

Seams To Be

Quilt Shoppe



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Newsletter

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As I re-read the newsletter, I realized that we are doing two very different programs that will benefit veterans. If you feel so inclined, find a cause that touches your heart and come and show your appreciation to our vets. I am really excited about 2011 - I think I say that I'm excited as every new year starts, but every year we have an opportunity to start over, an opportunity to complete unfinished projects, an opportunity to learn a new skill and to get involved in new adventures. To get the year started off right, come in on Monday, Jan. 3rd and we will have a gift for you.



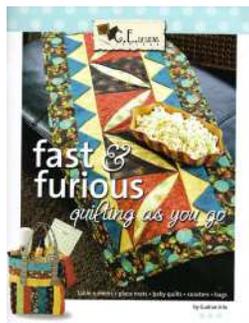
See you soon

What's New

Whole collection of Kansas Troubles Favorites - lots of blenders and little prints. The most exciting thing is they are re-orderable!!!!

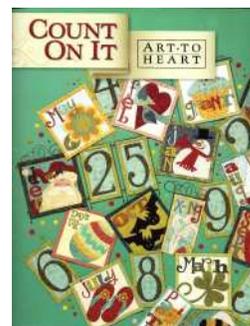


Fast & Furious Book—
We will be having a great class on Feb. 19th using this book to make Sweet Chirps Baby Quilt!



Spring 2011

Count on it Book—
New Nancy Halvorsen Book! Kits and stands available.



New Panel!
A Place of Peace
featuring realistic
looking deer's

Just a quick word about cotton prices, most of you have probably heard that cotton fabric prices will be increasing - yes it is very true. I am seeing the price per yard go up almost every day, price increases on batting and thread are coming soon. I, as chief buyer for Seams To Be, will make EVERY effort to keep costs down. We will continue to have sale fabric and discount fat quarters. We will offer classes that will allow you to work from your stash.

I love a good Mystery - join us for the second Seams To Be Mystery Quilt. There are six clues; the first one will be available Jan. 3rd.

The finished size of the quilt is 62 x 82, by adding a border you can make it a full/queen. The quilt requires 4 fabrics—the most important thing to remember when selecting fabrics for a mystery quilt is CONTRAST. Come in and we'll help you pick fabric that will result in a beautiful quilt. Be sure and tell us that you are buying fabric for the mystery quilt and you will get a 15% discount on the fabric you buy.

Shop Hop 2011 is March 31st through April 10th. This year there are 39 shops participating. The theme is "Charming Nebraska". You can start pre-ordering your Shop Hop Bag on Jan 3rd. Call 296-3360 with your credit card number or call to let us know you are sending a check and we will hold a bag for you. Cost is \$10.00, which includes your bag, the book of info about the Shop Hop, your stamp card, a very special ruler and a one of a kind 2011 Shop Hop Charm. Visit one store or all 39 - at every store you will get a free pattern that uses "Charm" squares and a charm.

Don't forget that you can use your Shop Hop Bag at any Shop Hop store and get 20% off (some exclusions may apply) every 5th Sat. between April 2011 and March 2012. We ordered more bags, but there are also more stores participating, so get your bag before they are gone!!!!

Calendar

Jan. 8th -10th - Open House

Jan. 29th -5th Sat—you must have a 2010 Shop Hop Bag to get the 20% off

Feb. 14 – Valentines Day - flowers and candy for every customer.

March 17th -St. Patrick's Day—we will have 'Green Treats' for everyone

April 24th - closed for Easter

May 8 - closed for Mother's Day

May 29-30-closed for Memorial Day

I am such a visual and tactile person—I just need to see and feel things - so come to our Open House on Jan 8th -10th to see and feel our new Blocks of the month and new programs. The 15 minute presentation will start on the hour and half hour. There will be time for you to ask questions and sign up for anything that you are interested in. Our 2011 coupon books will be available after each presentation for FREE - yes, you need to sit through 15 minutes of valuable information to get a coupon

book worth at least \$50.00. One coupon book per person. This is the only time that you will be able to get the coupon book.

