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Dear Quilters,

Another winter blew by! Why is it the older I get, the faster me seems to pass? I guess that is why I haven't finished as many projects as I had intended! I did use up 20 fat quarters of Kaffe Face that have been sitting on one of my shelves. I have made two quilts out of them and am determined to do something else out of the rest! (Hardly made a dent on the shelf that's for sure!)

My next mission is to continue with paring down my stash. I have picked out three large pieces of fabric for borders, now I just have to pull out pieces to coordinate with them. Hmmmm, here is where I get in trouble. You see, I just can't find the "right" shade of blue or that perfect green print...So off to the quilt shop to buy more fat quarters!! Oh no! So when you stop by, ask me how I'm doing with my stash and I'll ask you too!

We are going to keep working on toothbrush rugs. (They really use up STASH). I have scheduled several classes over the summer. I'm also going to start a "Pincushion a Month" program. Our first one will be in June. It will be a make it and take it class. Should be lots of fun!

We will be monkeying around this summer also. HINT: Check out our window to see what I'm talking about. We are going to show you how to make a stuffed monkey; perfect for the children in your life or better yet the young at heart in your life.

I am still dyeing wool and coming up with some fun new colors. We are going to be making up new kits as soon as our flannel backgrounds arrive.

We are participating in the [2016 Row by Row Experience](#) again this summer. Be sure to visit us this summer so you can join in the fun! The dates for the "experience" are June 21 - Sept. 6, 2016. You can also click on this [link](#) for complete details.

I hope you have a wonderful summer.

Donna

Carol's Corner

Hi Ya'll,

This has been a busy few months for me - but not because I've been stitching my little fingers off. My sewing since January has consisted of a few hours every now and then working on "Hosta" and evenings hand stitching my hexies. I'm putting the plates into rows now but it's a slow process. I'm not even laying them out on my design wall, just randomly picking them up. So far they all seem to be playing well together. Time will tell!

The other thing I've been doing in the evenings is working my way through a wonderful book by Sue Spargo called "Creative Stitching". It's filled with unique stitches for embellishing applique especially wool - using yummy threads and yarns. My plan is to have an ongoing workshop working our way through the book. I had hoped to be ready for this flyer but you know how it goes - the best laid plans! Hopefully in the fall.

So what have I been doing the past few months? The biggest news is my daughter and Tim were married on February 29 (why Leap Year? Tim says it's so he only has to buy a gift every four years. Trust me, Jenn straightened him out on that!) It was a very small wedding - close family and friends on the dock on our property. The weather was perfect as was everything else which still amazes me as we put it together in a week. They found out on the 23rd when they got the license, that weddings are no longer performed at the courthouse. We went into panic mode! Thank goodness for my buddy Sara. She put us in touch with a notary who did a lovely ceremony. Meanwhile Jenn's dress needed to be altered and shortened and we couldn't pick it up until the day before. And then to make matters worse, they told us they wanted the reception at our house! That's when I went into Double Panic Mode!! I'd been painting the dining room and everything was torn up and half done. So, petal to the metal, we made it semi presentable and ate on the patio. Most of the food was platters from Publix, so it was easy and relaxed. It was a lovely day, simple, just what they wanted. Doing it in a few days is the way to go, there's no time to fret the small stuff.

My weekends have been filled with working on our house. Nothing major (yet) just painting, putting up new trim and laying a new floor. What a difference a few cosmetic changes make. The biggest challenge still lies ahead - the kitchen. I have my wants and Leo has "what he'll agree to". We'll see how it turns out. I'm finding a can of paint can do miracles!

As summers go in Florida, we're slower and have a lot of open days on our calendar. If anyone would like some extra help or there's a class you'd like to do please let us know. We'll do our best to help you out. Sara is happy to teach Hawaiian Applique or The Hedgehogs and Chong will do a machine quilting class for a group of three or more. And I'm pretty much a sucker - ask and I'll probably say yes!

Have a wonderful summer - if it goes as fast as this winter did, we won't have to suffer the heat for too long (I hope)....It's coming!

Thank you all for your continued support. Keep bringing in those finished projects. Show and tell never goes out of style!

My best to you all.

Still happily stitching,

Carol

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
SATURDAY, JULY 16

All Christmas fabric will be 25% off

30% OFF STOREWIDE SALE
Saturday August 13 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

**Sale and Consignment items are exempt

UPCOMING CLASSES

TEACHER: RHONDA BINGHAM

YELLOW BRICK ROAD



Friday: May 20 10:00 - 3:00

Friday: July 15 10:00 - 3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

This versatile pattern has never gone out of style. Choose your fat quarters and simply come to class. A great class for a beginner with basic rotary cutting and sewing.

CATHEDRAL WINDOW



Friday: May 27 10:00 - 3:00

Friday: July 29 10:00 - 3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

Sewing Machine Required

This time-honored technique is fast and 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!

TEACHER: CAROL BRADSHAW

WOOL APPLIQUE WORKSHOP



Wednesday: May 25 10:00 - 3:00

Fee: \$35 1 Session

We'll work on a small project that will teach various techniques of working with wool. No edges to turn under get the "look" without the work! We'll talk about different backgrounds, stitches etc. Wool is wonderful combined with pieced blocks.

