



## Events

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### Quilters' Road Trip 2013

April, May & June

12 shops

Three months of fun

Passports \$5.00

#### Participating Shops

Around the Block, Portland

Attic Window, Comstock Park

Bernina Sewing Center, Kalamazoo

Everlasting Stitches, Holt

Friends Quilting Basket, Lake Odessa

The Hen House, Charlotte

Quilt N Go, East Leroy

Quilted Memories, Montague

Quilts at the Marshall House, Marshall

Quilts Plus, Kalamazoo

Sew Unique Threads, Battle Creek

Smith Owen Sewing Center, Grand Rapids

Plan your visit to Marshall to include:

Mayfaire May 18-19 & 25-27

Cruise to the Fountain July 5 & 6

Garden Tour July 13 & 14

Blues Festival July 20

April 2013

First of all...a huge thank you to everyone who shared their work at the quilt show! The quilts were exceptional this year. I heard many compliments during the show and people are still talking about the quilts.

People's Choice awards were:



Pieced- Becky Kopicko for Birds & Whirligigs



Applique-Sharon Bannister for Edyta Sitar's Applique Affair



Overall-Marion Kies for her original needleturn blue and white quilt



A special thanks to Dale Waddle who designed, made and quilted our raffle quilt. The lucky winner was Barb Holbwick.

Thank you also to everyone who came to the show and all those who volunteered in any way.

The first of this year's Christmas fabric just came in. Guess that means it's already time to start thinking about the festivities. We also have the new Quick Ripper that looks like a miniature hair clipper. I'm told that it makes short work of ripping out seams.

I'm heading to the Spring Quilt Market soon to find lots of new goodies for you. In addition to fabric lines for fall and winter, there are many new books, patterns, gadgets and gifts on display. I'll let you know about the best of them when I'm back.

This year the spring market is in Portland OR so I'll be seeing kids and grandkids on the way out.

When we were in Washington State for Greg's wedding in March, we found quite a few hand crank machines. We had to leave them there since we flew out but this time I'm driving so those will come back with me. Come in and see them the first week of June.

Karen

Kari Ruedisale is continuing to pick up and deliver quilts on or about the fifth of every month so finish your quilts and bring them in to be quilted.



## 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.

Six sessions: Saturdays; July 20 from 10-4, August 3, 17 & 24 from 10-1, Sept. 21 & Oct. 5 from 10-1  
\$75 plus book

### The Next Step...Jodie

So...you know how to use a rotary cutter, sew a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and lock your seams. Now you want to make half square triangles, flying geese, and square in a square blocks. Come make a sampler quilt with Jodie and learn all these and more.

Saturdays; October 19 & 26, November 2 & 16 from 10-4  
\$75 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.

Friday August 9 from 10-4  
\$40

### Paper Piecing Niemeyer Style

We will teach the pattern of your choice during the regular Judy Niemeyer workshop day.

Any second Thursday of the month from 10-4  
\$40 for the first class

Be sure to let us know ahead of time if you will be starting your first Judy Niemeyer piece so we can help with color selection ahead of time.



## T Shirt Quilt...Sally

It's time to make a memory quilt from that collection of t-shirts. What a wonderful gift for the high school graduate to take to the dorm this fall! Sally will teach you how.

Tuesday August 14 from 12-5

\$25 plus book

## Wool Ornaments...Jodie

Work along with Jodie to make these easy appliquéd and embroidered ornaments. The kit includes wool felt & embroidery floss to make three mittens and three stockings.

Thursday August 22 from 10-1

\$15 plus kit



## Texture Magic Bag...Jodie

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

Mondays, September 16 from 10-1 and September 30 from 10-4

\$30 plus pattern

## Peace on Earth...Jodie

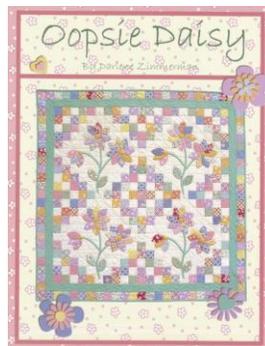
This small quilt by Kathy Schmitz has piecing, hand embroidery and crayon work. Join this class and have it finished by Christmas.

Mondays, September 22, October 7 & 21 from 10-1

\$45 plus pattern

## Oopsie Daisy...Jodie

This pieced and appliquéd quilt pattern by Darlene Zimmerman is bright and happy made in 30's fabrics. Fridays, September 20 & 27 from 10-3



## 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.

Saturday September 28 from 10-4

\$30 plus pattern



## 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

### 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

### Judy Niemeyer Workshop

Come in for help or encouragement on your Judy Niemeyer paper piecing patterns. If you are new to Judy's technique let us know ahead of time.

Every second Thursday 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.

The second Saturday of every month except September from 10 - 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.

The third Tuesday every month from noon to 4

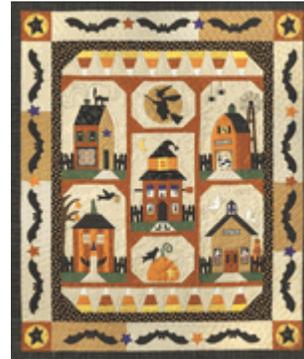
### Appliqué Circle...Joyce

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!

The third Wednesday of every month from 10 - 4

### Sew Spooky



The second Monday of every month Karen Penrod will be demonstrating how to quilt as you go. Work on Sew Spooky or another piece of your choice.

IN MAY ONLY THIS GROUP WILL MEET ON  
TUESDAY THE 14TH

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.

