

HOURS

MON.—FRI. 10AM TO 6PM

TUES. 10AM TO 8PM

SAT. 10AM TO 4PM

SUN. 12 AM TO 4PM

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Lines From Laurie

We will be sending a monthly newsletter instead of quarterly starting with April 2008. We are no longer mailing the newsletter we are only e-mailing, but we will always have a paper copy available in the shop.

Since we had to cancel a lot of our classes due to the weather we have rescheduled some of them.

Boy am I glad February is over! My husband was in the hospital (he's fine he had a viral inner ear infection) my son was home for a week he had bronchitis, I fell and bruised my behind (hurt like the dickens for three weeks).

Both my son and my husband plow snow so we did not see much of them this winter. Both Stephanie and I stayed well thank goodness because you know how men are when they are sick, needy very needy.

Well we are all ready for spring here at MSQS, everything is looking bright and springy. We even have flowers blooming, fabric flowers that is, come in and pick one soon.

Laurie

Basketful of Idzas



Shop Hop

May 1-4, 2008

Thursday: 10am to 8pm

Friday: 10am to 5pm

Saturday: 10am to 5pm

Sunday: Noon to 4pm

12 Participating Shops

Basketcases Unlimited Inc.-Clare

(815) 393-3414

Judy's Quilt 'n' Sew-Hampshire

(847) 683-4739

My Sister's Quilt Shop-Lafox

(630) 845-1076

Pieceful Gathering Quilt Shop

(847) 516-7911

Prairie Shop Quilts-Batavia

(630) 406-0237

Prairie Stitches Quilt Shoppe-Oswego

(630) 554-9701

The Quilt Merchant-Winfield

(630) 480-3000

Quilt in Joy-Huntley

(847) 669-1722

Quilters Heart-Sandwich

(815) 786-6066

Sew Unlimited-South Elgin

(847) 531-8739

Tammy Tadd Designs-Sycamore

(815) 895-2266

Windmill City Quilts-Geneva

(630) 232-7550

CLASSES

WILL IT GO ROUND IN CIRCLES

1 session

Level: Confident Beginner

Instructor: Wanda Starr

Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Sunday April 6 12pm to 4pm

This is another of Wanda's original patterns using the Cut Around Tool.

Do you remember the song "Will it go round in circles" that's what was going through Wanda's head when she was designing this quilt. Wanda's sample is done in red, white and black, and is stunning. You can do yours in any color combinations you choose. As usual this quilt looks a lot harder to make than it is. Stop in and see the sample!

GIRLY GIRL PURSE

1 session

Level: Confident Beginner

Instructor: Georgia Rodney

Fee: \$25.00

Tuesday April 8 10am to 2pm

This is a new Tammy Tadd pattern "Girly Girl". This is the ideal purse for the feminine gal. Not only is this a pretty purse, it's loaded with pockets making it practical as well. Georgia's sample is made with the Chateau Rococo line by Robyn Pandolph for Free Spirit. We have a lot of other fabrics this purse would look great made with. Stop in and see some of our new collections.

BROKEN STAR

1 session

Level: Intermediate

Instructor: Edith Hubbard

Fee: \$30.00

Friday April 11 10am to 3pm

This class is back by popular demand. Edith's sample is so pretty we have been asked to do this class again. Broken star is from the book "Simple Stars Beautiful Quilts" by Debbie Maddy. There are no diamonds or y-seams used in the construction of this quilt. The quilt is made with half square triangles and squares. We have seen this quilt made with a lot of different fabrics and everyone was beautiful.

MAC HUNTZIE CATERPILLAR

1 session

Level: Confident Beginner

Instructor: Wanda Starr

Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Tuesday April 15 10am to 2pm

This is Wanda's first pattern using the Cut Around Tool. The name is a combination of her two grandchildren Hunter & Mackenzie's names. This adorable quilt would be great as a wall hanging in a child's bedroom or play room. The large size caterpillar can be used as a teaching tool because it has letters on its body and numbers on his feet. You will have a lot of fun creating your own caterpillar. You can make either version, but Wanda will be showing how to construct the smaller version.

CLASSES

HAND QUILTING

1 session

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Georgia Rodney

Fee: \$15.00 plus supplies

Thursday April 17 10am to 12pm

Hand quilting is an art that we see very rarely anymore in our fast paced lives. Take some time to slow down and learn the art of hand quilting. Georgia will teach you the techniques and give you valuable tips for successful hand quilting. This class will cover basting, marking your design, positioning the quilt in a hoop and the hand quilting stitch. Georgia will share all aspects of hand quilting such as batting recommendations, thread, quilt hoops, thimbles and more.

Hand quilting kits will be available at the time of class.

