



The Quilter's Shoppe

Arlington WA

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Greetings to all! Here we are in 2017! What changes will this year bring to each of us, to this shop and to the quilting world in general? Most of those questions I can't answer but I do have some news about the Block of the Month Program for 2017 and another change that is important to note.

We have the "Meadow" Block of the month beginning in January but so many of you get ahead of the class that we have decided to bring a SECOND Block of the Month into the mix this year! The plan right now is to start this one in July - it also uses batiks from Timeless Treasures and a pattern by Wing and a Prayer Design called "Forest Floor". Our sample kit is arriving at the Shoppe any day so we will have the pattern available to display as well as fabric bits - and you can check it out in many of your favorite quilting magazines in the stores or your mailboxes now. If you aren't a speedy quilter you don't need to worry though! You can still take the entire 12 months to work on Meadow, this is just an additional option. Belinda is nothing if not versatile and skilled in multi-tasking so we are going to "layer" the classes together. Just keep piling one on top of the next! Kind of like my sewing room right now.

The other big change is that I have decided that The Shoppe will not be participating in the Washington Shop Hop this year. It was a difficult decision to make. Many of you enjoy this event and I do as well but, when I received the notice that it would be changing from 5 days to 9 days I had to sit down and really think about the practicality of staffing the Shoppe for those 9 days. Then Bill told me that no way was he willing to give up 9 vacation days to help out and that sealed my decision. I'm sorry to those of you who look forward to this every year but, I will be participating in the Row by Row Experience and I will also be having some GREAT sales while the Shop Hop is running. With 9 days to travel the shops you should have plenty of time to stop by Downtown Arlington and see what kind of deals are going on!

FABRIC NEWS

Moving along! I'm still waiting for my Digital Wildlife Prints to arrive from Northcott. The Eagle has landed (as they say) and one sample is up and ready for viewing at the Shoppe. The other sample is in pieces in one of those layers in my sewing room... The Hoffman Digital Mastery collection is in and the project for that one is up and it is beautiful. This is a floral print with some fun geometrics and a pattern that at first looks crazy but goes together like a dream. This pattern is a keeper for any medium/large focal print. Also just in and up is a great Quail print for those of you that have bird hunters or bird lovers in the family and also a sweet folk art panel along with a few home themed coordinates from Henry Glass called "Bless This House". And, don't miss the "Here a Chick, There a Chick" precut flannel fused applique project. This is another delightful Bonnie Sullivan (of Bertie's and Tuxedo Tales fame) pattern. Quick and easy and a great way to practice your blanket stitch and embroidery skills, it is also a go anywhere project. Just iron on the pieces, grab a needle, some threads and scissors and you're halfway done!

CLASS NEWS

On the calendar for classes we have Krista doing the Tuffet as well as a pattern she has written using large hexagons. Belinda is teaching a modern take on the Dresden Plate as well as bringing back the ever popular "Bargello" quilt. For some basics, Pat will be checking your seams in "Introduction to Quilting" and Judy will be telling everyone to RELAX in her "Machine Quilting"! I'm going to walk a class through a "Mystery in the Meadow" quilt and, of course, Belinda has the Block of the Month and Finish it Fridays Add in the Embroidery Class and the Applique Only Group and the bases are somewhat covered!

THINGS WORTHY OF NOTE

Have you checked out the Yazzi bags yet? I have to thank Cathy Callan for introducing me to these wonderful must haves. These are made in Australia specifically for crafters. Quilters, knitters, hand crafts - they make great bags for all of your projects. Very well made and loads of pockets so everything can have a place. There are several different sizes, shapes and colors to choose from and I have a good selection in stock right now. I've seen several of these bags that are so well liked by their owners that they are all decorated up with wool applique and embroidery stitches. Take one home and make it your own unique creation! Then, take it everywhere you go - with your current project tucked inside. Also new in the Shoppe is the Clover Seam Roller. This is a product I have been waiting for for a very long time, without realizing I needed it until it showed up! It's a pretty simple concept, a small lightweight smooth roller on the end of a handle. Nothing technologically advanced about it at all. BUT!! I have fits with bias seams.. the stretch.. the wobble.. trying so hard NOT to iron but to press. And, then there is the irritation at hopping up and down from the ironing board when making just a few blocks. Press this seam that way, the other seam the other way, etc., etc.. I've long supported the wooden iron, or even the good old fashioned finger press, but this actually works! And it doesn't stretch the seam at all. I can even press seams open without burning the tips of my fingers! What a treat that is. Come in and see. It really isn't anything fancy but sometimes fancy doesn't do the job and we just need sensible. There is also a little larger version of the same product available from Violet Craft. I have both in stock as of this writing and plan to reorder as often as needed.

FINISHING UP

So, here we are! Christmas is almost here and it's hard to keep my mind focused on everything I meant to tell you in this newsletter so I should probably stop rambling and just get on with getting it out. I want to thank everyone for their support in 2016 - especially the groups that have made the year such fun. The Embroidery Group in particular always gives me a bit of laughter and learning to spice up the month so, Cathy, Lynn, Karyn, Carol, Chris - and, of course,

Jeanie(!) thank you! You've listened to my stories and offered good advice. You've shown me beautiful stitchery and amazing organization. You've been friends when needed and are willing to be teased on occasion. This is such a valuable 2 hours each month for me, I get to be just a member of the group and I miss it when events stop me from attending. You are all awesome! Anyone is welcome to come to this class. It's fairly informal and a very nice break with very nice people.

