

Lone Star Quiltworks May 2011 Shop Talk



Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen. I am not even going to mention the weather this month. It is all bad news. So dry and so dangerous.

I need some help from you. We have sent out information twice concerning our upcoming **July Quilter's Quest Bus Trip**. Some of you have told me you never received the info? I guess sometimes emails are like the socks in the laundry. Anyway, we need to fill this bus! At present it is only half full. Our sister shop in Giddings has their bus completely full. Now, we can't stand for this can we! Sew....I am issuing you a challenge to help me fill the twenty spots we have left.



Don't remember the details? **July 16th and 17th**, (we specifically chose a Saturday and a Sunday for those of you who work), two days, six shops, lunch provided each day, goody bags, overnight stay at a Hampton Inn, free breakfast.....need I say more? For more details you can go to our website at www.lonestarquiltworks.com and click on **Summer Fun Bus Trip**. But here is the BEST part. All for only \$150.00! How can you beat this with gas at \$4.00 per gallon. If you are interested please call the shop at 979 595 1072. Think about a special friend you would like to spend a weekend with. Grab that special guy or gal and help Terry fill the bus. ☺

Our May sales will be a continuation of closeouts for all yarn, knitting books, knitting patterns, and knitting notions at **60% off**. Even if you don't knit or crochet take a look at these rock bottom prices to use the yarn we have left for embellishments, tying packages or gifts, or just a donation to a crafty charity of your choice.

We have again added more 108" wide backing fabric to the shop. Don't forget 108" fabric will save you quite a bit of money for your backing piece, not to mention you won't have to seam it. We are always on the hunt with our fabric vendors to bring in more 108" fabric. Currently, our color array for this category is quite extensive.

Are you an appliquer? You may be interested to know that **Superior Threads** has added another ring with 36 new colors on bobbin spools using their sixty weight thread. Perfect to add to their original **Frosted Donut** ring. The new ring is called Super Holy Bobs. With both rings you can easily transport 72 colors in just a small amount of space to work on your current projects.



We are in the process of adding 82 new colors of **King Tut** thread. This is a 40 weight thread great for machine quilting or machine embroidery. The new colors are soft pastels and neutrals, and would work well for first time domestic machine, midarm, or longarm quilters. (Don't forget softer colors hide all "sins" so to speak when first learning how to machine quilt.) We have also added a new preprinted panel to practice your machine quilting. Stop by and we will be happy to show you both of these new products.



Speaking of machine quilting, Deb has added a **Progressive Quilting** class to our summer class schedule. The date will be **July 14th from 9A-1P**. This class is for individuals who are familiar with, and who have practiced, quilting by machine. Deb will introduce her method of progressive quilting, in which machine quilting is done as the quilt is assembled. This eliminates the need to roll the quilt to fit the space to the right of the needle. Some pre-class preparation is required.

Signups are continuing for our **2012 LSQW Shop Cruise**. All we need is a \$25.00 deposit! Dates and information are available on our website as listed above. Click on shop cruise on the website. We are still able to hold the price at \$928.00 per person, but not much longer. **Royal Caribbean** is filling this ship FAST, and **our price will probably go up \$400 per person very soon**. How can you not do this? A whole week on a cruise ship with a balcony state room for \$928.00? Think about it. BTW, hubbies and friends are most welcome.



Some of you may be happy to know that for right now cotton prices seem to have stabilized. I have had three price increases from the majority of vendors since last fall. Adding to the cotton prices are the high costs of shipping. We are still striving to keep our prices as low as possible. Don't forget our extensive sale area, where we discount our fabric 50%. And of course, check out our \$3.00 sidewalk sale fabric. There are some great bargains on that rack, even if you only use them as a backing, for costuming, table decorations, drapes, etc. How can you lose at \$3.00 per yard?

Spring Market is next week for the quilt industry. From the literature I have been receiving there seems to be an upswing in the thirties look for fabrics. Big prints are in decline with softer pastel colors starting to show up again. If there are any great "new" notions or patterns we will have them in the shop ASAP. We are currently starting to see our Halloween and Christmas fabric arrive. Start thinking about gifts as the holidays will be here soon. My grandfather could tell you on any given day of the week how many shopping days were left until Christmas!



Sew, what are you doing at the end of July and beginning of August? We have openings in both of our Summer Retreats at Greenbriar Retreat Center in Eustace. It's going to be too hot to be outside. Why don't you join us for a cool sewing space, superb fresh cooked food, comfy single beds, and the best friends ever? Four days, three nights, all inclusive for \$325.00. Another great bargain. To experience one is to understand! For more information on dates, location, Greenbriar, etc. go to <http://www.lonestarquiltworks.com/retreat---green-briar-retreat-center.htm>. You can view a video on YouTube to see the facility at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQtDCmi8ZzY>.

Armando, the "Machine Whisperer", will be here **Monday, May 16th** to work on any make or model of sewing machine, serger, or embroidery machine. Please call the shop at **979 595 1072** if you are interested in having your machine cleaned or repaired. Drop it off by Saturday, May 14th, and pick it up on Tuesday, May 17th. No waiting for your machine for weeks on end!

Are you making your travel plans for the **Quilt Across Texas Statewide Shop Hop**? Don't forget this will be going on the ENTIRE month of September. Go to www.quiltacrosstexas.com for more details. Passports for this event will be going on sale soon. Your passport cost will be \$5.00, however, you will receive a \$5.00 coupon inside the cover that can be used at any of the participating QAT shops. Ladies, there are some phenomenal prizes for this hop, not to mention that just our Region 6 is offering to the lucky winners a \$100 shopping spree from each shop, a basket with 120 assorted fat quarters, and 12 completed quilts, one from each shop.



Don't forget that during that same month our own **Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild** will be holding their bi-annual show September 9-11th. Please go to www.bbqg.org for more information concerning the show titled **Renaissance of Quilts**.

Well, that's all folks. See you at the shop! Cross your fingers for rain.....Terry