

Coming Shows

Cal-Co Quilters Guild Saturday September 8, 9 - 5 Sunday September 9, 10 - 4 Marshall Activities Center Just west of I69

Kalamazoo Log Cabin Quilters Saturday September 22, 10 - 5 Sunday September 23, noon - 5 Kingdom Indoor Center Off Centre between Sprinkle & Portage

Harvest Shop Hop 2007

September 26 - 29 Passports \$15.00 Sign up now!

Around the Block Quilt Shop Portland

> Attic Window Comstock Park

Forever Fabrics Greenville

> Quilt n' Go East Leroy

Quilts Plus, Inc. Kalamazoo

Shops at the Marshall House Marshall

Smith Owen Sewing & Quilt Center Grand Rapids

> The Hen House Charlotte

Viking Sewing Center Kalamazoo

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Come see us now!

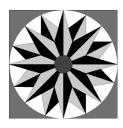
We were very sad to lose In Sheep's Clothing, but were extremely happy to gain the space. Stop by to see our new look! The official Open House is Oct. 20 from 10 - 5. We should be fully back to normal after the quilt show and shop hop by then.

If you need a little extra help on one of your class projects (or any quilting project) everyone here is glad to assist. Pat works Monday and most Saturdays. Rita is here on Tuesday and Thursday, Judy on Wednesday, Ellen and Joyce on Friday. Greg has Tuesday and Thursday off and I seem to be here unless I'm out of town. If you absolutely must see a particular person it is a good idea to call ahead.

Come in and make a wish list for the upcoming holiday season. Husbands, kids, friends and secret pals will appreciate this when they come to our Secret Santa nights on Thursdays, November 8 and 15. We will be open until 7pm to help locate the treasures on your lists.

December 5th is our 4th Anniversary. We will celebrate during the Merchants' Open House on November 30. There will be sales and goodies as well as another chance to look at the gift lists entrusted to us.

We did find great new ideas at Market as well as more stunning fabrics. One of the most interesting new things is the Skillbuilder collection. This is a book and two panels designed to give you confidence in machine quilting. We have them all & Joyce suggests them to her machine quilting students for further practice. My favorite new pattern company is Bigfork Bay Cotton Company. They have a fusible appliqué series of crows and chickens by Debi Hubbs that are flying out the door. Amy Bradley's newest quilt pattern is Planetary Party. Watch for this as a block of the month next year. Greg saw the Daiwabo taupe fabrics and insisted on carrying some. They are gorgeous and compliment a great variety of fabrics.



Current Classes: sign up today!

Quiltmaking 101...Rita

This series of classes will give you a solid introduction to the wonderful world of guilting. By the end you will have 12 blocks for a sampler quilt and the ability to stitch many others. This is a great class for beginners or anyone who needs to brush up on techniques. Saturdays: October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17 from 10 - 2 \$59 plus book and materials

Hand Quilting with Rita

Explore the basics of hand guilting. Thursday October 4 from 5 - 8 Monday November 12 from 10 - 1 \$25 includes most materials

Stash Jacket...Rita

You construct this jacket instead of building it on a sweatshirt. Use some of those favorite fabrics and show them off. Monday December 3 from 10 - 4 \$35 plus pattern

Autumn Braid…Rita

Designed for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, this quilt could be spectacular in spring, summer or winter colors too. Thursday October 11 from 5 - 8 \$25 plus pattern

Machine Quilting ... Joyce

Here are the basics of machine quilting. You will learn how to set up your machine, the needles threads and notions to use and free motion stitching. There is ample time for hands on practice.

Tuesday October 9 from 10 - 4 \$35

Machine Quilting II...Joyce

This class concentrates on choosing designs to use in quilting. Bring your tops to discuss what to use to compliment your guilt. You will also practice additional designs. Saturday October 27 from 10 - 4 \$35

Welcome Pineapple...Pat

Create Edyta Sitar's pineapple banner in raw edge appliqué Thursday October 25 from 10 - 4 \$25 plus pattern

Paper Piecing...Joyce

Joyce starts with a small wreath from MH Designs to teach the basics of this technique. Monday October 29 from 10 - 2 \$25 plus pattern

Sunshine Pineapple...Rita

This stunner captures a sense of light through piecing and easy machine appliqué using beautiful color saturated batiks.

Thursday November 1 from 5 - 8 \$25 plus pattern

Oriental Tiles...Rita

This Asian inspired quilt is the perfect place to feature a collection of fat quarters or one stunning large scale print. Friday November 9 from 10 - 3 \$30 plus pattern

Heading for the Finished Line...

