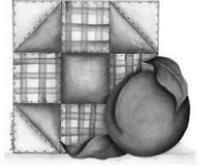


Quilts on Plum Lane



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Store Hours;
Mon – Sat 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am -- 8:00 pm

Dear Quilters,

Welcome back to our Northern Friends. We have a lot of activities going on this winter, a new Mystery Block of the Month starting in January. Stop by to see the first month's block and take a look at the colorful fabrics...you won't be disappointed! Brenda Grampsas, quilt appraiser, will be here to give a talk and appraise quilts. (Be sure to sign up as we have limited space available.) Brenda never disappoints, I learn something every time I listen to her. Downton Abbey Fabric and gift boxes are coming, if they are not already here! Lots of fun and, of course Fat Tuesday, fat quarter sale!

With all of that said, I am working on keeping ahead of the Mystery Block of the Month sample, making two new samples for the shop, dying wool like crazy, get ready for the shop hop... Hmmm, maybe that is why my own quilt projects aren't getting finished. I have the best of intentions. This Summer I made a dedicated space in my laundry room (it is large enough) for a sewing room. I have finished several projects which I mentioned finding in the last newsletter, and I have a new motto. Finish two and then buy for one. Well, if I don't count the samples I am doing for the shop, I am keeping to this promise to myself.

I went to a Sue Garman Trunk Show at the Feathered Princesses in Tampa. I was inspired! Sue is an appliquer, designer extraordinaire! Of course I bought a pattern and am burning to do it! However, I have several appliqué quilt projects lined up, so I fiddled with the pattern, made some freezer paper templates, picked fabric from my stash, and stopped. (Darn that little Jiminy Cricket on my shoulder) I placed all those items in a clear plastic bag, zipped the thing shut and placed it in the pile of want tos. My next pieced appliqué project is now taken off the shelf and sitting by the front door to bring to our appliqué group on the first and third Tuesday. Ok Jiminy off my shoulder!!!

I hope you are keeping up with finishing projects and being inspired to start new ones too! Isn't quilting a wonderful hobby? Donna



Carol's Corner

Hi Y'all!

OK, here's the bitter truth. It's 3:07AM! I have to have this write up done or the newsletter will never go out. I'm having a problem wrapping my brain around something that sort of makes sense. Even three pieces of licorice hasn't helped! The clock in this room is loudly ticking the night away. It seems to be repeating "deadline – deadline".

I must say that's a word I've come to dislike – too much pressure! A while ago I fell off the "just say no" wagon and started saying yes. It's an innocent enough word, or so I thought. Before I knew it I had a year's worth of projects ahead of me, none of them mine. Plastic containers were piled up filled with all kinds of different things. The pressure was on!! I stressed and planned, cut, stitched and stressed some more, deadlines always looming.

It's a scary thing to cut into other people's stuff but I forged ahead emptying one container after another, actually coming in ahead of schedule. All the pressure and worry was worth it in the end though, when finished items were given to their owners. I love to share their excitement and surprised and have learned to wear waterproof mascara on pick up days. Sometimes we both shed a lot of tears, although I don't think it's necessarily for the same reason.

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Upcoming Classes

RHONDA BINGHAM CATHEDRAL WINDOW BY MACHINE

Sat: Feb. 8 10:00-4:00
Fee: \$35 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

This time-honored technique is fast & easily done on the sewing machine. Start small with a pillow or table runner or make a quilt of any size. Coordinate your window fabric or make it scrappy – anything goes!

BEGINNING MACHINE PIECING

Sat: Feb. 15, 22, Mar. 1, 8 & 15
The first class will be 9:30—1:30
all others: 9:30-12:30
Fee: \$65 6 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required

If you've ever wished you could make those beautiful quilts you've seen in magazines or on television, this class will make that dream come true. Learn basic to intermediate skills. Even if you've been quilting for a while, this class will help you iron out those annoying little problems. Come join the fun & see just how wonderful quilting can be!

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED MACHINE PIECING

Fri: Mar. 21, 28, Apr. 4 & 11
10:00 – 300
Fee: \$65 4 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required

Are you tired of dreaming of those quilts that are so beautiful but beyond your skill level? If so, this class is for you. We'll cover inset seams, curved piecing, diagonal settings & so much more. Basic quilting skills required.

Instructor approval required.

