



The Fabric Shop – Your one stop quilt shop

In this issue – August 2018

Sewing News

Upcoming classes

Block of the Month

Retreat news

Helpful Tips

Thank you

Membership

SEWING NEWS

Hi Everyone,

What a summer we are having. It's hard to believe that only a few short weeks ago we were shoveling snow. Now we are trying everything to get out of the heat. But no worries, I am sure it will be gone before we know it.

I can't believe it's August already! It kind of crept up on us, but we are busy making plans for the upcoming sewing season. There are some great classes being offered at the store in the Autumn months. Whether you enjoy small projects, large projects or learning a new technique, there is something for

everyone. You can find the details for each class in the "Up Coming Classes" section of this newsletter. Also class samples and sign up will be available at our Open House, August 16th – 18th.

Our Annual retreat is being held in October as always but this year we have a couple of extra spots. You will find some more information about the retreat later in the newsletter, or if you wish you can call the store at (709)651-7467 and one of the staff will be happy to help you.

Our summer's Member's event was a roaring success. It seems to get bigger, with

more participants every year. We actually sold out of some of our Christmas Fabrics and have had to re-order them. For those of you who are unfamiliar with our membership program, it's explained a little later.

We hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing you at the shop.



August 16, 17 & 18

Upcoming classes

FALL 2018

Beginner Quilting – This class will cover everything from purchasing fabric to the finished product. In this class you will learn to use your ruler and rotary cutter, basic quilting and finishing techniques. If you are new to quilting this is the class for you. There will be four afternoon classes.

Instructor: Kim

Dates: Monday, September 10, 17, 24 and October 1.

Time: 1 pm to 4 pm

Cost: \$40 plus supplies

Free Motion Quilting – This has been one of the most popular classes in the past and we are really happy to offer it again. Learn the basics, the tools and techniques of free motion. This is an information packed one day class with hands on practice.

Instructor: Pat

Date: Saturday, September 8

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$30 plus supplies

Bright Nights – Bargello Quilt - Full of deep and rich colors, this bargello quilt pattern makes you feel like you're gazing into a kaleidoscope. The Bright Nights Bargello quilt pattern uses 24 shades of fabric and is constructed using the strip-

piecing method. Finished size is 62" x 70". This is a six week class.

Instructor: Marion

Dates: Wednesday, September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10 and 17

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$90 plus supplies

Snowflake Paper Piecing –

Finished quilt is 90" x 90" - perfect size for any bed. The detailed *Snowflake* block is constructed by using paper piecing. The units are separated specifically so they can be easily chain pieced and with the accuracy of the foundations, these blocks will be perfect! A win-win combination. This is a six week project.

Instructor: Brenda

Dates: Thursday, September 20, 27, October 4, 18, 25 and November 1

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$90 plus supplies

The Spring Sling bag is a quilted, barrel shaped bag, that will appeal to quilters and bag makers of all skill levels. This will look wonderful either in bright colours, or rich jewel tones with a dark main fabric. It's easy, fun, and very fast to make up. The finished bag will have a zipper pocket inside that creates a divider. The bag straps are adjustable and attached through grommets.

Instructor: Brenda

Dates: Saturday, September 22 and 29

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$30 plus supplies

The Castell Day Bag is a unique bag with a beautifully shaped top. With wire frames around the opening, it opens wide to make this the perfect bag to haul all of your much needed supplies for the day.

This bag functions like a carpet bag, but uses smaller wire frames. There are 2 gathered pockets inside, which are perfect for holding personal items.

Instructor: Paula

Dates: Saturday, October 20

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$20 plus supplies

Miss Maggie Handbag is a great project for beginners to the more advanced. It is a simple handbag that allows you to choose several styles of strap anchors. It will become one of your favourite bags. I fell in love with this simple, yet classic shape.

