



# The Buzz

from the Thistle Bee Quilt Shoppe

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## Getting Ready for Cooler Weather

How time flies! Children are back in school, signs of fall, cooler temperatures and the holidays are right around the corner. You will find some classes that should suit whatever need you have this quarter. We have another beginning sewing class that will teach you how to use your sewing machine while you make yourself an apron. You will be ready for holiday entertaining or you can even start making aprons as Christmas gifts!

If you are new to sewing we have a pillowcase class that will help you learn more about your sewing machine and improve your sewing skills while you make a popular pillowcase. Once again you will be able to work on that Christmas list as the pillowcase can be personalized for anyone on your gift list. Depending on the fabric you choose it can be for children or adults. What is better than receiving a gift that is made with the recipient in mind?

If you want to learn how to start making a quilt we have a class that is a great starting point. You will learn to make a table runner. In this class the basics of quilt making will be taught. Again a wonderful class to not only learn a new skill, but have a finished table runner to use for holiday entertaining or for gift giving.

A great class either for you or for another gift to give is the travel ironing case. This case holds the Clover Mini iron that is popular for paper piecing and appliquéing. This case will help you transport your iron or it will make a terrific gift for your quilting friend.

Go check out the great holiday pillow. This has been designed by one of our teachers. It uses the circle ruler once again. I bet you never knew how many things you could do with this ruler! This pattern and technique can be used to make any sort of flower so the pillow can be adapted to anytime of the year.

We still are offering the ever popular machine quilting class and quilt as you go technique that was developed by one of our teachers. I know that this technique has helped me and a number of students who have taken the class to finish our quilts. Check the calendar section for information on all these classes plus the clubs and block of the month mentioned on the following page.

*The Civil War Diary Quilt and The Civil War Love Letter Quilt  
Clubs.*

*Come and join us, there is still room!*

*The Civil War Diary Quilt club will be on the last Tuesday of the month.*

*The Civil War Love Letter Club will be the last Friday of the month.*

## Appliqué Club/Class

Our appliqué class was so successful that the students wanted to make more blocks from the book they were using. The teacher has agreed to be the facilitator for an appliqué club/class that will continue to use this book. This club/class will be open to those that were not in the class as well as those



that were. However, we only have two more books in the Shoppe and we just found out that the book is no longer available to order, so if you are interested and don't have the book *Artful Appliqué the Easy Way* by Jane Townswick you need to sign up as soon as possible to be sure that you have the book. This will be on a first come basis.



In addition, we have heard how hard it is for some of you to commit to multiple sessions so we are offering the option to come to the class on a pay as you go basis. We still need you to register for the class so we know how many to expect.

For those of you who would like to learn needle turned hand appliqué we are also offering an introduction to the technique. Check out the calendar section for times.

## Paper Piecing Block of the Month!

We have started our 1930's paper piecing block of the month. However, we have found that we have openings for a few more people to join in on the fun! You will need to know how to paper piece to join this program. We will be working on our skills until we can master the more advanced blocks. Come and join in the fun!



## Upcoming Sales

We will be having our After Thanksgiving Sale on Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29th. Come and see what bargains you can find!

We will also have our traditional End of Year Inventory Sale. Here you will find selected items of all sorts up to 50% off. This year the sale will run Tuesday-Saturday, December 9-13th. As usual, since we have this sale we will suspend the Shoppe pin sale for December.

## December Schedule Changes

Do to the holidays, sales and closings, check the calendar for special dates for the Block of the Month and Bee.

## Special Shoppe Closing Dates

The Shoppe will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, November 26 and 27th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Have a great Thanksgiving!

For the first time ever we are taking a week off for Christmas. We will be closed Sunday through Monday, December 21st-29th. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

Please plan your shopping accordingly! Merry Christmas!