CAROL BRADSHAW SUMMERTIME WOOL APPLIQUE

Wed: Jan. 15, 29, Feb. 12, 26, Mar. 12
10:00 – 3:00

Fee: \$75 5 Sessions

Intrigued by a Baltimore Album quilt but figure it's not happening in this lifetime? This little charmer just might be the answer. Blocks finish 7", each one is different, done in wool on a cotton background. The look is primitive folk art. Sashing strips have a star cornerstone. Easy enough for beginners – It'll steal your heart!

HOW TO MAKE A T-SHIRT QUILT

Wed: Jan. 22 10:00 – 1:00
Wed: Mar. 19 10:00-1:00
Fee: \$25 1 Session

Are there boxes of T-shirts piling up around you and you're not sure what to do with them? Bring a few to class & get hands on instruction in how to cut, stabilize & put a quilt together. We'll discuss setting options, quilting etc. Great way to keep the memories alive!

BINDING BASICS

Wed: Jan. 22 2:00 – 4:00
Wed: Mar. 19 2:00 – 4:00
Fee: \$15 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

Come learn how easy it is to make sharp mitered corners, cut bias strips, join ends and do a 2 color binding. Lots of tips and hands on experience.

Fat Tuesday!!! March 4th
All Fat Quarters
ON SALE!!!
\$2.00 ea (buy at least 10)

WOOL WORKSHOP

Wed: Mar. 5 10:00-3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Wool appliqué is fun & easy – anyone can do it! Bring a basic kit to class (suggestions are offered at the shop) and Carol will get you started. We'll cut, fuse & stitch, covering all the basics to get you started on lots of beautiful things. Keep in mind, wool doesn't have to be dark!

SUNSHINE AND BLUE

Wed: Feb. 5 & 19 10:00-3:00
Fee: \$45 2 Sessions

The daisies in this charming appliqué wall hanging spill out of a tall pitcher onto a checkerboard pieced border. It's fun and whimsical and can be done in wool, cotton or a combination of both (sample is a combination). Basic knowledge of needle turn and wool appliqué is appreciated. Project finishes 29" x 41".

PAT GASTON FLANNEL OR NOT

Mon: Jan. 20 & 27 10:00 – 3:00
Fee: \$35 2 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required

Showcase your flannels (or not!) in this easy to make throw. Large areas are separated by a contrasting "grout".

30% off Storewide Sale
Saturday April 5

9:00 – 7:00

Upcoming Classes (continued)

PAT GASTON (cont'd)

ILLUSION

Mon: Feb. 17 & 24 10:00–3:00

Fee: \$35 2 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required

Four colors rotate around in this paper pieced pineapple block. Using a stripe or fun fabric for alternate block creates interest and dimension.

PAPER PIECING

Mon: Mar. 10 10:00–3:00

Fee: \$25 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

This lovely block is easy and accurate, done in the paper piecing method. Pat will take you through the basics and give you options for the center. Finish as is for a table topper or continue on for a larger quilt. You'll be confused NO MORE!

CHONG KROPIK **MACHINE APPLIQUE**

WORKSHOP

Second Tuesdays 10:00-3:00

Jan. 14, Feb. 11

Mar. 11, April 8

Fee: \$35 First Session

\$10 each following Session

Sewing Machine Required

Techniques make all quilting easier & more beautiful. Learn to do beautiful machine appliqué. After learning Chong's methods, you can make prize winners, too.

*Scissors & Rotary Blades
Sharpened*

Call the shop for info

MACHINE QUILTING

Thurs: Jan. 30 10:00-2:00

Thurs: Mar. 20 10:00-2:00

Fee: \$25 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

This hands-on class will give you the confidence you need to complete those unfinished projects. Instruction in free motion quilting, using the walking foot, batting, thread, etc.

DARLENE LEOSH

BRAIDED QUILT ROW BY ROW

Sat: Jan. 18 10:00 – 3:00

Thurs: Mar. 13 10:00 – 3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

This is a great class to use up some of those left over 2 ½ “ strips or you can cut them from your forever growing stash! For those of you who don't have a stash yet, you can purchase jelly rolls or shop for a variety of fabrics. This quilt will be pieced and quilted by row/columns then put together using sashing/joining strips.

