



The Quiltmaker's Shoppe

Arlington WA
September - December 2018

315 N. Olympic Avenue, Arlington, WA 98223 Phone: 360-435-3993 Mon - Fri 10:00-4:30 Sat 10:00-4:00 Sun 11:00-3:00

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



Greetings to all!

Here I am running late with this again! I really meant to have it out last week but things got in the way. Regular things like laundry, groceries, housework, but I have to confess that I've also been reading books and having some fun sewing!

SHOPPE TALK:

Fun sewing - let's talk about that for a minute. Two of the new samples up in the Shoppe were kind of like a good book because I enjoyed the piecing so much that I was almost disappointed when they were finished! The Red Truck Christmas quilt and the Cardinal "Delectable Panel" project both challenged me just enough and neither had me bored with the process halfway through. The challenge with the Red Truck was remembering how to paper piece and the joy was rediscovering just how neatly the paper pieced parts came together!

The Cardinal quilt was fun because it uses a short cut method to make the Delectable Mountain blocks. It looks like I worked much harder than I did to make it! The challenge was that I kept trying to cheat on the pattern. By that I mean that I thought I knew a shorter/better way to do the steps. Because of that I remade each and every part of that quilt at least twice and ended up taking more of the fabrics home 3 times beginning in May. So it took me over 3 months to finish the thing! But the truth is that it took me about 1 week once I finally accepted that the pattern writer knew what she was talking about and there were reasons for all of the steps! It was well worth all of the time, fabric and trouble though. It is a stunning quilt using a Hoffman Digital Panel that almost seems to be dimensional and a beautiful border treatment. I think I'll be using this pattern over and over again for panels. It's all kitted up (in two sizes) and ready for you and don't worry - if you are also a pattern re-writer I've put notes in the kits about things to be careful of cheating on.

NEW FABRIC AT THE SHOPPE:

The latest in fine arts is Renoir from Robert Kaufman. Three beautiful panels and a collection of blenders that will knock your socks off! I'm still working up projects for this collection. There are strip packs and fat quarters but you are going to want yardage of most of these!

FABRIC COMING SOON:

You can be surprised along with me! This summer was so hectic I have lost track of what is coming in. My paperwork is all at the Shoppe and I'm home in my comfy chair with a heating pad wrapped around my shoulders trying to get this finished up and off to you so I'll just keep you guessing!

STORE HOURS:

Thank you all for your patience and understanding about the short hours during the heat bursts this summer. We're back to regular hours noted above in the header.

NOTES ON CLASSES:

First note on the agenda here is the Basics of Machine Quilting Class with Cathryn. WOW! This has been very popular. Students are signing up 2 months in advance and then signing up for a 2nd or 3rd session. Cathryn is a great teacher and she'll get right down into the nitty gritty of putting your quilt together on your home machine. Judy will be teaching a machine quilting class that places a stronger focus on the art of free motion and how to customize your quilt and add a unique touch.

Time to think Christmas gifts and what better than a Tuffet? I love these little stools and with Krista teaching they go together like magic! Pat's ready to introduce you to quilting or refresh your skills and Sondra wants you to relax with some Sashiko or try your hand with a Miniature Quilt! You should also check out the Raw Edge class with Judy - what a fun way to put together something that is a one of a kind creation!

ROW BY ROW EXPERIENCE

A bit of a change to the rules here! Old rules put everything in hibernation (patterns and kits) until October 31st. New rule is that if you come into the Shoppe up until Oct. 31st you can purchase the patterns and kits but there is no free pattern. After Oct. 31st I can mail patterns and kits.

<https://rowbyrowexperience.com>

CRANKY OLD WOMAN RAMBLINGS:

I'm so fed up with beeps! My fridge beeps if I leave the door open for too long. My Instant Pot has an identical beep when it is done cooking. My microwave has me talking to it, saying "I'm on my way DANG IT" after the 5th beeping reminder when I'm in the middle of something. My coffee pot beeps when it finishes brewing and when the warming plate shuts off. My sewing machine beeps to tell me that I've run out of bobbin thread (ok - that is kind of nice to know I guess) AND, best of all is the rice cooker that beeps out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star". Then I get that playing in my head. My washing machine also plays some weird series of marching beep notes that seem to be telling me to "CHARGE"!

