



The Quiltmaker's Shoppe

Arlington WA

January – March 2012

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Check out the Shoppe's website! <http://www.thequiltmakersshoppe.com>



Greetings to all! Here comes 2012! What are you ready to learn or to teach or to do?? Are you going to finish all of those borders you haven't put on yet? Drag out all of those project bags that have the half finished tops folded neatly inside? Maybe gear up for some layering and quilting? Or, maybe it's time to start something brand new. Come in and get inspired!

SHOPPE TALK I am excited about the classes this quarter - Eileen is bringing her Quilt As You Go Sampler Class, Pat will be teaching Beginning Quilting, Belinda is starting a stunning new Batik Block of the Month, Kim will be doing a Patch Abilities mini quilt of the month, there is a real "Mystery" quilt and fun with Kaffe Fassett fabrics. Also, check out the Harriet Hargrave's class with Belinda. This class can be for beginner's, but I think it is the best way for those with experience to get back to the basics and figure out why those bits and pieces we have learned over the years don't always come together into the perfect quilt. This is a good refresher class on everything from fabric selection to the perfect seam allowance to correct cutting and pressing. **BACK TO BASICS** to break some of those bad habits!! Great way to start the New Year!

NEW FABRIC AT THE SHOPPE There is ALWAYS new fabric coming in! The Kaffe Fassett prints are bright & gorgeous, The Ruby line from Moda is very soothing and Moda's Cabana Batiks can wake you back up! And, new wide backs, new Tonga and Bali Batiks and new novelty fabric. Come in and check it all out - the shelves are groaning.

FABRIC COMING SOON PSSSHT..... Where is it all going to go? Again, I come back to the idea of using my garage as storage but Bill says NO... There are just too many choices!! And, I see something and I think, OH, Joan would LOVE this or Jane would want this or Jill would... you get the idea. I have Fairies and Florals

coming in, Laurel Burch, Hungry Animal Alphabet, Charlie Brown fabric, and many that I cannot even remember...you will just have to keep coming back in to see what is new because it seems to be arriving almost daily.

COMING UP:

SEWING & STITCHERY EXPO March 1st - 4th at the Puyallup Events Center. Loads to see and do here. I know a lot of you went last year, come in and check out the schedule of classes & activities they have this year!!

QUILTER'S ANONYMOUS 31ST ANNUAL SHOW! March 16, 17, 18 at the Monroe Fairgrounds. Over 500 quilts will be on display; there will be demo's and lots to see, learn & do.

TRI COUNTY QUILT TOUR!!! Here it comes!! March 21st to March 24th! Our own small, local "shop hop". This year the focus is on traditional pieced blocks - plan your quilting holiday now!

SHOP HOP The big one.... This requires major planning so get a pair of comfortable shoes and a group of friends and a driver! June 20-24, 2012!

TIP TIME These are tips that I have learned from you recently. The Sew-Line marking pencil uses a ceramic lead. Most pencils use a graphite lead. Ceramic "rolls" on easier and also removes easier than graphite. The Frixion marking pens are great BUT, the marks will come back if you put your quilt into the freezer - even after you wash it. I don't recommend this pen for marking quilt tops if you are worried that the quilt will get cold. I do recommend it for marking everything else though! The Bosal iron on fabric backing has been a big success for backing embroidery projects according to my testers and the Extra Fine Quilter's pins are also a stand out item. So, if you are in the market for pins, pens, pencils or project backing fabric you know the vote!

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A quilt as a gift

-be it large or quite small-

Can carry our wishes

For one or for all

It mixes the present

The future, the past

It says that we care

And the caring will last.

SUPER SATURDAY Watch your e-mail for the great Super Saturday deals the first Weekend of every month!

NEWSLETTER Does the postman deliver this to you after you have read the e-mail? If so, please let me know and I will put you on the e-mail only list!

EMAIL Please update our email in your address book. TheQuiltmakersShope@frontier.com Thanks!

WINTER QUARTER CLASSES

QUILTERS ACADEMY - Belinda Murray

Are you sewing accurate 1/4" seams? How about precise cutting and measuring? Learn to sharpen those skills and lots more! Join us as we follow the lessons in Harriet Hargrave's "Quilter's Academy" book series.

Fee: \$60

Mondays, Jan 9, 23, Feb 13, 20, Mar 12, 26 (1:30 - 3:30)

EMBROIDERING WITH KANDI - Kandi Magana

We will be working on a Sampler which is a great way to learn the different stitches used in embroidery patterns. Frame and hang it in your sewing studio for easy reference!

Fee: \$20 + pattern

2nd Thursday of the month (1:00-3:30)

SOUP 'N SEW - Robin Elliott

She's back and ready to tackle a new year! Join Robin as she shares new methods, tips and tricks for sewing great blocks! Food, fun, and quilting! Is there anything better?

Fee: \$15

2nd Friday of the Month (6:00-9:00)

SAMPLER QUILT AS YOU GO - Eileen Crutcher

Do you have lots of "tops" and few quilts? Is it because you're not sure of how to quilt those tops or having others quilt can be costly? Well, if either is true, then this is the class for you! Eileen will show you how to quilt each block (12 blocks or 20) as you finish piecing it! You can use this technique with almost any future quilt you make. Sign up now!

Fee: \$90

Tuesdays in Jan, Feb & Mar (10:30-2:00)

Beginning January 17th

IT'S A TRUE MYSTERY! - Belinda Murray

Come join us for "Mystery at the Alter," a fun class solving the mystery of what it's going to look like when all the clues are revealed. This class is designed for an experienced beginner. Learn some quick cutting and strip piecing techniques. You get an envelope with all the clues but no peeking! At the end you'll have a 42" square table topper or wall hanging.