FRENCH KISS BAG

Thurs: Feb. 13 10:00 – 3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

This is the bag for every purpose. You will use it going to the flea market, shopping or carrying your latest sewing project. It's one of those bags that looks great and you can't live without. I will show you how to add a zippered pocket area using a great technique, **stressfree!**

ALL AROUND

Thurs: Feb. 27 10:00 – 3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

This quilt is strip pieced using five fabrics then cut using a special ruler. When put back together the middle fabric forms a square while the other fabrics act as a light and dark half. This really gives the quilt dimension and depth.

MARLYN MOREY

MINIATURE SAMPLER BLOCK REUNION

Fri: Jan. 31 10:00 – 1:00

Fee: \$10 1 Session

Join with other quilters who are presently working on a miniature block project, plan to make a miniature block heirloom, or have completed a miniature block heirloom. This is a get together for “Dear Jane”, “Nearly Insane” and other miniature sampler artists. We will show our progress, talk about challenges and receive technique advice. This should be great encouragement for future progress on these projects.

It's a Mystery!!!

*Be one of the first 20
people to join our first
MYSTERY BLOCK OF
THE MONTH!*

*You won't know what
you're making until it's
finished! And it's very
beautiful!*

Upcoming Classes (continued)

MARLYN MOREY (cont'd)

**ADVANCED NEEDLE TURN
APPLIQUE AMERICAN
ALBUM FLORAL BORDER**

Fri: Feb. 14 & 28 10:00 – 3:00
Fee: \$45 2 Sessions

Our love for Baltimore Album quilts was the inspiration for P3 Designs American Album Blocks. Each 15” block is filled with flowers, birds and a little American History. Whether you chose to make some of these beautiful blocks or are looking for a fabulous border to complete another project, this border class is a must. You will learn to place your layered appliqué pieces using an overlay method. You will also learn to use freezer paper on the front side of your appliqué pieces. Marlyn hopes to provide you with the tools to improve your points & curves. Time will also be spent on color selection, which is an important element in completing realistic botanical blocks.

**BEGINNING NEEDLETURN
APPLIQUE**

Thurs: Mar. 6 10:00 – 3:00
Fee: \$35 1 Session

Make a traditional Oak Leaf and Reel appliqué block to be used as a single block or in a larger project. Marlyn will have you use this project to become comfortable with straight edge appliqué stitches and then teach more intermediate techniques such as circles and points to be used in your future projects. You will learn 3 different pattern transfer techniques, appliqué blind stitch and stitching techniques and tips.

SARA ROSS

BREADFRUIT

Hawaiian Applique

Thurs: Feb. 20 10:00-3:00
Fee: \$35 1 Session

Hawaiian Appliqué is based on the “snowflake” method. You will learn this historical technique from selecting fabric, to cutting, gluing or basting, and appliqué. This should always be your first Hawaiian piece. Come to class and learn why this is so.

FRANCES STEENBURGH-

**BRAZILIAN EMBROIDERY
LEVEL 1**

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Fri: Jan. 17 & 10:00-4:00
Fri: Jan. 24 1:00-4:00
OR
Mon: Feb. 10 & 10:00-4:00
Fri: Feb. 21 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$35 2 Sessions
Thread Kit: \$9.00

This very popular class is very appropriately named! All the basic stitches & information but a bit more **intense** beginner class.

ALPINE MEADOWS

Tues: Jan 28 10:00-4:00
Fee: \$30 1 Session
Thread Kit: \$9.00

New Easy Beginner! Flowers of the Northeast. Learn **EIGHT** stitches with different sizes of thread in 12 colors.—A beautiful design for a 5”x7” frame.

LEVEL II

SUMMER BOUQUET

Thurs: Mar. 27 & Apr. 3
10:00-4:00
Fee: \$35 2 Sessions

This design is an easier 2nd level class than last year. The instructions are excellent. Did you notice the long bullions? Completed with a smaller frame – even an oval looks nice.

**BI/WEEKLY WORKSHOP
PERSONALIZE YOUR
DESIGN
ANY LEVEL WELCOME**

FRIDAYS 10:00-12:30
Jan. 10 & 24 Feb. 7 & 21
Mar. 7

MONDAYS 10:00-12:30
Mar. 17 & 31 Apr. 14 & 28
Fee: \$4 per session

This year will include the Dresden Plate design. (JDR 117 pattern). Work a few flowers each workshop or at your own speed, using your threads that you may have collected. Also, you are free to work on unfinished designs where you need help.