Instructor: Brenda

Dates: Friday, October 26

Times: 10 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$20 plus supplies

Scalloped Placemats – Set a pretty table with these reversible scalloped placemats! You will love this fast technique.

Instructor: Brenda

Date: Saturday, November 3

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$20 plus supplies

Bag Ensemble – This series of classes consists of 3 projects which will run over a 5 week period and will be instructed by Brenda. All classes will start at 10 am and end at 4 pm. You will make:

Duffle Bag -



Dates: Friday, November 2, 9

Cost: \$30

The Manhattan Bag includes instructions for a gorgeous shoulder bag in 2 sizes (Mamma & Miss), as well as additional instructions for a "Removable Case" for eyeglasses, sunglasses, or other items.

Dates: Friday, November 16, 23

Cost: \$30

The Necessary Clutch Wallet isn't just your ordinary wallet. Carry your cell phone, cheques, cash, cards, coins and still have room for your favorite lipstick or other personal items. With its closed ends, everything is safe and secure and there is never any worry about anything sliding out.

Dates: Friday, November 30

Cost: \$20

Time: 10 am to 4 pm



BLOCK OF THE ... – This is a biweekly, six (6) part block program. The *Noel Sampler* is

one of the cutest wall hangings we have had. The first pick up date is September 15 and the final pick up will be November 10. That means everyone will have their wall hanging finished for Christmas. At the end of the program, participants will receive the *Sugarplum Christmas* pattern book which has lots of great applique and piecing projects. The cost per pickup will be \$24.99.

In January we will be offering a 12 month block program. Please keep a close eye on our website -

www.candmcraftsandstuff.com

and/or our Facebook page for all the details on this project and other upcoming events.



A little news about our retreat....Our annual retreat will be held Thursday, October 11, to Sunday, October 14 at Twin ponds Camp. This venue has proven to be perfect for us. The amount of room each person has for sewing is incredible, lighting is great and the food is fantastic and plentiful. We always offer a retreat project, but is it not mandatory to take part in it. Many people bring UFO's (Unfinished objects) to work on or a new project of their own. There is always an instructor available to help get through the prickly pats of any project. We always offer classes at no extra charge. We always have such a good response to our retreat and this year is no different. There is a waiting list at the store for those interested. It is not too late for you to add your name to the list. If you are interested please call the shop at (709) 651-7467 or send Marion a message on Facebook.



Storing your cutting mats – I store my various sized cutting mats by hanging them from skirt hangers in the closet of my sewing room. This keeps them flat and out of the way until needed.

Slip, sliding away – Don't let your supplies slip away from you while you are working on a project. I use a non-slip work surface for handiwork, beading or to simply keep items from sliding off my table. I place a silicone baking mat on the table or tray surface that keeps my supplies within reach and provides a non slip surface. The mat is available at cooking supply stores.

Ironing – When ironing I use a mixture of $\frac{1}{4}$ white vinegar and $\frac{3}{4}$ water in a spray bottle. This gives me crisp seams and removes stubborn wrinkles.

Binding – To keep my binding from falling on the floor as I am

sewing it on, I put it in a plastic grocery bag. I pull one handle of the bag through the other and then slip the loop on my right arm. The bag is lightweight and now I don't step on the binding strip as I am sewing.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many volunteers who continually help us support our charities. We would certainly not be able to do it without them.

Here is a list of the charities that we support:

- **Ronald McDonald House** – Children and teen quilts
- **Janeway Neonatal unit** – premie quilts, buntings
- **Network of nursing homes in central NL** – wheelchair quilts

If you would like more information about sewing for one or all of these causes

please ask about it when you visit the shop or call (709) 651-7467.

Quilters are some of the most caring people on the planet and our quilters are among the best of them.

Membership: The Fabric Shop has a membership program which costs \$12 a year. This entitles the member to a 10% discount on all regularly priced fabrics. If you are interested speak to one of our staff in the shop or call (709) 651-7467 to enroll today!

Until next time...