2011 will be a year of sixes for Seams To Be. I will be 60 in March and the shop will be 6 in Aug, - so we are doing a 6 month promotion. Starting March 1st, we will be giving out our famous Seams To Be Bucks—Double bucks and demos on every day that has a 6 in it—the 6th, the 16th, the 26th. For those of you who can't come during the day, we will be doing a "Happy Hour" presentation and private shopping from 6-7 on the first Monday of every month, from March to Aug. (March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, July 11th (the first Mon is the 4th) and August 8th. Call and let us know you are coming so we can have enough chairs and snacks for everyone.

We will be doing our auction again on Aug. 27 (Yes we are making a few changes—live auction will be first, and we will be raffling off 2 quilts for anyone who can't be there that day,) More details later on the auction, etc.

Seams to Be will be an official "Under Our Wings Quilt Shop" for 2011. Marianne Fons from Fons and Porter has developed this idea into a national program. This program will pair a coach quilter with a rookie quilter to make a lap-size Quilt of Valor as a team. The coach brings her sewing machine and supplies for an all-day workshop. The coach quilter does the cutting, pinning, pressing while the rookie quilter sews. This is a great opportunity to introduce a friend, grandchild, or neighbor to our wonderful hobby while doing a good deed.

If you aren't familiar with Quilts of Valor, Blue Star mom Catherine Roberts began Quilts of Valor Foundation from her sewing room in Seaford, Delaware. Her son Nathaniel's year long deployment to Iraq provided the initial inspiration and her desire to see that returning warriors were welcomed home with the love and gratitude they deserved, provided the rest. She hit upon the idea of linking quilt-tops with machine quilters in a national effort could achieve her goal of covering all returning service men and women



touched by war. These war time quilts, called Quilts of Valor, would be a tangible reminder of an American's appreciation and gratitude. Since 2003 this national grass roots community service effort has connected the home front with our wounded combat warriors and veterans. Our first Quilt's of Valor event will be May 7th from 10:30 - 4:00. This is free event—we will have free patterns available. We will be offering a discount on fabric purchased to make a Quilt of Valor. I will have more details later.

Pack your bags for the Quilting Event of the year!!! The 2011 Spring Road Trip April 15th – 17th.

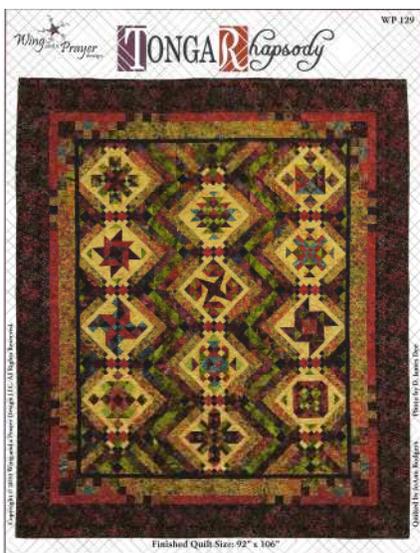
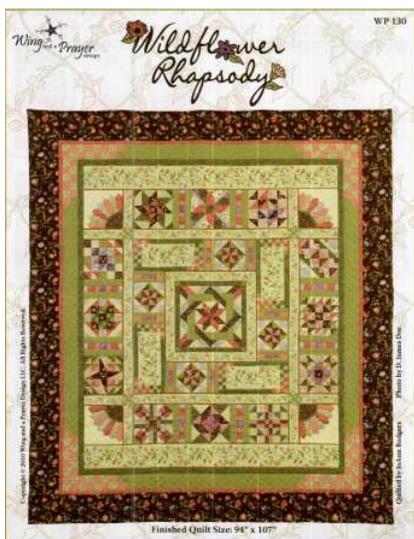
Kansas Troubles Stash Society the third Thursday of every month—Jan 20th, Febr.17th, March 17th, April21st, May19th.