Fee: \$35 + pattern

Sat, Jan 21 (10:30 - 3:30)

UMBRELLA - Joan Buse

Joan has been making umbrellas for about 20 years. They are fabulous! She insists that with her pattern and some direction, you can make one too! A perfect gift from or for WA! This class will fill quickly so sign up today!

Fee: \$40 (includes umbrella frame & pattern)

Sat, Jan 28 or March 24 (10:30 - 2:30) lunch break

FUN WITH KAFFE FASSETT FABRICS - Judy Irish

Create a quilt using the luscious colors from Kaffe Fasset and Westminster fabrics. These gorgeous prints make stunning quilts...we will create quilts that will work with your fabric selections. Check the Shoppe for some of those fun fabrics!

Fee: \$40

Tues, Jan 31 & Feb 7 (6:00 - 9:00)

INTRODUCTORY QUILTING - Pat Mitchell

Pat never tires of teaching the art of quilting. She walks you through the quilting process from beginning to end. Learn a new technique with each new block! This is a great class for beginners.

Fee: \$70

Fridays, Feb 3, 17, 24, Mar 2, 16, 23 (5:30-9:00)

EASY BRAID TABLERUNNER - Belinda Murray

Make it scrappy or "controlled!" You choose the fabrics and Belinda will show you the techniques for doing an easy French Braid tablerunner.

Fee: \$35

Mon, Feb 6 (5:30 - 8:30)

NORTHERN STARS BATIK BOM - Belinda Murray
Belinda is at it again! Tonga Batiks are so beautiful and combined with the Northern Stars pattern...wow! Two sizes of jewel-toned star blocks sparkle amidst the pastel background and pieced border.

Fee: \$65 per quarter

2nd Saturday of the month (10:30 -12:00)

Beginning Feb 11th

PATCH ABILITIES MONTHLY MINI - Kim Moff
You have to see these to appreciate them! Brighten a spot in your home each month. In February you will do March's project so it will be ready to display. This will be a limited class so sign up early!

Fee: \$26.50 + *stand & stencil*
2nd Sunday of the month (12:00 - 3:00)
Beginning Feb 12

ADULT SEWING CLASS - Krista Moser
You requested it and Krista is doing it - a sewing class for adults! Learn the basics of your sewing machine, take your measurements, read a pattern, and sew a basic garment! This class is sure to help you enter the world of sewing with confidence!

Fee: \$50
Wednesdays, Feb 22, 29, Mar 7 & 14 (6:00 - 9:00)

ANNA MARIE'S TOTE BAG - Judy Irish
Make an unusual tote bag that folds flat, large enough to carry lots, and is great for travel! Fill it up and carry it right on the plane!! Use it for whatever you want to pack around. It is also a great pattern for many techniques, including some basic machine quilting.

Fee: \$35
Thurs, Feb 23 (10:30 - 3:30)

QUICK BROKEN STAR - Krista Moser
Back by popular demand! 45° diamond shapes? No problem! Krista will show you how to use the special ruler to make this fabulous star effortlessly! Beautiful in just two fabrics or several! Sign up today!

Fee: \$40 + book & ruler
Sat, Feb 25 (10:30 - 3:30)

KID'S SEW - WINTER - Krista Moser
Krista continues to work with each student's creativity, while perfecting stitch width, seams, gathering, top stitching, cutting, etc. Because students are at different levels, the projects vary accordingly.

Fee: \$40-1 / \$65 - 2 siblings
Thursdays, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 (4:00 - 5:30)

FREE MOTION QUILTING - Judy Irish
Learn to sandwich and quilt all those quilt tops you have stashed away! Judy's free motion class is just the place! She will encourage you to dump fear and intimidation and simply have fun breathing and quilting! This class continues to fill fast; sign up today.

Fee: \$35
Sat, Mar 3rd (10:30-3:00)

ADVANCED SATIN STITCH APPLIQUE - Karen Lowry
Karen is ready to take you a step deeper into the world of satin stitch applique! She has different stitches for you to try to give your project more "character"! Her work is beautiful and she can give you the secrets to make yours beautiful too!

Fee: \$35
Tues, Mar 27 (10:30 - 2:30) w/lunch break

CATHEDRAL WINDOW - Shirley Rock
It's the easy way to make Cathedral windows! You can make a sampler with just four squares or a wall hanging using fourteen squares. Impress your friends and family with a beautiful, complex looking piece of art that will make you proud.

Fee: \$35
Sat, Mar 31 (10:30 - 3:00)

SURPRISE CLASS! - Deb
Most of you know this project now, the surprise is when will the class be & what fabric will you get? A four hour class with fabric included and food provided to keep you going! Watch your e-mail for the next class date!

Fee: \$45.00
Includes fabric & food!

LAST MINUTE MUSINGS - GRATITUDE

..... \$ My last minute musing is going to sound a lot like an acceptance speech at an awards show so grab some popcorn and have a seat! Thank you to Marty & Kim for all of their help this last year and in advance for all of their help next year! Thank you to Kim, Marty, Belinda, Robin, Pat, Ann, Linda T., Shirley, Donna, Sue, Linda D., Eleanor and Judy for the sample quilts they have made to showcase my fabrics. Thank you to all of the Teachers who have taught and will continue to teach the fun and the art of quilting. Thank you to all of the staff over the last year - you have been great! Thank you with humblest gratitude to all of the quilters who have welcomed me so warmly and graciously. Mostly, though, thank you to my husband Bill. He won't let me have the garage for a warehouse but he has been the wall behind my back holding me up this past year. I truly could not have made it without his ideas, support, skill with a vacuum & tolerance for a messy house, tv dinners and way too many meals at the Bluebird Café. Thank you all.