



# The Buzz

## From the Thistle Bee Quilt Shoppe

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### Thistle Bee Quilt Shoppe's First Anniversary



March 2005, first day.

It is hard to believe that it has been a full year since we opened our doors. Thanks to all of you who have entered our lives and made our first year a success. We started out with only 501 bolts of fabric stocked in the 820 square feet of shop space. But we grew to over 1000 bolts of fabric in that same space in less than a year. We have more notions than ever! In four months time we added classes taught by a large pool of talented teachers. We have enjoyed seeing you learn new techniques, seeing people become quilters, and seeing your handiwork.

By October we added our "Bees" where you can drop in and sew on whatever project you like. This has been a wonderful way to get to know you even better. In January we started our first block of the month programs and the response has been wonderful. We are so fortunate to have a teacher that is so talented as to create a block of the month program just for the shop.

What does the future hold? We hope only bigger and better things for you, at least that is our goal. We will have a mystery class this coming quarter. This will be a first for the shop. This quilt is breath-taking. The teacher for this class has made the mystery quilt in numerous color ways and configurations and they are all gorgeous so no one has to worry about their fabric choices. We hope to keep adding clubs and classes to get you all inspired to make that next quilt!



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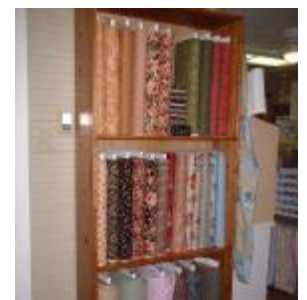


### First Anniversary Celebration!

For this first years celebration we are giving you a great discount as our way of saying thanks for your support and help in our first year. For the month of March check the trunk to see what fabric is on sale for 50% off. These fabrics will change weekly. Also, for the whole month of March all flannel, both on the bolt and in fat quarter bundles will be on sale for 50% off. This will be the only time you will see a 50% discount, our thanks to you for your support during our first year!

We are also giving you an opportunity to win a gift bag full of quilting supplies. For the month of March, each time you make a purchase of \$25 or more you may enter your name in a drawing for the bag. This drawing will take place March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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# Community Involvement

During our first year we were privileged to work with North Carolina Community Federal Credit Union to promote their business services. We were given a bulletin board in the main branch to promote ourselves and them.



We also were able to work with the Cotton Club Quilters of Goldsboro to promote the guild in the community. They teamed up with us for our grand opening and had a quilt show in the classroom with demonstrations of various quilting techniques.



The guild meets the last Thursday of every month at 7pm at the YMCA. The guild has grown so much in the last year that we meet in the upstairs room. The desk will direct you to the meeting

room.

In May the shop helped the guild design a quilt for the Waynesborough Historical Village. Once the quilt was pieced, it was set up in an old frame at the village. Those who came to visit the village had an opportunity to quilt on the quilt. The quilt was hand-quilted in just one month. Currently raffle tickets are being sold and the winner of the quilt will be drawn this June at the Village's summer fest. Visit their website for more information on the Waynesborough Historic Village ([www.waynesboroughhistoricalvillage.com](http://www.waynesboroughhistoricalvillage.com))



In January the shoppe teamed up with Mrs. Hooks and her fifth graders at Tommy's Road Elementary School to have a hands on social studies and art lesson to compliment their reading lessons. While studying the Underground Railroad they made a quilt from paper depicting the codes found in quilts of that time.

Using a Bright Ideas Grant from Tri-County Electric they wanted to make a quilt out



of fabric. The enthusiastic students have been working on their quilt, "A Freedom Quilt", for a few weeks now. The children have loved the experience and Cathy highly recommends the activity.

We are excited about another project we are undertaking.

We are joining with Better Homes and Gardens , American Patchwork and Quilting, Moda



(they have designed a whole line of pink fabric that will be available at the shoppe), and other shops nation wide to raise money for breast cancer research. Our teachers have been busy brainstorming ideas to help you and the shoppe make quilts to have auctioned off on e-Bay to raise money for the research. We are devoting the whole month of September to this endeavor. We hope that all of you who want to participate will have plenty of chances to help with this worthy cause. We will provide you with more information as our plans become finalized in the coming weeks. Our plan is to include all levels of quilters from those who have never picked up a needle to those who have been quilting their entire life.



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