LEARN TO DO HAND QUILTING

Wednesday: June 15 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$35 1 Session

Hand quilting is alive and well! We'll work on an 18" square, using a hoop and stitch away! Instruction in marking basting and lots of information on batting, needles, threads etc.; as well as the stitching technique. You'll be hand quilting that treasured heirloom before you know it!

GARDEN DELIGHT



Wednesday: June 22 & 29 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$45 2 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required

Back by popular demand! This is a great quilt; strip pieced in the rail fence method. The blocks magically turn "on point" with a couple of creative cuts. Three sizes offered.

MORNING MELODY BARGELLO



Wednesday: July 13 & 27 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$45 2 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required

This quilt really makes a statement! The colors swirl across the quilt in a traditional bargello design. If you've been hesitant to try a bargello because of the complexity, this could be the one for you! Easy enough for a confident beginner.

COLORWHEEL QUILT



Wednesday: August 10 & 17 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$45 2 Sessions
Sewing Machine Required

Another great Eleanor Burns quilt. Easy enough for a beginner. The "bargello look" is created by strip piecing graded colors. Some sizes have a background strip separating the horizontal rows. Striking as a wall hanging or bed quilt.



In memory of Donna's granddaughter Halle's 16th Birthday June 2, 2016, The Halle Grace Foundation is launching its first annual toy drive to benefit a local Children's Hospital. If you are interested in donating a new, unopened toy, please drop it off at the shop by May 20.

Be a Quilts on Plum Lane Bag Lady!
3rd Saturday of every month.

TEACHER: DIANE LACOMBE

BLOOMING NINE PATCH



Tuesday: July 12 & 26 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$45 2 Sessions

Sewing Machine Required

THIS IS FOR CONFIDENT BEGINNERS OR ABOVE

Have you been looking for a design for that "special" quilt that you've been wanting to make? This beautiful quilt is probably what you're looking for! Taken from the book "Traditions with a Twist" by Blanche Young and Dalene Young Stone. The Blooming Nine Patch blends 8 to 12 fabrics depending on the size you want - giving the beholder the illusion of a flowing garden or a water color quilt. You too can make this fabulous quilt. Your family and friends will be impressed with your talent!

TEACHER: DONNA LILLIBRIDGE

TOOTHBRUSH RUG



Saturday: May 14 10:00 - 3:00
Thursday: June 9 10:00 - 3:00
Saturday: July 16 10:00 - 3:00
Wednesday: August 24 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$35 1 Session

Do you have a little extra fabric lying around? Join in the summer fun of making your own braided rug that you can throw in the washer and dryer!

MONKEY



Tuesday: June 21 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$30 1 Session
Sewing Machine Required

Make a darling stuffed monkey from Tilda's Toy Box. A great gift for that young child in your life.

PIN CUSHION of the MONTH

Saturday: June 18 10:00 - 3:00
Saturday: July 9 10:00 - 3:00
Saturday: August 20 10:00 - 3:00
Fee: \$10 plus Kit 1 Session

Each month we will make a different pincushion. (Kits will be available)

June - Tropical pincushion
July - Shabby Chic pincushion
August - Woolly Pincushion

TRUNK SHOW AND LECTURE

BRENDA GRAMPSAS, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser
Saturday, June 25 2016 10:00 am
Lecture Fee: \$5.00

Did you know quilts sometimes contain secret messages?

Join us at Quilts on Plum Lane Quilt Shop on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. to hear about these secret messages. Brenda Grampsas, American Quilters Society certified Quilt Appraiser will be presenting this lecture and quilt trunk show of about a dozen quilts that reveal messages to look for and messages to include in your next quilt. Brenda will also be available to do written quilt appraisals and verbal quilt evaluations following this special presentation at the shop. A written appraisal is \$45.00 per quilt and a verbal evaluation is \$20.00. Please call the shop to reserve me for your appraisal needs.

ROW BY ROW EXPERIENCE

All 50 US states and Canada, too!

Travel and collect rows

June 21 - September 6, 2016

Bring in completed quilt for prize:

June 21 - Oct. 31, 2016

No passports! No fees!

How about this... a shop hop type event with no fees, no passports and all summer to play? Simply visit any of the participating shops and receive a free pattern for a row in a quilt. Combine your rows in any way to create a unique quilt that represents the fun you had traveling throughout the summer. Travel with friends, discover new quilt shops and have fun collecting rows! Prizes, collectables and more fun!

Create a quilt using at least 8 different 2016 rows from 8 different 2016 participating Row by Row shops and be the first to bring it into a participating shop to win a stack of 25 fat quarters (6-1/4 yards of fabric!). Use that shop's row in your quilt and win a bonus prize!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH
WE HAVE A FEW OPENINGS
AMISH WITH A TWIST, SERIES III: Best of Friends



This block of the month is gorgeous. As you can see two versions of the quilt are pictured. With this 10 month program you will have the option to make either design. The cost is \$22.95 per month. If you are interested in this quilt please call the shop for details.



DADE CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

Cruise-In - Downtown

September thru June - 1st Saturday

Saturday July 16

Christmas in July

SPECIAL SHOP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sales and Special Days

Monday May 30- MEMORIAL DAY

CLOSED

June 21 - September 6

Row by Row Experience

Saturday June 25

Brenda Grampsas Lecture

Monday July 4 - FOURTH OF JULY

CLOSED

3rd Sat @ month

Plum Lane Bag Lady Day

Saturday August 8 9:00 am - 7:00 pm 30% Storewide Sale