WINTER HOURS

BEGINNING FRIDAY DEC. 23RD THE SHOPPE WILL BE ON WINTER HOURS, MON - SAT 10 - 4 AND SUNDAY 11 - 3

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

WINTER CLASSES

OPEN EMBROIDERY - Cathy Callan

This class is just becoming more fun every month! Cathy has so many ideas for us! Of course, she is ready, willing and able every month to help you with your embroidery project, whether you are a beginner or learned at Grandma's knee and just want to advance or brush up your skills. But, she has also started bringing us along into the world of wool applique and fancy stitching to make some really fun stuff! So, come join! Bring in something you are working on or stop into the Shoppe and pick up a brand new pattern and floss. It is a great way to spend a few hours a month with friends.

Fee: \$10

1st Thursday of the Month (10:30 - 12:30)

FINISH IT FRIDAY - Belinda Murray, 4th Friday

Have projects you'd like to finish up (or start)? Need a little help figuring it out? Like to sew with other quilters? Just want to sew away from the laundry, the dishes, the phone, the pets, the kids and grandkids? Join us! It will be a fun time out. Space is limited, so sign up early as it will fill fast.

Fee: \$15

2nd & 4th Fridays (1:00 - 9:00)

MEADOW Block of the Month - Belinda Murray

Another beautiful Block of the Month from Wing and a Prayer Designs using Timeless Treasures Batiks! These patterns are never boring, and always surprise with the way these different blocks combine to make a quilt full of detail and interest. The color scheme is restful and the bit of machine applique adds just that extra touch!

Fee: \$65 per quarter (\$260 total)

2nd Saturday of the Month

Beginning Sat, Jan 14th (10:30 - 1:00)

APPLIQUÉ ONLY - No Teacher

It's always more fun working on projects with friends. Bring your unfinished appliqué project or start a new one!

Fee: \$15 per year

3rd Wednesday of the Month (10:00 - 1:00)

INTRODUCTORY QUILTING - Pat Mitchell

Starting in January Pat will introduce a new round of quilter's to the world of half square triangles, flying geese, sashing, borders, quilting and binding! Or, to refresh the skills of anyone wanting to get some basics back in hand. What a great way to start your new year! You learn a LOT in this class and are ready to take on almost any pattern once you've mastered these basic skills. Please come and join her for a fun and enlightening experience! It will be well worth the time!

Fee: \$70.00 plus fabric/tools

Tuesdays - Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 14, 21, 28
(11:00 - 2:30)

BARGELLO - Belinda Murray

Have you wanted to make a Bargello Quilt but were reluctant to try one on your own? Think they are complicated? Well, let Belinda show you how to organize, cut, and sew strata. These tips will build your confidence and help you succeed in making your very own Bargello Quilt! Choose a design large or small from one of two books by Eileen Wright - *Twist & Turn Bargello* or *More Twist & Turn*. Sign up today and join us for a day of fun.

Fee: \$35 + book

Fri, Jan 20 (11:00 - 4:30)

MEADOW MYSTERY QUILT - Deb Light

The mystery is how can such simple blocks create such a complex quilt design? It's all in the fabric choices and layout! Each month you will work on one part of this quilt and in April put it all together! The price includes the class fee, pattern and all fabrics needed to make a 72" square quilt top plus binding. The pattern includes instructions and fabric requirements if you want to make it 100" square.

Fee: \$35 per month (\$140 total)

4th Sun of the Month

Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23 (1:00 - 3:00)

TUFFET - Krista Moser

What is more fun than making your very own tuffet? Well, having Krista as your Tuffet Teacher! These cute little stools are a great way to put your own personal stamp on any room in your house. They also make a great gift for the person who has everything as well as the person who needs everything! For students only I will be selling the Tuffet Kit for \$45.00. This is regularly \$70.00 so that is a real bargain! Limit of one kit at this price.

Fee: \$45 + Kit

Sat, Jan 28 (10:00 - 3:30)

DISCOVERING DRESDENS - Belinda Murray

There are many versions of the pattern Dresden Plate. Circles made up of 12, 16 or 20 wedges in 2 colors, many colors, vintage, batiks, solids or novelty print fabrics can add to the fun of these blocks. Join Belinda in exploring these circles or in making the project - 7 Ringie Dingies.

Fee: \$35 + pattern

Fri, Feb 17 (11:00 - 4:00)

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 to secure your place.

Fee: \$35

Thurs, Feb 23, (10:30 - 3:00)

HEXAGONS - Krista Moser

Have you seen all those fun hexagon quilts around and wanted to make one, but thought it was beyond your ability? Well this technique is just what your looking for then! Simple strip piecing combined with a nifty ruler trick makes even beginning quilters look like pros!

Fee: \$35 + pattern

Sat, Mar 18 (10:30 - 3:30)

HIDDEN WELLS - Judy Irish

Create a great quilt from an old pattern designed by Mary Ellen Hopkins. The method is simply strips of fabric sewn together, cut into blocks, and pieced together in a specific pattern. Use some of your scraps or get some of the luscious new fabric at the Shoppe and design your original Hidden Wells.

Fee: \$35

Thurs, Mar 23 (10:30 - 4:30)