognize the camaraderie of quilting and the desire to be part of a group. Clubs are an incredible amount of fun with great benefits: a common group of friends that you get to know and look forward to seeing each month; a small investment of time (only two hours per month); new ideas, techniques and tools; great door prizes, mysteries, challenges and incentives. So, get involved in a group (or two) that looks interesting - class size is limited. Our choices are described below.

Blockwatchers (meets the third Wednesday of the month from 6pm - 8pm) (Cost: \$30/series) (Duration: 4 months) See description on opposite page. Door prizes, demonstrations, Planet Patchwork Quilt and much, much more.

Jo's Club (meets once a month on the first Wednesday) (Cost: \$30) (Duration: 4 months) We work on small projects, focusing on hand work and the joy of quilting. We will make wallhangings, small quilts, and "needful things". We have a small mystery project, start a new challenge and work on new patterns featured in Jo's Club 11! Door Prizes, Bingo, notion of the month and Show and Tell.

IQ Club (meets the last Thursday of the month) (Cost: No charge) This class is for Innova Quilters only. Those who have purchased a machine from us are invited to a monthly class where we will have techniques, tools, ideas and demonstrations to advance your quilting knowledge and skill.

International Mystery Tour (meets on approximately the third Saturday of the month beginning in February) Cost: \$10/class for pattern, instruction, recipes and "travel benefits". Additional incentives with additional classes. See description below.

Breakfast Club (come every month or occasionally \$12/class) We meet from 9:00am to 10:30am on the fourth Monday of every month. New techniques, projects, recipes and complete quilt pattern every month, all based on 2 1/2" strips.

Judy Niemeyer A five month membership (spring/summer or summer/fall) for \$30. Covers food, instruction, door prizes, instruction and club benefits (special pricing). See description page one.

Dear Jane (meets twice a month for one year) (Cost: \$40/series or \$100/year) Templates provided with 1 year membership. Book, background fabric and other notions offered at discounted rates with early sign up. See description on page 1. Attend open house (Jan 21) for additional info. This will be a busy but productive class that will teach every aspect of quilting. Old and new techniques. Kick off class will be Jan 28th.

Sew Simple Sewing (meets monthly) (Cost: \$9/class) Fees include pattern and all instruction. Kits are provided for less than \$10 for the table runner. You bring your sewing machine and complete the entire tablerunner in class. This is an excellent class for a beginner, but is fun enough for a seasoned quilter. The table runners are seasonal and include extra items for gift giving such as towels, napkins, aprons, casserole carriers, etc. This is a fun class taught by Debbie Snyder.



International Mystery Tour

The Fabric Patch is about to embark on A Quilter's Tour of the Globe!

Let us be your guide as we take you to exciting countries around the world and create a quilt at each stop. All you need to do is pack your bag - your sewing bag, that is - and we'll do the rest. The total package includes your personal tour guide, travel vouchers, custom threads, lodging and food (of course we mean teacher, printed instructions, fabric kit, classroom and recipes). You will also receive a passport and a frequent flyer card. This will entitle you to special "frequent flyer mile purchases" with free gifts and 75% savings as well as free classes and kits. This is a great opportunity for someone who loves quick quilts, new techniques, travel and major bargains!!

You will bring your sewing machine to class and complete your quilt in class. This is appropriate for beginners, intermediate or advanced quilters - anyone looking for adventure!!

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Join our

International Mystery series

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Years Sale 10 - 2:00	2	3 Knit Guild 1 - 3pm No Charge	4 Jo's Club 6 - 8pm	5	6	7
8	9	All 2011 kits on sale: 20% - 50% off			13	14 Sew Simple Sewing 10 am - 12pm
15	16	Come to the Open House from 9 - 3 to see all of the samples, patterns and special projects for this quarter. There will be special gifts including project totes, patterns, special savings and coupons.				20 BOM, Club and Class Open House!!
22	23 Breakfast Club 9 - 10:30am	24	25 Blockwatchers 6 - 8pm	26 Innova Club 6 - 7:30pm All are welcome for special demo.	27 Wool Applique demo all day.	28 Dear Jane Kickoff Class 1 - 3pm Charge
29	30 Long Arm Basics 1 - 4pm \$15	31				

Special Events:

- 1/1 New Year's Day Sale
- 1/4 Jo's Club Class 1 of 4
- 1/14 Sew Simple Sewing. Cute snowflake table runner with special felted wool appliqué. This monthly tablerunner series is \$9/class, which includes the pattern, and only \$9 for the kit. Perfect for beginners.
- 1/18: Blockwatchers. Class 1 of 4. See description on page 2.
- 1/26: IQ Club open to all long armers for special topic: PantoVision demo! Available for all long arm machines
- 1/23: Breakfast Club Class 1 of 4
- Dear Jane Kickoff class is important for those of you that are interested in the class. We will discuss the class format, order your background fabric, etc.

