



The Buzz

from the Thistle Bee Quilt Shoppe

July-September 2005

New Beginnings

Thanks for all the help and encouragement that has been offered to me as I start this adventure. Your words of encouragement have been helpful as well as your patience with me while I figure out how to use the computer. I have enjoyed meeting you all.

Now we are ready to start the fun. We are going to start our first classes. We hope to have just what you are looking for. We have a number of classes planned for all skill levels. Our teachers are looking forward to sharing their quilting and sewing knowledge with you. Our hope is that the classes that are being offered will inspire you. Please check in at the shop for the list of classes being offered since this quarter we will be adding more as the quarter progresses.

Wish Lists

We have available wish list that you can make out and when a special occasion arrives and your family or friends want to give you quilt related gift they can come in and see what you have put on your wish list!



Gift Certificates

Can't figure out what to get your quilting friend? We have gift certificates available, sure to please even the person who has everything.

Mailing List For the Newsletter



If someone you know didn't get a newsletter either by e-mail or U.S. mail please have that person contact me if they would like to receive the newsletter. If you have received the letter by the wrong kind of mail please let me know. I will make the necessary changes.

Did you know?

We can be found on the web at www.thistlebeequiltshoppe.com. Check for updates to the site as we update when we get new products in.



Shoppe Hours

The shoppe will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2005. Friday, July 15th the shoppe will close at 1pm and reopen Saturday, July 16th at 1pm. Also closed Monday, September 6th.

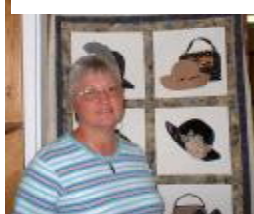


Shoppe Pin

Don't forget the shoppe pin. Purchase the shop pin and wear it on the 20th of the month and you will get a 15% discount on selected items. If the 20th falls on a Sunday you will get the discount on the items on the Saturday before and the Monday after.



Meet Our Teachers



Markey Duensing Started sewing in high school and knew she wanted to be creative through sewing. She would make all her clothes and sewed for her family. She enjoyed challenging herself by using various patterns to learn different techniques. When she retired in 2002 she bought a new sewing machine and was taking classes when she met a new group of friends that introduced her to quilting and her life has not been the same since.

She enjoys sharing her knowledge with others by teaching.



Annie C. Hollowell Grew up watching her mother and grandmother piecing quilts. She became interested in quilting and they started teaching her to piece when she was around nine years old. They did not want her to sew on a machine so they taught her to piece by hand. Later, Annie taught in a training room at R.G. Barry, but now that she is retired she can't think of teaching anything but hand piecing and hand quilting. She loves the nine- patch block and loves working with muslin and calico especially in red, blue, and yellow. She would not want to be without her 6" bias square.



Jeannie Horton Started sewing as child and was introduced to quilting in the 1990's. It took her a year to catch the quilt bug but once she caught it she could not shake it. She has taught in Europe, Arizona, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina. She has also had articles published in Treadleart Magazine, Sew Beautiful Magazine and Creative Sewing with the Pfaff 1473.

Jeannie would like to empower people to see the potentials in a piece of fabric, to move out of their box, and to move beyond what is on the front of a pattern or book. She sees a bright future in the world of quilting because it is an outlet for creativity, a source of fellowship and a constant in people lives.



Pat King until her mother taught her some basic quilt blocks, would watch her mother, grandmother, and aunt quilt and she thought that it looked like a lot of work. Now she loves all the different quilt patterns especially the snowball and nine patch block. She is learning how to use a long arm quilting machine. She has taught basic sewing classes at the local sewing center and community college as well as teaching co-workers at her home. She sees endless possibilities for quilting in the future.



Beverly Varner Began quilting 20 years ago when she took a lap quilting class in Cape May, New Jersey. From there she learned on her own. She likes to free motion quilt and paper piece; her favorite quilt block is the log cabin. Beverly's purses and accessories are gorgeous, and her favorite pattern is for a wallet. She would like to teach a wallet pattern in the future, as well as a handbag and a quilted jacket. Beverly would like to see more young people excitedly involved in quilting so that it will remain a loved art for future generations.

Class Skill Level Key



Has never sewn before



Can rotary cut and sew an accurate ¼" seam



Has finished a quilting project



Can start and finish quilting project independently

Students' responsibilities to make their class a success:

- Cell phones turned off or on vibrate. The teacher does not have the responsibility to catch you up if you receive a call.
- In consideration to classmates, no children, unless the child is enrolled as a paid participant.
- Come to class prepared with the class list completed (unless listed as optional) before the start of class.
- Be in class ready to begin at the stated time as classes will begin promptly.