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Winter 2011

Happy New Year! I hope the holiday season was good to you and you were able to spend time with friends and family. I had a great Christmas with my family here and then traveled to Newfoundland to bring in the New Year with my daughter and her family. Traveling was very smooth this year with no unplanned adventures, that is always good!

Now that the holidays are over we need something to fill those cold wintery days. We have scheduled a lot of classes hoping something will appeal to you. What a great way to spend your winter, making a quilt for yourself or someone special. We challenge you to try something new this year!

Coming Events

Moose Jaw Quilt Show
April 16 & 17
Moose Jaw Exhibition Grounds
Brandon Quilt Show
April 29 & 30
Yorkton Quilt Show
April 29 & 30
St. Mary's Cultural Center

Charity Quilts

2nd & 4th Monday of each month
from 1:00 -4:00 -

We all have lots of fabrics we no longer want. Let's use those fabrics to make quilts for the less fortunate. We will pick a pattern, you come and help cut and sew. When the quilts are complete we will donate them to a worthy cause. Here is a chance to sew , learn, and feel good about what you are doing.

Block of the Month

Roses of Remembrance

Welcome to our Roses of Remembrance Block of the Month program. We hope you will enjoy making this colorful appliqued quilt by Sharon Pederson. Our program will include everything to complete the top of the quilt that finishes at 63" x 63".

The cost of the program is $28.98 plus shipping and handling for a total of 13 months. Each month you will be sent a pattern and fabric kit for a part of the quilt. The entire background fabric will be sent the first month, so the dye lot stays consistent throughout your quilt.

In addition to this packet of fabric you will need to purchase either the "Rose of Sharon" book or the "Rose of Sharon DVD. In addition there are other offering that are optional; Rose of Sharon dies for the GO! cutters and the thread collection from Aurifil.

Part of the sales of all these components will be donated to the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative, which is a national charity whose mission is to raise awareness and fund research for Alzheimers.

Rose of Sharon Book; $32.98
Die for the GO cutter; $63.95
Aurifil thread Pak; $92.98

Saturday Sampler

second Sat. of each month at 10:00

If you haven't been in our store on one of these Saturdays you need to come and check it out. We started this year's quilt in October but you can still join in if you wish. It costs $75.00 to join, then each month you receive a pattern and the fabric to make that block. We demo how to make that block, then you go home and sew your block. If you return the next month with your finished block, you receive a $5.00 coupon.

This is a great opportunity to learn various new techniques, meet with other quilters and possibly end up with 12 different blocks for only $15.00

Spring Retreat

April 15, 16 and 17

These are dates we have confirmed for the retreat at Camp Wannacomeback at Clear Lake. It is a good opportunity to finish up some of prcjects that need doing. The spaces fill up quickly

Bag of the Month

Wed. Jan. 12, Feb.9,
March 9, April 13,
May 11, June 8
9:00 - 4:00

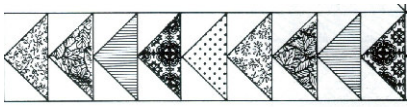
Bags are so popular right now and there are so many different patterns available. We decided we would offer a different bag class every month. We will do a variety of bags, all sizes and all shapes. You can sign up to do them all or pick and choose the ones you want to make. Some of these would make great gifts.

Cost; $15.00 per month

Class Policies

You must pre-register for all classes, either in person or by phone. Register at least a week in advance of the class you are interested in to insure a spot is saved for you. We need 4 or more for a class, so if you have 3 friends that would like to take a class we can set one up for you.

At the time of registration, you will receive a supply list of what is needed for that particular class. Most of the classes require a sewing machine. Please make sure your sewing machine is in good running order. If you do not have a machine you can bring, let us know and we will have have one ready for you to use.



Row by Row

Monday Jan. 31 & Feb. 7, 9:00 - 4:00

Instructor; Margaret James

If you are new to the quilting world this is the class you should take, or maybe you just want to try some new techniques. You will learn several of the basic skills and shortcuts needed for quiltmaking such as - half-square triangles, flying geese, hour glass triangles. Then you will join all these blocks into a quilt.

Cost; $40.00 or $20.00 with the purchase of your fabric.

It.s Not Rocket Science

Feb. 10, 17, 24

7:00-10:00

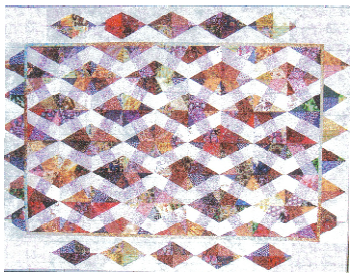
Instructor;

Sharon Armstrong

This is the class to take if you are new to quilting or want to improve your basic skills. You will learn how to use the rotary cutter, practice finding an accurate 1/4" seam and adding borders. You will find that making a quilt is not rocket science, you can do it!

