



The Buzz

From the Thistle Bee Quilt Shoppe

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Summer Time

We are heading into summer with all our summer activities. Our children are out of school and vacations are upon us. We have predictions of high gas prices and a bad storm season, what is a person to do? As quilters we know, we will quilt! We may have to cancel our vacation plans and stock up for storms, but we can still quilt. After all quilting is like a mini vacation with its soothing activities. I have been doing some hand appliqué and the soothing rhythm is delightful. I do not know which I like better as far as the peacefulness, hand appliqué or red work. Of course hand quilting can give me the same feeling. Yes, I'm a handwork girl. I stood amazed at the students in the machine quilting class as the machines hummed and then the laughter began. Someday maybe I'll be there, but for now I still love to go back to the peaceful handwork.



We are excited to offer you our class schedule for this quarter. If the gas prices are too much for you to go on you vacation take a mini one here at the Shoppe in a class. It will give you a chance to take off from your everyday work and learn something new and you will feel like you have had a break, plus you will have something to show for your time.

Three of our teachers are coming in from at least an hour away and we thank them for that. We hope that you enjoy their classes. Jean is returning with her machine quilting class, she will help you learn to love this technique. Carolyn will be teaching our first punch needle class. She designs punch needle patterns as well as quilting patterns under the name of Midnight Magnolia you can find her website at www.midnightmagnolia.com. She is going to be teaching her pattern Ocean Breeze, a charming little lighthouse. Rebekah will be teaching Clutterless Creativity: Organization for Quilters. This too is a new class here at the Shoppe. She will be teaching us how to organize our stash and quilting area for great productivity. This class will not just be a lecture, but there will be hands on activities.



Jeannie will be teaching one of her own designs so you will not be able to find these classes anywhere else. She has found a new gadget that she has fallen in love with and designed around: Wonder Arc Ruler. Some of you have already found her quilt in the Shoppe and have wanted to make it, now is the time to learn. Sign up early as space is limited!



Beverly is back with the Charm School class where you have the opportunity to learn how to use Moda's Charm packs with the end result being a tablerunner. She will also be teaching the Stack and Whack technique. You will learn how to align your fabric for this delightful technique where the end results are awesome. Once you learn the technique you make all manner of things: placemats, table runners and of course quilts!



We are opening up another opportunity for the Red work Block of the Month as it was requested that we have it on a Saturday to accommodate more students. This block of the month will be offered the first Saturday of every month. Come sit and stitch in the class and enjoy this form of relaxation!



Do you like quilts and admire those who can quilt or sew, but you know nothing about either? Do you have a sewing machine but do not know how to use it or it intimidates you? Don't let that stop you, Judy will show you how easy it is to use a sewing machine and you will make your first project, a



pillowcase! Look for her basic sewing class and get in on the fun, it isn't as hard as you think!

Calling all cross stitchers: we are opening up the classroom every other Wednesday for you to come together and stitch. This will be starting July 18th. Come and join Anita and have some fun as she loves to have a great time!

Mark your calendar for our Christmas in July on Saturday the 28th. We have a number of fabric lines coming in and this will be your chance to get first look at them! We will be having refreshments too!

I hope you have a wonderful summer and remember when the gas prices get too high or you need a vacation, there is quilting!



Special Shoppe Closings



This quarter the Shoppe will be closed Wednesday, July 4th and Saturday, September 22nd.



Quilting Tips

- When two seams will be joined together, press the seam allowances in opposite directions. This helps distribute the bulk.
- To see what a medium or large print fabric will look like when it is cut into smaller pieces, make a template window to carry with you when you are fabric shopping.
- To see if you have enough contrast between the fabrics you have chosen for a quilt, make a black and white photocopy. This eliminates color and shows only the contrast between and within pieces of fabric.
- If you do not have a photocopier on hand, dimming the lights and squinting helps with determining contrast too.
- If you can not decide on a quilt's block layout, take digital pictures of each layout and decide when looking at the pictures on the computer.
- Take a digital picture of your quilt layout so if the layout gets disturbed you have the layout on the camera or computer.

LET US INTRODUCE OUR NEW TEACHERS!

We are happy to welcome three new teachers this quarter.



Carolyn Coyle– Carolyn is owner and designer of Midnight Magnolia (www.midnightmagnolia.com). She designs patterns specializing in punch needle. She has taught quilting in Canada and Arizona, sewing in Arizona and North Carolina, and punch needle in North Carolina. She has a love for needle arts and likes to explore with many techniques. She is living in Apex, NC and will be traveling over to Goldsboro to teach punch needle using one of the patterns she has designed.



Rebekah McInnis– Rebekah grew up in Goldsboro among quilts and quilters, and although she does not quilt, she appreciates the art form. She is a graduate from UNC-Chapel Hill, and has begun a career as a professional organizer. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO), and is excited to be able to use her organizational skills and creativity to help restore a little bit of calm to chaotic lives! Rebekah resides in Chapel Hill, NC, where she also works as an elementary teaching assistant and as an administrative assistant.



Judy Trott– Judy started sewing with her mother and grandmother when she was young. She has taught home economics in high school and middle school. She will be focusing on teaching beginning sewing and sewing projects. She likes to hand quilt and would love to see a return to traditional quilt patterns but using easier techniques.

Loyalty Days

This year, for Loyalty day, which is officially May 1st we decided to reward our loyal customers with a surprise postcard telling them of our reward to them for the amount they spent for the previous year. Knowing that it may be hard for you to get in to the shop on a week day we decided to celebrate for the whole week! We thought it would be nice to let you know what the different levels were, so here it is. We hope this was a fun time for you and we want you to know that we value your loyal support. We are starting the accounting process over again this year, which will run from March 1, 2007- February 29, 2008. You will get your postcard telling of which level you reached a week before Loyalty Day, May 1st, 2008.

AMOUNT SPENT PER YEAR	DISCOUNT FOR LOYALTY DAY
\$250 to \$999	10%
\$1000 to \$1999	15%
\$2000 to \$3499	20%
\$3500 and over	25%

Second Website

Check out our second site at Merchant-Circle: www.merchantcircle.com. Just type in our phone number, 778-2277 or do a search for quilting in Goldsboro. On this site you will find a blog, bulletin board, and newsletter. I try to keep the bulletin board up to date. At this site you can sign up for the newsletter to be delivered straight to your e-mail account. This newsletter may come more frequently than our quarterly newsletter.

Member of Merchant 

A Quilter's Fair

Handmade/Homemade Quilts, Crafts and Bake Sale

September 22, 2007
9:00 am to 2:00pm

Daniels Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
2803 East Ash Street
Goldsboro, NC

A limited amount of space is available. The only cost to participate will be \$10 per eight foot table (no commission). All items are to be handmade/homemade. No commercial products. All proceeds will be donated to the church operating fund. Contact: Markey Duensing, 919-736-3721 or Becky Nighswander, Home 919-778-4062 or Cell 919-920-4363 to reserve space or to receive additional information.

Upcoming Events

July 5- Lunch bee 11am-1pm
6- Morning bee 10am-12pm
13- Afternoon bee 12:30-2:30 pm
18- Counted Cross stitch group 10:30 am- ?
20- Lollipop day/Shoppe pin day
27- National Take Your Houseplant for a walk day, bring in your houseplant and get a 10% discount on discountable items.
28- Christmas in July- see the new Christmas fabrics!
31- UFO Tuesday

August 1- Counted Cross stitch group 10:30am-?
2- Lunch bee 12pm-2pm *time change* this time only.
3- Morning bee 10am-12pm
4- Chocolate Chip day
10- Afternoon bee 12:30-2:30pm
15- Counted Cross stitch group 10:30-
18 & 21- Shoppe pin day
28- UFO Tuesday
29- Counted Cross stitch group 10:30-

September 6- Lunch bee 11am-1pm
7- Morning bee 10am-12pm
12- Counted Cross stitch group
14- Afternoon bee 12:30-2:30pm
20- Shoppe pin day
25-UFO Tuesday
26- Counted Cross stitch group 10:30- ?