Rita

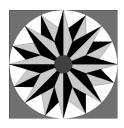
For everyone who has taken a class, completed the blocks and isn't sure how to go on...a lecture & demonstration that encompasses setting, sashing, points, borders, miters and binding.

Bring your blocks and be prepared to take notes. Saturday January 19 from 10 - 3 \$30.

Circle Medallion...Rita

Create a wonderful circle design using the mini wedge ruler and a striped or border print fabric. Saturday January 26 from 10 - 4

\$35 plus ruler



Mystery Quilt...Rita

Take three fabrics, do some pre-class cutting and you will see the pattern (and secondary pattern) unfold as you sew in class.

<u>Monday January 14 from 10 - 4</u> \$30

Appliquéd Sweatshirt Jacket...Pat

Here is a different twist on the sweatshirt jacket. <u>Wednesday October 3 from 10 - 4</u> \$25

Hollyhocks and Hummers...Joyce

Have a wonderful time playing with batiks in this hand or fused appliqué wall hanging. Some needleturn appliqué experience appreciated. <u>Monday November 5 from 10 - 4</u> \$35 plus pattern

Stacking Techniques

The second two of these have been some of our most popular classes. We have added the Four Patch Stacked Posies and are offering all three in a series of increasing difficulty.

Four Patch Stacked Posies...Rita

Make a gorgeous quilt using only one print for the featured blocks and borders. <u>Friday October 5 from 10 - 4</u> <u>Friday October 12 from 10 - 4</u> \$35 plus pattern

Stack n Whack...Rita

This is the classic stacked quilt. Everyone needs to make at least one of these. <u>Friday November 2 from 1 - 5</u> \$30 plus book

One Block Wonder...Rita

One fabric, one block, unbelievable quilts! You don't want to miss this one. <u>Fridays; August 24 & September 7 from 10 - 4</u> <u>Saturdays October 13 & November 10 from 10 - 4</u> <u>Fridays; January 4 and 25 from 10 - 4</u> \$45 plus book & materials

Create a Class

Remember, we happily schedule classes to order. If you and two or more of your friends are interested in a particular technique or pattern we will try to schedule a class for you.

Call with requests or suggestions.

In order to hold your place in class, please pay when registering

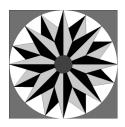
<u>Monthly</u>

Civil War Love Letters...Rita

Get wrapped up in the loves and lives of Civil War soldiers and the quilt blocks their stories inspired. Rita will also bring information written from and about the women's perspective during this time to each meeting. Each month you will make four blocks from *The Civil War Love Letters Quilt* by Rosemary Youngs <u>The first Saturday of each month beginning in October</u> <u>from 3 - 5</u> \$5/month plus book

UFO Busters...Pat

Take a hard look at your UFOs and choose the one you most want to finish. Bring it in and stitch for a few hours or all day. You must finish this before you bring the next one and Pat will be keeping track of them. Prizes for finishing! <u>Every fourth Wednesday from 10 - 4</u> \$5/month



Machine Quilting Studio Time ... Joyce

Do you have some machine quilting experience but don't feel that you are ready for an advanced class? Come and stitch with Joyce for a day and watch your skills grow. <u>Friday October 19</u> <u>Friday November 16</u> <u>Friday December 21 all from 10 - 2</u> \$15

Mini Me's Miniature Club...Rita

This group meets monthly to piece a miniature quilt. Patterns range from traditional to modern and can be hand or machine pieced. <u>Every third Sunday from 2 - 4</u> \$5/month

Home Sweet Home...Pat

This started last January and people are still joining. It has grown to an all day sit and sew. Come see the houses that have already been 'built' and start your own. <u>Every second Saturday from 10 - 4</u> \$5/month

The Great Pumpkin Quilt ...Pat

This country style pattern looks very different when done in our batiks. <u>Every third Monday from 6 - 9.</u> \$30.00 to join then \$5/month

Every Other Month

Banners...Joyce, Pat & Judy

Come and stitch a banner from the book *Quilter's Special Occasion*. These are a combination of piecing and appliqué. Join us for one or all. We will start with the hearts in January; then do the bunny, birthday cake, welcome, fall and Santa.

<u>First Saturday of every other month beginning in January</u> <u>from 10 - 2</u> \$10/month plus book

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Dates to remember

September 3	closed for Labor Day
September 8 & 9	Cal-Co Quilters Quilt Show
	Marshall
September 22 & 23	Log Cabin Quilters Quilt Show
	Kalamazoo
September 26 - 29	Harvest Shop Hop 2007
October 20	Open House to show off our
	new space
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hours Mon.-Sat. 10-5 Sun. 12-4 Thurs. till 7