**CATE ROSENDALE
APPLIQUE WORKSHOP**

First Tuesdays 10:00-1:00
Fee: \$10 per Session
Jan. 7 Feb. 4

No MAR. mtg. April 1
This workshop is open to anyone in need of help with any appliqué project – new or “in the works”. Cate will help with technique, color choices etc. Come join the fun – sit, stitch, relax and enjoy!

DONNA TREFETHEN

HAND QUILTING

Tues: Jan. 21 10:00-3:00

Tues: Mar. 18 10:00-3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Learn the basics of fine hand quilting this hands-on class. Donna will take you through all the steps – from marking to binding. Keep this age-old tradition alive!

RIBBON ROADS TABLE

RUNNER

Tues: Feb. 18 10:00-1:30

Fee: \$25 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

An easy way to learn how to do the Ribbon Roads quilt. It is a scrappy runner and can be hand or machine made. This pattern shows different things depending on which way you look at it. I have seen houses, ribbons standing up and much more

**BRENDA GRAMPSAS
QUILT APPRAISER &
HISTORIAN**

Thurs.: Jan. 16 10:30 – 4:00

Lecture and Appraisals

Today’s lecture is entitled **“To Finish or Not To Finish”**

Lecture – Fee \$5:00 10:30 – 12:00

Quilt Appraisals 1:00 – 4:00

Sign up early because space is limited. Have your quilts appraised. Fair Market, Insurance or Replacement values.

Verbal \$10.00

Written \$40.00

Carol’s Corner (cont’d)

I’m down to the last container and have decided to climb back onto the “no” wagon – for a while anyway. My “wannado’s” are piling up, not to mention the UFO’s. Maybe it’s time for another cleaning out and passing on – but not tonight!

The clock now says 4:50 AM and is ticking “go to bed, go to bed”. Think I will, think I will.

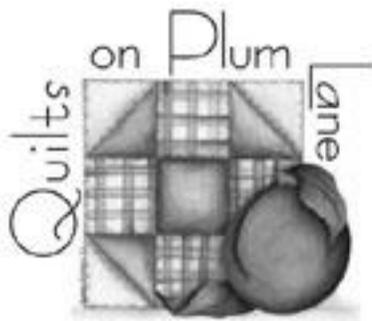
Thanks for listening, thanks for always being there. You’re all such an important part of my life. I know it’s corny and cliché but threads really do bind us together. My journey over the past year has helped me to understand that more than ever. Simple pieces of cloth, stitched with care and love hold our memories forever. My plan is to hang on tight and keep making those memories – but think I’ll get a little shuteye first!!

**Still Happily Sticking!
Carol**

30% Storewide Sale
Everything in the Store
Come – Shop til you Drop Saturday
April 5th 9:00-7:00
Exceptions: Consignment or already on sale items.

Florida Through the Year Shop Hop
January 3rd thru the 18th
Lots of fun and lots of prizes!
Check out the website for more info!
<http://www.bayareashophop.com/>

Class Policies: Payment is required at the time of registration. Classes may be cancelled if the teacher minimum is not met. Refunds will be given if a class is cancelled. If you are unable to attend a class and call five days before the class begins, you can transfer to another class or receive store credit.

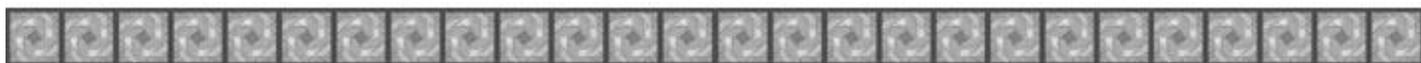


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 SPECIAL EVENTS**

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Antique Faire	Apr 5 & 6
Antique Car Show	First Saturday of each month

CLASS PREVIEW

**SATURDAY JANUARY 4, 2014
 10:00 – 12:00**

Come meet the teachers and see what new and exciting projects and techniques they have planned for the upcoming year.

RECEIVE A 20% DISCOUNT ON CLASS SUPPLIES ONLY, with your paid registration.

***Special
 Announcements***
Closings

New Year's Day Jan 1

Sales and special days

Class Preview	Jan 4
Shop Hop	Jan 3-18
Brenda Grampas	Jan 16
Fat Quarter Sale	Mar. 4
30% off Sale	April 5