January News

As mentioned on page one, we will be changing our hours for the month of January to:

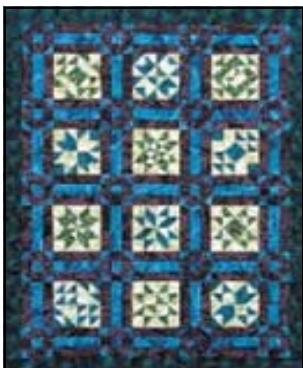
10:00am to 5:00pm

Except for the days we are having Breakfast Club and evening classes. Also, our class schedule is a little lighter this month as we want everyone to be safe on the roads.

Join us for our first Fabric Patch

Fat Quarter Club

This is a great way to complete a fabulous quilt over a six month period using a simple pattern and new fabric pieces every month. The fat quarters only cost \$1 each. Come to our class open house in January to select your pattern and colorway, or stop in for an information packet (one can also be e-mailed if you contact Cindi at cindi@fabricpatch.net).



Buck a Block is Back by popular demand!! It is time to sign up for our most popular BOM. After selecting your colorway, you will choose your setting pattern and border kit, then pick up a precut block kit and pattern every month. After making twelve 12" x 12" blocks, we will have a completion day early in December to put everything together.


Colorway choices include: Black and White; Green and Brown; Blues; and Pastel Floral.

You can come to our open house in January to learn more and sign up.

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Schedule of Events

- 2/1: Jo's Club
- 2/3: Come to work on your felted wool BOM. Lets get started on this DARING wall hanging!
- You have two different chances to make this cute knitted heart! Soooo fun!! \$9 for kit and class.
- 2/16: Sew Simple Sewing this month features a special extra project!
- 2/17: Our free demo day features Hand Quilting. Come any time you'd like. Demo takes 20 minutes, supplies provided.
- 2/23: IQ Club for Innova Owners. Topic: Trapunto
- 1/27 Breakfast Club Quilt: Poochie and the Pillow

		We have "Sweet Treats" in store for our Valentines this year. Stop in the shop to sign up for this special 2 day event.....	1 Jo's Club 6 - 8pm	2	3 Autumn Quilt BOM sit and stitch 1 - 3pm	4
5	6 Dear Jane 1 - 3pm	7 Knit Guild 1 - 3pm No Charge	8	9	10 Knitted Heart Catnip Toys 4 - 5pm	Sew Simple 10 am - 12pm Felted Women 1 - 3pm
12	13 Knitted Heart Catnip Toys 1 - 3pm		15 Blockwatchers 6 - 8pm	16 Resolutions 6 - 8pm	17 Hand Quilting Demo all day.	Niemeyer Club 9 - 12pm Mystery Tour 1 - 3pm
19	20 Dear Jane 1 - 3pm	21 Knitted Socks Class I \$10/series 1 - 3pm	22	23 Innova Club 6 - 7:30pm	24 Long Arm Feather Basics 1 - 4pm \$15	25 Navaho Rose 9:30 - 3:00pm \$28 includes ptn and lunch.
26	27 Breakfast Club 9 - 10:30am	28 Knitted Socks Class II 1 - 3pm	29			

Have you selected your 2012 Block of the Month yet?!

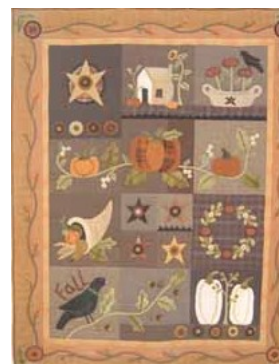
There are several choices for this years featured blocks of the month. It's Raining Cats and Dogs is a lovely 12 month pieced pattern with a bit of appliqué, some embroidery and a few embellishments. It is a sweet quilt by Bunny Hill Designs with fabric designed by Meg Hawkey and Moda. The kits are all ready to go to make this twin sized beauty. This will be a fun quilt to work on as there are several learning opportunities and a fair



amount of hand work which is always nice in the evening. You will have the chance to work on this at your own pace, or come in so we can do some of the interesting blocks together during "Bommer Rallys" (see the schedule for these dates.

