



Quilt Shop News
February 2009

Our leading story is still the upcoming quilt show. Some of the downtown merchants are featuring quilt displays and having special offers for show goers. There are also more vendors than last year. Entry forms have been arriving but we can always use more quilts. Stop in to pick up a form or have me e-mail one to you.

Quilt Show

The next big news is the Quilters' Spring Stroll Shop Hop April 2nd, 3rd & 4th. Participating shops are:

Marshall's Stitches in Time

Saturday, March 28
9 - 4

Sunday, March 29
12 - 4

Admission \$5.00

Marshall Middle School
100 East Green St.
Marshall, MI

Vendors, Raffle quilts
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Mary Lou Hallenbeck
Presenting her
Big Buffet of Quilts
10 - 11 Sat. & 1-2 Sun.

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Sneak Preview of New Quilts
1 - 2 Sat.

Big Island Quilts, Schoolcraft, MI
Caroline's Cottage Cottons, Rome City, IN
Nancy's Stitches, Kendallville, IN
Quilt N Go, East Leroy, MI
Quilts at the Marshall House, Marshall, MI
The Quilt Shop, Middlebury, IN

Store hours are 9 am to 8 pm all three days so it can easily be finished in a day. Mark your calendar, talk to your friends, and take a Spring Stroll.

Passports are \$5.00 and available now.

There are always new fabrics. We have the Hoffman Challenge and a few coordinating pieces, Moda's Wildflower Serenade II, Oh Cherry Oh and Baskets of Flowers, Northcott's Vintage Iris, Wilmington's Bunny's Day Out and Clothwork's Rocket Scientist.

There are also new batiks, Asian blenders and additions to the color wall.

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.





Current Classes: sign up today!

Beginning Quilting ...Lori

So, you want to make a quilt and don't know where to start or do you just want to brush up on your skills. Lori will teach you the basics; from choosing fabric, to using the tools and accurate construction techniques. Your skill will grow as you make increasingly difficult blocks.

Three three hour sessions

Sundays: February 22, March 8 & 22

or

Sundays: June 7 & 28, July 26

from 1 - 4

\$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.

Monday February 23

Saturday April 18

all classes from 10 - 4

\$40

Paper Piecing...Joyce

There are many beautiful, complicated quilt designs that can be made with paper piecing. To learn the basics Joyce starts with a small wreath from MH Designs that can compliment any season.

Thursday February 19 from 10 - 2

\$25 plus pattern

Four Patch Stacked Posies...Gail

This quilt is a gentle introduction to stacking techniques and the results are stunning.

Thursday March 19 from 12 - 4

\$ 20 plus pattern

Raw Edge Machine Applique...Sharon

Take your choice of one of Amy Bradley's Seasoned Quilter Banners. Sharon will guide you through the fused and blanket stitched construction. (The shop model is enlarged 100%)

Thursday February 26

Or

Friday April 17 from 10 - 4

\$35 plus pattern

Bow Tucks Tote...Melissa

Come join Melissa to make a great quilted bag to fill with all your basic purse items. There is lots of pocket space inside and a great pocket for keys on the outside. Choose the regular or the mini version.

Saturday February 28 from 10 - 4

\$35 plus pattern

Aria...Gail

This New York Beauty variation by Valori Wells is smashing in batiks. Choose your fabrics and Gail will show you how to put them together.

Thursday March 12 from 10 - 4

\$35 plus book

One Block Wonder Encore...Gail

That fabulous One Block Wonder with hollow cubes for added interest. Gail will teach the basic technique, and then show you how to add cubes for a truly unique look. Some piecing experience is necessary.

Fridays: March 13 & April 10 from 10 - 4

\$45 plus book

African Fire Flower...Joyce

This striking quilt from Birch Creek Designs is a great way to use a collection of related stash. Asymmetrical hand or machine appliqué completes the top.

Tuesday April 7 from 10 - 4

\$40 plus pattern

Play with Angelina...Joyce

This raw edge dragonfly soars on wings of Angelina. Come play with this fiber and learn a whole new way to embellish your quilts.

Monday April 20 from 1 - 5

\$25 plus pattern and supplies



Basic Techniques in Hand Appliqué...Joyce

There are many ways to approach hand applique. Joyce has mastered many as you can see from her beautiful samples in the shop. She will show you several of of these techniques as well as the tools and tips she uses.

Thursday April 30 from 1 - 5

\$25 plus book

Charm Sampler...Pat

Have you purchased a charm pack but haven't decided what to do with it? Pat found a sampler pattern that is perfect for them. Three session class includes English paper piecing, appliqué, embroidery and machine piecing. All blocks are simple enough for the beginning quilter.

Saturdays; May 2, June 6 & 27 from 10 - 4

\$40 plus pattern

Link to the 30's...Joyce

How to make the quilts you didn't inherit. Love the 30's look? Then this is your class.

Thursday May 14 from 10 - 4

\$35 plus book

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 quilt.

You will also practice additional designs.

Saturday May 16 from 10 - 4

\$40

English Paper Piecing...Gail

Hexagons and more...choose a floral wall hanging or sampler quilt.

Friday May 22 from 10 - 4

\$30 plus book or pattern and materials

Embellish It!...Pat

Create the bunny runner from Kim Diehl's *Simple Seasons* or embellish your own creation in this class on three dimensional appliqué.

Saturday May 23 from 10 - 4

\$35 plus book

Creating Quilt Labels...Joyce

Your quilt labels can be simple or elaborate. You will make some of your own in class and Joyce will show you how to do others.

Thursday May 28 from 1 - 4

\$20 plus kit

Monthly

Here Comes Santa...Sharon

Come every first Friday and stitch a red work Santa from this Bird Brain Designs pattern. Monthly fee includes background fabric and pearl cotton.

Starts April 3rd from 10 - 4

\$5/month plus pattern the first month

Home Sweet Home...Pat

Yes, some are still working on Home Sweet Home. Others are doing Pumpkins, UFOs or other projects. This started two years ago in January and people are still joining. It has grown to an all day sit and sew. Come join us every month or just occasionally.

Every second Saturday from 10 - 4

\$5/month

Aunt Millie's Garden...Pat

Come work on your garden or just sit and sew.

Every third Sunday from 12 - 4

\$5/month

Stash Busters...Gail

Use it up, trade it, organize it or just pet it.

Every second Sunday starting in March from 12 - 4

\$5/month

Dear Jane...Gail

Come on in for an old fashioned sewing bee with Civil War fabrics.

Every first Sunday starting in February from 12 - 4

\$5/month

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Closed Easter Sunday

