

September 2012



## Events

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### A Quilter's Harvest

Saturday September 8

9am - 5pm

Sunday September 9

10am - 4pm

At the Marshall Activity Center  
On Michigan Ave. just west of I-69

For your convenience we will be open 9 - 5:30 Sat.  
and 10 - 5 Sun. during the show

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Stop by to see us on your way to Grand Rapids

### Quilts on the Grand

October 5-7

DeltaPlex Arena

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Busses and other tour groups are always welcome. If  
you let us know ahead of time that a large group is  
coming we'll be sure to have extra help on hand.

### Santa's Bag Arts & Crafts Show

Marshall High School

Saturday, Nov. 10

### Merchants' Open House

Fri. Nov. 30

This is also the beginning of our 9th Anniversary sale

My goodness! I started writing this newsletter in August and September is here already. This year has gone by so fast it's unbelievable.

It was good to see so many of you who stopped on the way to or from the AQS show in Grand Rapids. Be sure to come back to town for the Quilter's Harvest show at the Marshall Activity Center Sept. 8 & 9. Stop by to see us while you're in town and enjoy some of the other festivities and events during Home Tour weekend.

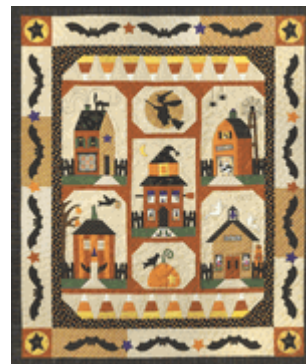
I listened to your many requests and finally have Soft Fuse in stock. It is packaged in three yard rolls so be sure to ask for it.

Edyta Sitar's Over the Rainbow collection from Moda is in and it is beautiful. Some of the blocks from her *Spring Bouquet* quilt are finished and up on the design wall in the classroom. Let us know what you would like us to order for you.

Sweetheart Houses is on the wall and so is Mill Girls.

You can begin Sweetheart Houses at any time. I'm still taking a count for Mill Girls before I order patterns.

We will be starting Sew Spooky as a Block of the Month in January. The model should be here for you to see in late November.



We have a new monthly group beginning the fourth Tuesday in September for anyone who wants to hand quilt. Sue will be happy to help you get started.





## Classes

### First Time Quiltmaking...Jodie

Start at the very beginning with how to use the basic tools and how to choose your fabrics. Then make a three rail quilt all the way to the finishing.

Three sessions; Thursdays, Sept. 20, Oct. 4 & 18

All from 10-3

\$60 plus book

### 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.

Saturday December 1 from 10-4

\$40

### Machine Quilting II ...Joyce

You already know the basics; now learn how to choose the designs to use in quilting. Bring your tops to discuss what to use to compliment your quilt.

You will also practice additional designs.

Saturday November 17 from 10-4

\$40

### Hawaiian Appliqué...Joyce

These two fabric quilts are very distinctive and, according to Joyce, quite easy to do. There are several models in the shop and some new patterns available.

Tuesday September 25 from 10 - 4

\$40 plus pattern



### Classmate...Gail

See through pockets and zippered compartments make this the ideal bag to take to class.

Wednesday September 26 from 10-4

\$25 plus pattern



Kits containing interfacings & vinyl will be available.

### Anything Amy...Denise Olson & Karen Penrod

Amy Bradley is one of our favorite raw edge appliqué designers. Choose any of her whimsical designs and benefit from Denise and Karen's tips and tricks.

Thursday September 27 from 10-4

\$30 plus the pattern of your choice



### Peace on Earth...Jodie

Hand embroidery and simple piecing combine in this wintertime wall hanging from Kathy Schmitz. For a faster project choose one of her Winter Friends Christmas stockings.

Wednesday October 10 from 10-4

\$25 plus pattern

### Autumn Leaves...Jodie

Choose a wall hanging or table runner from this classic pattern by Eleanor Burns and have it finished in time for this year's decorating.