Cost; $40.00 or $20.00 with the purchase of your fabric

Pattern; $12.98



Venetian Tiles

Saturday January 29, 9:00 -4:00

Instructor; Carolyn Pollock

This is a very attractive and complicated looking quilt, but by using the X-Block ruler, it becomes quite quick and simple. Depending on which ruler you use it could a wallhanging or a full size quilt.

Cost; $40.00 or $20.00 with the purchase of your fabric.

Pattern; $10.98

Block of the Week

Gems and Jewels

by Jackie Robinson

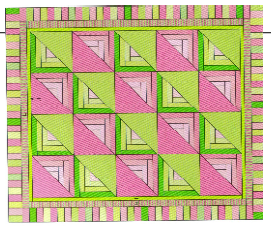
Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22

2:00 p.m.

This is a 5 week project. Each week we will demo how three different blocks are made and the last week we put them together. Each individual block is fast, simple and appears fabulous. We will use Angle Play templates by Margaret Miller to improve accuracy. Paper templates are in each pattern for those who wish to gamble with a paper template.

Everyone chooses there own colors, so it is so interesting to see the same pattern made up in different tones.

Templates; $34.98



Split Log Cabin

Sat. Feb. 19,

9:00 - 4:00

Instructor; Carolyn Pollock

The Log Cabin quilt is an old favourite but this pattern is a little different. It makes only half a block and then finishes the other side of the block with a big triangle. This is one of those quilts that looks really unique but is simple enough for a beginner.

Cost; $40.00 or $20.00 with the purchase of your fabric

It's a Wrap

Saturday Feb. 5,

9:00 - 4:00

Instructor; Shirley Kelly

This will just be a fun class. We will take clothesline, wrap with strips of fabric and then design a bowl, a placemat or even a bag. Making wrapped and coiled projects provides a relaxing break from the other sewing projects you have on the go.

Price; $20.00

Quick Broken Star

Saturday Feb. 26; 9:00 - 4:00

Instructor; Shirley Kelly

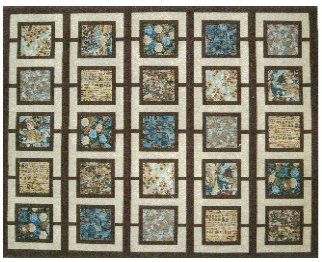
There are numerous 8 pointed star patterns that are very attractive. This one is different in that all the pieces are in a much larger scale, thus it goes together much quicker but still is a dazzling project.

Cost; $40.00 or $20.00 with the purchase of your fabric

Kings Court Cross

Wed. March 2,
9:00 - 4:00
Instructor; Linda Doll

Linda is going to instruct you how to make this traditional quilt in miniature form. The finished quilt is 15" x 18". Miniatures use so little fabric you will be able to make this from your stash.
Cost; $20.00



Towne Square

Saturday March 5, 9:00 - 4:00
Instructor; Sharon Armstrong

This is a different Town Square than we taught last fall. This one, by "Moutainpeek Creations, is an excellent pattern to use some of those larger prints that you don't want to cut all up.
Cost; $40.00 or $20.00 with the purchase of your fabric
Pattern; $10.98

3D Folded Blocks

March 17 & 24; 10:00 - 4:00
Instructor; Shirley Kelly

You will think they're pieced, but these 3-dimensional blocks are cleverly folded and layered, squares and rectangles. The first day we will make three different blocks and on the second day we will put them together into a sampler that could be used as a tablerunner or a wallhanging.
Cost; $40.00 or $20.00 with the purchase of your fabric
Book; $34.98

French Braid

Sat. March 26,
9:00 - 4:00
Instructor;
Shirley Kelly

This is a pattern I have been wanting to do for awhile, so come and lets do it! French Braid quilts are quite easy and quick to do.For the most part we are only working with squares and rectangles. Although they look complicated they are very easy to piece and once you've learned the technique, the variations are endless.
Cost; $40.00 or $20.00 with the purchase of your fabric
Book; $37.98

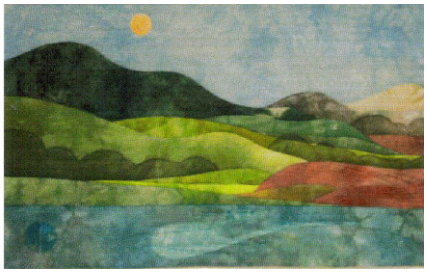
Take 5....Crosses the line

Saturday April 2; 9:00 - 4:00
Instructor; Sharon Armstrong

This pattern is taken from the book -"Take 5". Simply take 5 fabrics. stack them simultaneously, and you are ready to sew. It's the relax and have fun way to create visually stunning quilts.
Cost; $40.00 or $20.00 with the purchase of your fabric
Book; $21.98

It's My Tuesday and I will Quilt if I want To!