My printer beeps for no reason I can figure out. My cell phone beeps whenever it thinks it has something I need to look at. The cash register at the Shoppe goes into a fit of beeps if it thinks I'm misbehaving on the keys. My thermostat beeps for a filter change. For the sake of brevity I won't list all of the reasons my car thinks it needs to beep during my 10 minute commute each day. And I think I'm getting a little weird in my cranky old woman phase because just the other day a conversation went on in the Shoppe about smoke alarms beeping and last night I was getting ready for bed and I heard it - that faint "beep" from a smoke alarm warning that a battery needs changing. My first thought was HA! We were just talking about that! Coincidence?? I think not! I've read too many detective books and watched too many police shows. I know that we aren't supposed to believe in "coincidence"! It's a smoke alarm conspiracy for sure! Luckily it wasn't the bedroom smoke detector so I was able to leave a note for Bill to go around the house the next day waiting for the beep to see who was causing the problem. (Although, in one of those baffling mysteries in my knowledge of all things Bill, I don't understand why he won't just change them all out! It's a 9 volt battery for Pete's sake! Do we really need to wait until we get every last bit of use out of each one before we change it? He also saves aluminum foil. I

buy foil at Costco and I forget that I have 6 boxes stuffed in the cupboard at home so I buy more each trip. We are not ever going to run out of brand new, unfolded, unwrinkled aluminum foil. But, he folds it, stuffs it in a drawer and I come along and throw it away a week later.)

But, back to the topic of beeps! I'm starting to feel like one of Pavlov's dogs. I never thought I would miss the annoying buzzer on the stove timer that stuttered and faded in and out and then stopped. Same thing with my old dryer. Just one BZZZT and it would shut off. The dryer I have now will continue to beep and tumble intermittently for up to 6 hours if I forget about it. Maybe it doesn't wrinkle my clothes but it annoys me to realize that it's been running for hours. Appliance shaming! Every bit of technology seems to be determined to remind me constantly of where I should be and what I should be doing. Change the furnace filter! Change the water filter! Oil the sewing machine! Turn off the oven! Pick up the phone! Look at the printer! Service the car!

It's amazing to see all of the demands I have piled on myself by filling my life with time and work saving conveniences! I wouldn't give up my computerized sewing machine for an older model, and I like the adaptive cruise control on my car (plus the heated and air conditioned seats) - but, man, it would just be so awesome if these technological miracles would realize that we own them and, so far, it's not the other way around!

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

FALL CLASSES

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)

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. 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: \$5

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

FINISH IT FRIDAY - Belinda Murray

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)

THE BASICS OF MACHINE QLTG - Cathryn Scott

Here is the class for the quilter that wants help, advice and support for basic quilting techniques including In the Ditch, Echo Quilting, marking your quilt, perfecting your stitch length and tension, using transparent thread, choosing your design and more! This is a monthly class on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Beginners will work on fat quarter sized samples, intermediate and beyond can bring projects with pre approval that are completed and ready to quilt to get advice and assistance. Bring your questions, ideas and machine and attend as many sessions as you need. Cathryn is a wonderfully patient teacher with a wealth of knowledge on machine quilting. You will build your confidence as you learn to quilt your quilts on your own home machine!

Fee: \$30

Thurs, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20
(10:30 - 2:30)

INTRODUCTORY QUILTING - Pat Mitchell

Beginning Quilting is a fun class to learn or refresh your knowledge of the basic skills of quilting. You will make three blocks in class and three as homework. In the last three classes you will learn sashing, boarders, simple quilting, and binding. If you do all the homework, you will have a finished quilt top by the end of the class.

Fee: \$70.00 plus fabric/tools

Thursdays, Oct 4, 11, 25, Nov 1, 8, and Fri 16th
(1:00 - 4:00 pm)

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 \$55.00. This is regularly \$80 so that is a real bargain! Limit of one kit at this price.

Fee: \$45 + Kit + pattern

Sat, Oct 27th (10:00 - 3:30)

LIVING ON THE RAW EDGE - Judy Irish

This class for all levels is a fast and fun way to create a "painting" in fabric, thread, yarn, or other embellishments. All you need is a few supplies, an inspiration for your "painting", and spirit of adventure to play. You will be surprised at how easy and fun this project can be!

Fee: \$35

Sat, Nov 17th (10:30-3:30) w/lunch break

DRAWING WITH YOUR MACHINE NEEDLE

- Judy Irish

Join this class for a fun adventure learning some machine quilting techniques to spice up your next quilting project. We will make a small sample and do a little doodling to help you get your muscle memory going! This is a great class for all levels and will give you confidence in using your domestic machine to machine quilt. You can also use your featherweight.

Fee: \$35

Tues, Nov 27 (10:30 - 3:30) w/lunch break

INTRODUCING MINIATURE QUILTING

- Sondra Shaw

More of the basics of making a miniature quilt! We'll review fundamental considerations that make a successful "mini" quilt. Then we'll move onto a class project that will provide you a gentle "hands on" experience in constructing your own miniature quilt.

Fee: \$35

Fri, Nov 30th (10:30 - 3:00) w/lunch break

SASHIKO - Sondra Shaw

Sandra's Sashiko class is requested frequently. It is a Japanese decorative hand stitching/ quilting art that uses long, simple geometric stitch patterns on a solid color fabric. Like a whole cloth quilt, the design is all in the stitching. Sign up and learn the basics of this art.

Fee: \$25 + supplies

Thurs, Dec 6th (12:45 - 3:45)