Autumn Quilt is a gorgeous wool appliqué quilt that measures a

substantial 58" x 72". It is a fun hand work project that will go together so quickly, you'll have to find other things to do with your month (just please... no dishes...). We have not offered wool fabric or patterns in the past and are now very excited about this first step for us. Wool is such a fabulous medium to work with. So easy and forgiving. We will have monthly "sit and stitch" days on the calendar to encourage each others progress, discuss new techniques, and show and tell our progress.



Other BOM/Club choices include Charisma's Dear Jane class which is of course the re-making of Jane Sickle's famous quilt (I am looking forward to this... I can only do this in a support class...). Or, for the less adventurous, I will be hosting Resolutions, pictured and discussed on the back page. A lovely full sized quilt that celebrates life and the little things that make it grand. Both of these options include monthly classes that are avenues for learning, camaraderie and completion.

Of course, discussed on the opposite page, don't forget about the opportunity to join in on our Fat Quarter Club or Buck a Block. If you are undecided, the best decision would be to stop in at our open house to see samples, class options and BOM outlines. This is January 21st, anytime from 9 - 3pm.

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Schedule of Events

				1	2 Dr Seuss's 107th birthday	3 Bommer Rally 9 - 3pm \$5 includes lunch
4	5 Dear Jane 1 - 3pm	6 Knit Guild 1 - 3pm No Charge	7 Jo's Club 6 - 8pm	8 Resolutions 6 - 8pm	9	Sew Simple 10 am - 12pm Felted Women 1 - 3pm
11 Daylight Savings Begins	Tips, Tricks and Tools on the long arm 1 - 4pm \$15	13 Beginning Knitting \$8 10 - 12pm	14	15	16 Paperpiecing Demos all day	Niemeyer Club 9 - 12pm Mystery Tour 1 - 3pm
18	19 Dear Jane 1 - 3pm	20	21 Blockwatchers 6 - 8pm	22	23	24 Machine Quilting 10 - 12pm \$12
25	26 Breakfast Club 9 - 10:30am	27 Beginning Crochet \$8 10 - 12pm	28	29 Innova Club 6 - 7:30pm	30	31

- 3/3: **Bommer Rally** for BOM participants. Come and work on your Raining Cats and Dogs, Buck a Blocks, Autumn Quilt or Club project. Must be an active member. Lunch and door prizes provided.
- 3/16: Free demonstrations on paperpiecing. We will have machines set up as well as free patterns and fabric to make a quick block.
- 3/12: **Tips and Tricks:** Limited to 6 participants. See description on pg 2.
- 3/13: **Beginning Knitting** Bertys will teach all of the aspects of knitting including how to read a yarn label and a pattern. **Beginning Crochet** on 3/27 if you prefer one hand over two.
- 3/24 If you do not have time or access to a long arm, Cindi will show you how to machine quilt on your home machine. Bring machine.

Come to the BOM (block-of-the-month) "Rally" to get caught up, learn some tricks, catch up with friends and win a prize. A great day to sew!

As mentioned last month, many Saturdays are filled with two classes. This is to take full advantage of our space and your time.

Debbie Snyder and Virginia Cole will share a Saturday with Debbie's **Sew Simple** class in the morning where you will bring your machines and leave with a completed tablerunner and a new technique by noon.

Then, in the afternoon, Virginia will host her **Felted Women** class for those that are more inclined to work on small hand projects. She is teaching a variety of beautiful hand embroidered edge stitches and embellishments, all on a small "do-able" wall hanging. This is a truly stunning piece that you will have to see to appreciate. It will be a fun class to participate in and learn these beautiful techniques.

The third Saturday of the month will be shared by Thelma Wentworth and Diane Escure.

Thelma is leading a monthly Judy Niemeyer club to continue the momentum started with these massive quilts. They are fun to make, but they can be a lot of work. Thelma has completed a dozen of Judy's patterns and she knows all of the tricks. You will bring your machines to this club and work on your projects while getting inspired with new ideas.

Then, another group with machines, Diane will serve as tour guide to exotic "mystery" destinations, complete with a local quilt patterns, recipes and notion demonstrations at each locale. This is a club, but you can elect to go on one trip, every other trip, or all twelve destinations.