Old Bag night is normally the 2nd Friday of the month, but in Jan it will be changed to Jan, 7th. Feb. 11th, March 11th, April 8th, and May 13th. Grab an unfinished project and come join us - 4 hours of uninterrupted sewing and fun for just \$5.00. Remember to call us at 296-3360 to reserve your spot.

Our party for the “I’ve got to get this finished” challenge will be Jan. 24th at 6:00. Bring your finished projects for show and tell. There will be prizes and food!

The day before Ash Wed is called Fat Tuesday—come and get some great bargains on our fat quarters during our Fat (Quarter) Tuesday sale on March 8th. Regular fat quarters will be \$2.00 discount fat quarters will be \$1.25.

New Blocks of the Month for 2011



Class Schedule

Beginning Piecing-Sun. Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 1:30 - 4:30 - Learn the basics of rotary cutting, accurate seam allowances, sashing, corner stones and borders while making this 9-patch quilt. This class is great for a beginner or a quilter with a little bit of experience that needs a refresher. You will need to select your fabric before class. Cost \$45.00 plus supplies. Teacher: Kathy

Cutting Party (Scrap therapy)-Wed. Feb. 2nd 6:00 – 9:00 Bring your scraps by the bin, bag or truckload and we will help you pick fabric that best suits the next Scrap Therapy class and cut the sizes you need to be ready for the class. You even get a storage container to store your cut fabric in! You must attend a Scrap Therapy cutting party before you can enroll in a Scrap Therapy class. Cost \$10.00. Teacher: Kathy

Flower Ballet (Scrap Therapy Class) –Sat. Feb.5th 10:00 - 4:00. Three dimensional scrappy flowers dance across this generous table runner (18 x 55). It's perfect for everyday or seasonal gatherings. Choose a color palette, pick a bundle of scraps and make scrappy sunflower, daisies or water lilies. Cost \$20.00 includes pattern. Teacher: Kathy.



Sweet Chirps Baby Quilt-Sat. Feb. 19th, 10:00 - 4:00. This baby quilt is 34 x 40 and simple to make from fat quarters or 10 in. squares. It is another Quilt as you go project, so it is a great economical way to use up scraps and save a little money on quilting. Cost \$15.00 plus book "Fast and Furious Quilting As You Go". Teacher Kathy



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Streamlined Appliqué Class Feb. 26th, 8am—4pm. This class teaches a truly new method of appliqué preparation. It is the quickest, easiest and most precise method available. There is no glue or needle turning involved, but the end product has smooth curves and circles. The project can be hand or machine appliquéd. Cost is \$45.00 + supplies. Teacher: Kandi Gallup

Cutting Party Thursday March 3rd, 6:00-9:00. See description above. Cost \$10.00. Teacher: Kathy

Stained Glass class (Scrap therapy) – Sat., March 5th, 10:00 - 4:00. Elegant lattice, bold striped fabric and your scraps make this quilt a winner. Concerned about making all those skinny lattice strips? Don't be, you'll love using unique construction techniques to make sewing this project a breeze. Finished size of the quilt is 62 x 62.



There is an option to make it 83 x 83. Teacher: Kathy. Cost \$20.00 includes pattern.

Free Motion Machine Quilting – Sat. March 12th, 9:00 - 12:00. Come and learn the basic techniques needed for successful free motion quilting. Bating, thread, needles and machine set up will be discussed in class. You will take home reference samples, confidence and lots of ideas for quilting. Teacher: Peg Pennell Cost: \$25.00 + Supplies*

Superior Finishing - binding your quilts. Sat. March 12th 1:00 - 4:00. Is binding the quilt your least favorite part? Tired of humdrum finishes? Come and learn piping and binding techniques to make your quilts stand out in a crowd. In class you will be making samples of finishing methods to take home and use on your quilts. Binding will never be boring again! Teacher: Peg Pennell Cost: \$25.00 + Supplies *

*Here's a deal, take both classes and only pay \$43.00. Use your machine quilting sample in the binding class.