Thursday October 11 from 10-4

\$25 plus pattern



### Paper Piecing-Niemeyer style...Joyce

Learn to paper piece using the Judy Niemeyer pattern of your choice. This class is for those new to the technique as well as anyone who would like a refresher.

Friday October 12 from 10 - 4

\$40 plus Judy Niemeyer pattern of your choice

### Circle Quilt...Denise Olson

Here is a new twist on a basic circle pattern quilt. This quilt as you go method is easy to make into any size and is reversible.

When this quilt was in the Stitches in Time Quilt Show in 2010 it generated lots of attention and Denise agreed to teach it at the shop.

This will be offered again early next year.

\$30 plus pattern



### Texture Magic Bag...Jodie

Choose one of three bag patterns that use Texture Magic and create a bag with a truly unique look.

Wednesday October 24 from 10-4

\$30 plus pattern

### Paper Piecing-Mathieson style...Joyce

This paper piecing method uses freezer paper and eliminates the need to remove paper after completing your top. Try both methods and see which works the best for you.

Friday November 9 from 10 - 4

\$40 plus book

### Monthly:

#### Civil War Stitch Along...Gail

Commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Come on in for an old fashioned sewing bee with fabrics appropriate for that time. If you have been working on Dear Jane or the Civil War Tribute block of the month bring those blocks along for help or encouragement.

Every first Sunday from 12 - 4

#### UFO Day

Once you cut into the fabric it's a UFO until it's finished.

We all have too many of these so come finish a few with other "project collectors". The only requirement is that you work on a UFO.

Every first Tuesday from 10-4

And

Every fourth Friday from 10-4

#### English Paper Piecing or the Insanity Quilt

This is once again becoming popular and at least two new books are scheduled for release soon. All English paper piecers are welcome to come in and stitch for an hour or all day. Some are making the Insanity Quilt (English paper piecing with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " hexagons) but this certainly isn't a requirement.

Every first Wednesday from 10-4

#### Home Sweet Home...Pat

This is a long-standing sit and sew. Come join us while you work on your current project

Every second Saturday except September from 10 - 4

#### Farmer's Wife...Sue Webster

The Farmer's Wife Sampler Quilt by Hird is the latest book the majority of these quilters are using. Come work on this quilt or another project.

Every third Sunday from 12 - 4

#### Hospice Helpers

This group meets monthly to work on quilts for Oaklawn Hospital's Hospice program. Some cut, some sew and others put on binding or pick up a kit. Come and join them if you can.

Every third Tuesday from noon to 4



## Appliqué Circle...Joyce

Joyce loves appliqué and invites others who feel the same way to join her. Bring your own project and stitch for the day.

This is often a big group and they have a wonderful time.

Come join the fun!

Every third Wednesday from 10 - 4

## Miniatures...Gail

Are you out of room for another quilt? Make your next one a mini! We have been collecting fabrics and patterns appropriate for these quilts so come and join in.

Every fourth Wednesday from 10-4

## NEW...NEW...NEW

## Hand Quilting Circle...Sue

Come in for a relaxing day of hand quilting. If you haven't hand quilted before, Sue will get you started.

Every fourth Tuesday from 10-4

## Blocks of the Month

### Sweetheart Houses

from Shabby Fabrics



The cost is \$42.00 for the pattern and \$15.00/month for 10 months for the fabric kits.

An embellishment kit is available for \$28.00

## The Mill Girls



Pattern \$56, then \$24/month for 10 months  
Beginning in September

## Sew Spooky

Begins in January

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Is there a technique or project you want to learn that we don't have listed?

We will happily schedule a "class on demand" for three or more people. Talk to your friends and give us a call.

## LOST

Omnigrd cutting pressing mat 12x17

Please check to see that you don't have Joyce's

## Regular Hours

Mon.-Sat. 10 - 5

Sun. 12-4