Do you have projects you would like to finish but can't find the time? Maybe you need a little help with a certain technique? On the 3rd Tuesday of each month we will meet at the store and work on whatever you want. You can come at 1:00 or at 7:00 or you can come in the afternoon and stay for the evening. What about potluck supper at 6:00!



Horizon's

Tuesday April 5; 9:00 - 4:00
Instructor; Shirley Kelly

For something different I thought we should try a landscape quilt. Using a pattern by Hilary Rice we will learn the fundamentals of doing landscape pictures, but still have some structure to follow. Come and join us and give it a try. Because you use such a small amount of fabric we will make up kits to purchase if you wish.
Cost; $20.00 for the class
$25.00 for the kit (we choose the fabrics)

D I Y - Decorating

Jan.11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12,
May 10; 7:00 - 10.00
Instructor; Shirley Kelly

This is an evening class geared to those of you who want to learn some basic sewing skills. You can use those skills to decorate your home and Do It Yourself! We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. In January we will be making simple placemats and then we will move on to some simple curtains and valances. This class is definitely for beginners so feel free to join us whenever you can.
Cost; $15.00 per evening

We are up and Running!!!

We now have a web-site that is current and up to date, that means you are capable of viewing our newsletter as well as many other things on our web site at "shirleyssewingroom.com".If you are interested in doing that and no longer need us to send you a copy by mail, please let us know. We will notify you by e-mail when the newsletter is available for viewing. Make sure we have your e-mail address so we can contact you about all our in-store specials.

Block of the Month

Lovebird Lane

by the Quilt Company

Lovebird Land has 5 Birdhouse themed Blocks such as birds gathering at "Quilter's Re-tweet", gardening at "Birdies's Garden" and having cupcakes and tea at "Sweet Tweets". All blocks and tulip and ribbon border use easy piecing with no templates and fusible applique. The fabrics used are from the "Wild Rose" collection from Maywood Studios. The finished quilt size is 62" x 72".

Cost; $44.98 each month for 6 months.

This includes patterns, fabric, special

Row Robin Quilt Exchange

starts Feb. 21 at 10:00 a.m.

We have had so much fun with the Round Robin's so this year we are going to give it a little different twist. In Feb. you will come with a pieced or appliqued row that would start a quilt. The size and pattern will set the mood for your quilt. You will put that row and 1 meter of fabric into a bag. We will exchange bags and you will add a row to the next person's quilt. After a year you will get your block back with 5 other rows added but you don't get to see yours until it is all done.

Patchwork for KIDS!

February 23,24 & 25 1:30 - 4:30

Here is a chance for the new generation of quilters to get started. We are inviting children 8 years and older to come. You will learn how to operate a sewing machine and basic sewing skills as you make a simple tote bag.

Cost; $55.00 which includes instruction and fabrics.

Schoolhouse Day

Saturday March 19 starting at 9:30 a.m.

We tried this last year and it went over very well so we are going to try it again. It is an excellent way to show you some new techniques and gadgets that might make your quiltmaking just a little bit easier. It is a day meant for fun and sharing. There will be a series of mini demo's, you can pick and choose which ones you are interested in.

9:30 - We will start out the day looking at several methods of making flying geese, one of those methods using the "Wing Clipper".

10:00 - Coffee and Show and Tell. Bring along something you are working on and share it with us.

11:00 - Paintstiks. These are real paint in a stick form. We will show you how easy they are to use to add that something special to your project.

12:00 - We will be offering a simple lunch. You can eat here and make sure you don't miss anything.

1:00 - Photo Transfer. If you own a computer and a printer it is very easy to transfer pictures permanently onto fabric. We will show you how.

2:00 - Leaves Galore template by Sue Pelland. This is a new ruler we have brought in. We will show some of the many things you can do with it.

3:00 - Texture Magic. This is one of the most amazing ways to add some dimension to your project. You will love how easy it is to work with.

3:30 - Coffee Break

4:00 - Making Half-square triangles. There are many ways to make these popular parts of your quilt block. Pick the method you like best.

5:00 - Hot Ribbon. This is a new product that makes applique very easy and gives you stunning results

Cost, Morning $15.00, Afternoon $30.00, Both sessions & lunch $45.00

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