CATHEDRAL WINDOWS

1 session

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Georgia Rodney

Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Thursday April 24 10am to 2pm

This is a beautiful project that is easy to work up and people will think you spent hours and hours on it! Let Georgia show you how fun and relaxing hand piecing can be.

JUNGLE FEVER

1 session

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Chris Berry

Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Sunday April 27 12pm to 4pm

Take 30 10" squares of fabric and turn them into this unique quilt. Chris's sample is made with Batiks, but any fabric will look great. We do have kits available with the same fabrics as the sample.

FLY AWAY HOME

1 session

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Wanda Starr

Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Saturday April 19 10am to 2pm

Wanda's done it again! Here is another new pattern from Wanda using the cut around tool. This wall hanging is way cute and very easy to make. If you have never done fusible appliqué or are new to fusible appliqué this would be a great class for you. For those more experienced with appliqué Wanda's technique using the cut around tool is fun to learn. Come in and see the fun flowers and ladybugs on Wanda's sample.

CLASSES

BLACK FOREST

1 session

Level: Intermediate

Instructor: Georgia Rodney

Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Sunday April 13 12pm to 4pm

Our resident Bag Lady Georgia has found yet another bag pattern she likes to make. We found this great pattern from Australia at Fall Market. This purse is a great size. There are two pockets on the front, great for your cell phone and keys, plus many pockets inside. Georgia's sample is made with our new Asian line Whispers and Silk Road.

3 GREAT BAGS

1 session

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Chris Berry

Fee: \$25.00 plus supplies

Friday April 25 10am to 2pm

What a great pattern! You can make the same bag in 3 different sizes. The small bag would be great as a lunch bag, the medium would make a great purse, and the large is the perfect size to carry all your quilting stuff to and from class. In class you can make any size you want since they go together the same way no matter what size you choose.

BEGINNING QUILTING

4 sessions

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Laurie Kames

Fee: \$80.00 plus supplies

Mondays April 7,14,21,28

10am to 1pm

In this four session class you will learn all about the basic tools and how to use them (including the rotary cutter) how to piece accurate 1/4* seams, how to add borders, baste, quilt and bind your project. With a little homework you will leave with a completed project after the last class!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

SAMPLER

3 sessions

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Laurie Kames

Fee: \$60.00 plus supplies

Thursdays April 3,10,24

11am to 2pm

This is the class that follows Beginning Quilting. In this class you will make six different blocks two blocks a week learning a different technique with each one.

We will be making Flying Geese, Card Trick, a star block, a machine appliqué block, half square triangles and more. When you finish this class you will have the knowledge to make any block. This class will also fine tune your rotary cutting skills.

Get "ER" Done

Friday April 25 6pm to Midnight

Fee: Free

Bring your unfinished projects and Get "ER" Done.
Registration Required.

ON-GOING CLUBS

MARINERS COMPASS

PAPER PIECED CLUB

Level: Beginner & Up

Instructor: Georgia Rodney

Fee: \$8.00 per month plus supplies

2nd Wed. of the month CLUB FULL

3rd Sun. of the month CLUB FULL

Both of our club times are full. We are working on adding another time slot, so if you are interested in joining this club please let us know.

We hear so many times, oh, that's paper pieced, I don't know how to paper piece is it hard? Or we hear oh, that's paper pieced I don't like paper piecing. What happens to a lot of us is we make one block and then we don't make another for a very long time, so when we decide to make another one we don't remember how and that is so frustrating. Well Georgia feels paper piecing has gotten a bad rap and she is going to fix it! Using Carol Doak's Mariners Compass book Georgia has made 9 of the most beautiful star blocks out of batiks that I have ever seen. Georgia thinks that after making nine paper pieced blocks you will have done it enough and learned enough tricks and tips that you will absolutely love it.

This is the perfect club for beginners and even the most experienced quilter will benefit from this club by sharing their knowledge with others and having fun.

You can join this club at any time!

TABLE RUNNER CLUB

Instructor: Georgia Rodney

Fee: \$8.00 per month plus supplies

Last Saturday of the Month

10am to 1pm

Georgia found these great table runners and decided we needed to have a club. The background on all the runners is made up of 4" squares, one color of 4" squares make up the middle, another color of 4" squares make up the border. Each month there is a different appliqué added. Sometimes it is added to the middle, sometimes to the border, sometimes to both. The appliqué is fused on and sewn around.

This is the perfect club for beginners and advanced alike. If you have never worked with fusible before you will learn all about it, if you know all about it you can share with the beginners. Come and join Georgia for three hours and make a table runner for every season and holiday.

You can join at any time, you can come every month or only the months you want to. Registration required.

Pre-cut kits will be available each month at the class.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLUB

DEAR JANE

Am session lead by Janey Grabow
10am to 12pm
PM session led by Edith Hubbard
6:30pm to 8:30pm
Fee: \$5.00 /month plus supplies

This club meets the last Wednesday of every month. There will be a morning session and an evening session. The fee is \$5.00 per month. This club started in September, but you can join anytime.