Lone Star Quilt – Sat. March 19th, 10:00 - 4:00. If you have wanted to do a Lone Star Quilt, but the whole process just seemed too hard, have we got a deal for you. This method uses fusible interfacing, and it makes it so easy. The intersections will match effortlessly. The center of the quilt is 58 in. square. The pattern gives you the yardage requirements to make a twin or a queen. Come and learn a modern spin on this traditional quilt. Teacher: Kathy Cost \$20.00, plus the interfacing pack (\$36.99)



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Streamlined Appliqué Class May 21st, 8am—4pm. Please see description above. Cost is \$45.00 + supplies. Teacher: Kandi Gallup

Anyone interested in starting a "Stitchery Club"? I love doing embroidery work and it is so great to connect with other women or men who have the same passion. On Sat. Jan. 15 from 10:00 – 12:00 come and we'll talk. Come with suggestions and times that will work for you. We can do several groups, so hopefully there will be a time that works for you.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 28th. We will have a very special speaker at Seams To Be. Don Beld, quilter extraordinaire from Califor-

nia will be here. Actually, he is coming to do something at the International Quilt Studies Center in Lincoln and we were lucky enough that there is time in his schedule for him to visit us. We are still making arrangements so I am not sure what time or what we will be doing. My hope is to do a class and have a trunk show. If we do a class, the blocks will be hand pieced and donated to the Home of the Brave project. We will request that the quilt be given to a Nebraska family. Watch your e-mail or our website for details.

A little background on Don; He started the 'Home of the Brave' Quilt Project. This project honors American service men and women who have given their lives for our country by making reproduction U.S. Sanitary Commission quilts to present to the families of soldier who died in Afghanistan and Iraq. During the Civil War, a volunteer organization call the United States Sanitary C was formed with the purpose of raising supplies and funds for the North, and overseeing the sanitary conditions of the military hospitals. From this Commission, many significant Americans - including Clara Barton, Dorthea Dix and Frederick Law Olmstad, went on to achieve greatness by beginning America's social and medical movements. Fund and supply raising events, called Sanitary fairs, were held throughout the Northern States. The Women's Auxiliary of the U.S. Sanitary Commission was particularly important in making and donating clothes, bandages and quilts at these fairs. All supplies donated were stamped on the back saying "U.S. Sanitary Commission" and documented in Commission records. Today they are national treasures.

The Sanitary Commission requested that the quilts measure 48 by 84 inches, as these quilts were given to soldiers to carry as part of their bedrolls and used in military hospitals. In two and a half years, the Women's Auxiliary made and donated 250,000 quilts to the Union troops. The quilts frequently carried the names of the makers and messages of hope and support.

Of the 250,000 quilts, only four are known to exist today, because of the wear and tear of use during the war and also because solders were often buried in their quilts.

Just as the women of the Civil War honored the brave soldiers who fought for the Union cause, quilters from all around the county are making

quilts based on the U.S. Sanitary Commission quilts as an expression of their deep appreciation of the service and sacrifice made by solders in Afghanistan and Iraq. These quilts will be given to the families of the deceased soldiers.

Store Hours

Monday-Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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A Woman's Poem

He didn't like the casserole
And he didn't like my cake,
He said my biscuits were too hard
Not like his mother used to make.
I didn't perk the coffee right
He didn't like the stew,
I didn't mend his socks
The way his mother used to do.
I pondered for an answer
I was looking for a clue.
Then I turned around and
smacked him one

Like his mother used to do.

My Body

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish, and my paint job is getting a little dull. But that's not the worst of it.

* My headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close.

* My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

* My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

* But here's the very worst of it:

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or laugh, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires.