



The Buzz

from the Thistle Bee Quilt Shoppe

January-March 2006

It is a New Year!

You made it through all the holiday festivities and now it is time for you to get back to some well-earned quilting time! We are excited with some of the new activities that we have planned for this year at the shop. We are starting some block of the month programs and clubs. We hope that you find one that you like. Check over the class schedule and see if there is something new that you would like to learn.

If you received a new sewing machine for Christmas and are not sure how to use it, then come and join our basic sewing class. You will learn the basics of operating a sewing machine. Or if you love quilts, but do not know how to make one, now is your chance to learn with our basic quilting class. Come and catch the quilting bug!



This quarter we will be celebrating our one-year anniversary. We are planning on having special weekly sales during the month of March that will be well worth your time to stop in. Those in the e-mail club will get the heads up on the sales! If we do not have your e-mail or you thought you gave it to us, but are not hearing from us, please stop in and give us your address.

Don't Forget Our Bees!

We have three bees to choose from: the lunchtime bee from 11am until 1pm the first Thursday of every month. The morning bee meets the first Friday of every month from 10am until 12pm and the afternoon bee the second Friday of every month from 12:30am until 2:30pm. These bees give you an opportunity to come to the shoppe, work on your own project, and meet and learn from other quilters. Because of the classroom's size limitations, you will need to sign up for the bee of your choosing. Hope to see you at one of the bees where we have been having a good time!



Clubs!

We are excited about our new clubs and blocks of the month programs. A number of you are already in the e-mail club. If you have signed up in our book and included your e-mail address you are privy to special promotions like the Bolt of the Day we had in November and the 40% off sale in December. You also get to find out about our new fabric lines and know as soon as our newsletter gets posted on the web so you have a head start with the class sign-up and the latest news.

Square in a Square® technique block of the month six- month program has been designed by one of our teachers and is only available here at the shoppe. You will be amazed at what you can make with this ruler. There is no cutting of triangles! You have the option of coming in on the first Saturday of every month and seeing a demo of that month's technique and leaving with your month's new block pattern or you can sign up to stay for a short class session (limited to 6 students).

A redwork block of the month is starting in January also. Come in to see the quilt and sign up for this twelve-month program. The first two months you will have a demo of various techniques you will use for the quilt. January you will see the stem stitch and French knot demonstrated and in February you will have Triangles on a Roll® demonstrated. There is a one time enrollment fee of \$12. 95 and each month you will have a \$9 pattern to buy and cost of supplies. Each month's pattern can be picked up anytime during the month.



New Shoppe Hours



Starting in January we will have new shop hours. We will be closed Sunday and Monday. Tuesday through Friday we will be open 10 am- 5pm, Saturday hours will be 10am-3pm.

Meet Our Newest Teachers



Jean White- A friend in North Dakota taught Jean how to hand piece and quilt. When Jean moved to New England she took her first machine piecing and quilting classes. She was hooked, loving the speed of both techniques. She has taught ladies from different churches how to quilt. She loves the rotary cutter, Triangles on a Roll® and anything else that makes quilting easier. She would like to teach some classes using the Triangles on a Roll®. Jean would love to see more people quilting and sees more tools created that makes quilting easier and more appealing to beginning sewers.



Mary Ellen McInnis- Began quilting in junior high after years of watching her older cousin sew. Mary Ellen was interested in quilts from her earliest memory, but did not make her first quilt until 1979. She has been teaching quilting since the early 1990's. Mary Ellen loves handwork as she finds it relaxing. She has also come to the realization that she can get more done by hand since it is portable. She sees quilting as something that will always be, with expanding techniques, but coming back to the tried and familiar.

Waynesborough Historical Village's Raffle Quilt

We are happy to report that all of our raffle tickets for this quilt have been sold! More tickets are available at the Waynesborough Historical Village. This is the first quilt that the Village and the Cotton Club Quilters of Goldsboro Guild have offered as a fundraiser for the Village. The quilt was planned and pieced by the Cotton Club Quilters. Once pieced, the quilt was placed in the antique frame from the Village and people from the community came and quilted the entire quilt in one month. The winner of this raffle will not only receive the quilt, but a book chronicling the names and thoughts of those who worked on the quilt. This is a piece of our living history. For all who are interested in having a chance to win this unique quilt and support the Village, you can purchase tickets for \$1a piece at the Waynesborough Historical Village (www.waynesboroughhistoricalvillage.com).



FYI

www.thistlebeequiltshoppe.com

The site has the newsletter, classes and photos of past classes.

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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 designated items. If the 20th falls on a Sunday or Monday you will get the discount on the designated items on the Saturday before and the Tuesday after.



Inclement Weather

In case of bad weather please call the shop before you come to see if we are here. We would not want you to put yourself in danger.

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 item is listed as optional) before the start of class.
- Be in class ready to begin at the stated time as classes will begin promptly.