During the Civil War, Jane A. Stickle made a quilt with 225 blocks, each one a different pattern. The center 169 finished blocks are 4 1/2" square..

Are you interested in increasing the quality of your quilting, civil war era quilts, or a real challenge? Then, come and join our "Dear Jane" group. Four blocks will be offered each month in 4 1/2" and 6" sizes. This quilt would be beautiful made with any fabric line from traditional civil war reproductions to thirties or batiks. We will meet once a month for a demo on four blocks and to learn new techniques, share show & tell, and encourage one another on our journey to duplicate this wonderful quilt. Join at any time, and do as many blocks as you want. Each one will challenge and inspire you to do more. This class is for advanced beginners and up.

SATURDAY SAMPLER BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Fee: \$5.00 for the first block

First Saturday of the Month
8am, 9am, 10am, 11am

This club started in September 2007. You pay \$5.00 for the first block which includes the pattern and the fabric. Each month if you bring your finished block back the first Saturday of the month at either 8am, 9am 10am, or 11am, whatever time slot you signed up for your, next block is free. If you do this all 12 months you could end up with a quilt that cost you \$5.00. If you did not get your block finished than the next block will cost you \$5.00. So even if you don't get every block finished in time it is still not going to cost a lot. We still have some pink kits left. If you missed this club don't worry we will start another one soon.

YARDS OF HOPE

Our Yards of Hope charity group is off to a great start, we already have 4 quilt tops made and ready for quilting. Thank you to all of you who have helped cut and sew and to those who have made donations. We look forward to seeing more of you and making new quilting friends.

If you could spare a couple hours on Tuesdays and would like to help we would love to have you. You can come anytime on Tuesdays from 10am to 8pm(check our calendar for dates). Please bring your sewing machine if you would like to help us sew, or just come and help with the cutting. Maybe you just want to come to lend moral support. This is open to sewers and non-sewers alike. Everyone can help!

Below find the website info for these groups.

www.safepassagedv.org

www.lazarushouseonline.com

There is still time to join this club, join anytime, the more people we have swapping the scrappier your quilts will be.

Block size: 6 1/2"

Make 12 Blocks
Each month

BLOCKSWAPPERS CLUB – DRESSED TO THE NINES

This quilt is made from two different quilt blocks.

For the first three months of the swap, make the dark-center blocks

For the last three months, make the light-center blocks.

Fabric Needed:

Dark-center blocks:
3/8 yard light floral
3/8 yard dark floral
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3/8 yard dark floral

IMPORTANT! We are looking for a very floral, blended look. Please NO batiks, bright, or juvenile novelty fabrics. If you are unsure, come in and ask us.

For each dark-center block you will need:

Five 2 1/2" wide dark floral strips

Four 2 1/2" wide light floral strips

For each light-center block you will need:

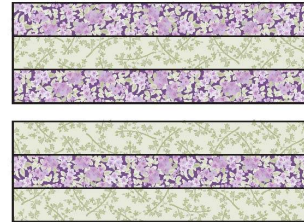
Five 2 1/2" wide light floral strips

Four 2 1/2" wide dark floral

Dark-center block directions

Step 1:

Sew strips together in strip sets. You will need two light-center and one dark-center sets.



Step 2:

From strip sets cut strips 2 1/2" wide.

You need:

24 light centers

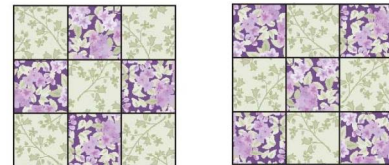
12 dark centers



Sew together as Nine Patch blocks

Light-center block directions

Follow directions above, sewing two dark-center and one light-center sets. Cut 12 light center strips and 24 dark-center strips.



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6 Will It Go Round In Circles 12-4	7 Beg Quilt 10-1 Session 1 Monday Munchers 10-2	8 Girly Girl 10-2 Yards of Hope 10-8	9 Mariners Compass Club 10-2	10 Block Swapper Club Pick Up Blocks Sampler 11-2 session 2	11 Broken Star 10-3	12 Fusible Grid Demo Day 10-4
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20 Mariners Compass Club 12-4	21 Beg Quilt Session 3 Monday Munchers 10-2	22 Yards Of Hope 10-8	23 Lunch Bunch 10-2	24 Cathedral Windows 10-2	25 3 Great Bags 10-2 Get "ER" Done 6-12	26 Table Runner Club 10-1
27 Jungle Fever 12-4	28 Beg Quilt Session 4 Monday Munchers 10-2	29 Yards Of Hope 10-8	30 Dear Jane AM 10-12 PM 6:30-9:30			