Breakfast Club is all about strip quilting.. Each class features a new pattern, a recipe, a door prize drawing and a featured notion or book. It is a great way to start a day!!

Schedule of Events

- **Knit Guild** is free to all, bring your project and sit for a bit...
- 4/6: **Free Demo Day:** Make this quick no-sew bag in just 10 minutes!
- We have three Dear Jane classes this month... great opportunities to get those 4" blocks done!!
- 4/13: With graduation approaching - we thought it would be time to review both **photo quilt** and t-shirt quilt techniques.. No charge, come anytime on the 13th.
- 4/26 **IQ Club:** "Extended Maintenance" class. Husbands welcome.
- 4/23: **Breakfast Club:** Learn how to make the fabulous 60 degree angle "faux hexagon" out of two strip sets. Fast, easy and stunning.

Cindi says:
A creative mess is better than tidy idleness.

Brianna says:
In Seattle, you haven't had enough coffee until you can thread a sewing machine while it's running.

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Dear Jane 1 - 3pm	3 Knit Guild 1 - 3pm No Charge	4 Jo's Club 6 - 8pm	5 National Binding Day	6 Good Friday Demo Day. Easy Treat Bags.	7 Shabby Chic Gifts Galore. Techniques and Projects
8 Easter	9	10	11	12 Resolutions 6 - 8pm	13 Lucky Friday Demo Day. Photo Quilts	Sew Simple 10 am - 12pm Felted Women 1 - 3pm
15	16 Dear Jane 1 - 3pm	17	18 Blockwatchers 6 - 8pm	19	20	Niemeyer Club 9 - 12pm Mystery Tour
22	23 Breakfast Club 9 - 10:30am	24	25	26 Innova Club 6 - 7:30pm	"Appliquiting" 10 - 12 \$15 Quilt as you go 1 - 3 \$15	28 Minkee Gifts 10 - 2pm \$18
29	30 Dear Jane 1 - 3pm					

Quilt-as-you-go (QAYG)

is a simple technique that involves quilting and piecing at the same time (on the long arm or home machine). Many patterns will be shared.

Make a baby quilt in 20 minutes - we will even stitch on the binding while on the long arm!!!

No supplies needed, class is interactive demo.

1 - 3pm \$15

Cindi has a collection of new cute ideas for her spring class using the timeless Shabby Chic style. This year, the Mother's Day gifts, shower gifts, wedding gifts and general "must-haves" include a fabulous bracelet, homemade bath fizzies, hand sewn button cards, fabric envelope sachets, pleated pillows, "emergency" coin purses and even a crocheted rag rug, as well as several "surprises". Patterns provided. Door prize for every attendee. Lecture/demonstration class, no supplies needed. But class size is limited to 16 so sign up early. Class is from 10 - 12pm and is only \$12.

Appli-Quilting

is a technique that is basically machine quilting and appliquéing at the same time.

We start with a simple pieced quilt and add our appliquéed pieces as we quilt.

Class is an interactive Demo.

No ironing, no edge stitching, no unraveling, just simple piecing, stitching and texturing. No supplies needed.

10 - 12pm \$15



Minkee Gifts!!

10 - 2pm \$18

Cindi will share her "I'm-a-quilter-not-a-sewer" tricks for sewing Minkee. We will make a jacket, a rug, a vest, a toy, a quick quilt, a dog coat and a few embellishments. This is a lecture/demo class, then you will pick the project you'd like and complete it in class.



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New Block-of-the-Month Club



Resolutions by SamSarah

The head of psychiatry at Stanford teaches a lecture on the mind-body connection and the relationship between stress and disease. He said one of the best things a man could do for his health is to be married to a woman, whereas for a woman, one of the best things she could do for her health was to nurture her relationship with her girlfriends.

Women connect with each other differently, physically, this quality "girlfriend time" helps us to create more serotonin which combats depression, improves sleep and creates a general feeling of well-being.

So, for your health, take time to meet with your gal pals for a fun evening, at least once a month. **Resolutions** is a fun quilt that focuses on one "resolution" a month. To, among other things, drink good wine, make exceptions and eat well.

This is one of the classes I am looking most forward to this year. I would like to take more time just for me (I think I can spare two hours a month) and focus on things I will resolve to do... even if only for one month. The darling quilt and extra projects I will have at the end will be a nice bonus!

We will meet one Thursday evening once a month for food, fun, sewing/quilting tips and quality girl time. You should come.

Finished size: 68" x 72"