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I recently read an article by an industry analyst that said that copyright infringement was one of the most significant issues facing the quilting world today. Quilters have a long history of sharing with each other. In the days before published patterns, family members and friends would happily exchange their own creations with each other. Given this background, it is sometimes awfully tempting to must "make a copy" of a pattern or book for a friend. Aside from the ethical and legal implications of copying a copyrighted item, if our talented designers and authors cannot make a living creating wonderful resources for all of us quilters, then they might stop designing and writing. This is why we always require ownership or purchase of a pattern or book for a kit or class here in the shop.

We have had several questions lately regarding copyright. I will not attempt to address the real, legal issues of this area, but I would like to share with you my rule of thumb on the ethics of copyright. Ask yourself this question, "If I copy this for my self, friend, guild, etc. is there a person out there in the world who will not be getting paid for her work?" For example, if you copy a magazine article that is current or that is available as a back issue, then the writer, photographer, publisher, art director, printer, and distributor are all missing out on the revenue that should have been generated by that article. You can see how quickly this can add up if we all randomly make copies for each other. It just takes answering and acting upon this one simple question to feel good about "doing the right thing."

SCISSORS SHARPENED

We are happy to announce that local sewing machine repairman Fred Mills has agreed to pick up scissors at the shop to be sharpened. The charge for a regular pair of scissors is \$4. Please label you scissors by either tying on a tag or putting them into a well-marked bag. You can drop off your scissors anytime between now and Wednesday, May 6th. The scissors will be back at the shop for pick up by Saturday, May 9th. Please be prepared to pay for your sharpening by cash or check (made out to Heritage Quilts) when you pick up your scissors.

HERITAGE QUILTS & FABRICS BOOK CLUB

The book club meets on the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 am -12:30 pm, and we know that there is a "shadow book club" out there following along but unable to get to the meetings.

On Thursday, April 16th we will discuss Leaving Riverton by Jodi Barrows.

On Thursday, May 21st we will discuss Stash Envy by Lisa Boyer.

On Thursday, June 18th we will discuss That Dorky Homemade Look by Lisa Boyer.

Can there be anything better than combining books and quilting? This is a free club, and you are not required to sign up.

SKILL SERIES SAMPLER

Each month, we present a new skill and you can practice that skill on a sampler block. You can attend just the classes that you need or would enjoy. As your stack of sampler blocks grows, so will your skills and confidence.

Class #9-Diamonds-LeMoyne Star will be Tuesday, May 5th from 6:30—9:30 pm OR Wednesday, May 6th from 10:30 am—1:30 pm.

Class #15—Hand Piecing will be Monday, May 11th from 10:30 am—1:30 pm.

Class #10—Foundation Piecing-Pineapple Block will be Tuesday, June 2nd from 6:30-9:30 pm OR Wednesday, June 3rd from 10:30 am—1:30 pm.

Class #16-Working with wedge shapes-Dresden Plate will be Monday, June 8th from 10:30 am—1:30 pm.

APPLIQUE GROUP

Many of you have been asking for more appliqué opportunities. We have formed a new appliqué stitching group. The group will meet on the first Friday of each month from 10:30 am—1:30 pm. While this is not a beginning appliqué class, if you have taken an appliqué class or done a little bit of appliqué, it is a great venue to work on projects, to share tips and techniques, and to enjoy the company of other quilters. There is no charge for this stitching group—just bring your projects and have fun.

QUILT FINISHERS

The 2009 finishers are already off to a good start with 57 finished projects reported so far this year. The Quilt Finishers meet together for show-and-tell of our finished projects and to continue to work on getting those UFO's (unfinished fabric objects) done. The group meets from 10 am—2 pm on the third Friday of every month. Cost to join is \$10 for the entire year. You can join at any time.

- *Any quilted object is eligible
- *Finished is bound and labeled
- *Projects started at any time are eligible, but they must be completed in 2009.
- *If you quilt for others, no client quilts

You will put your name into a drawing for every project you finish. The club will run throughout 2009, and we will hold the drawing party in January of next year. We will provide a wide variety of prizes. Of course, the real prize is getting those projects done and sharing the accomplishment with other quilters.

PIGS ROAST SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

PIGS stands for "Projects in Grocery Sacks," and we all have them. Set aside this day to work on one of the projects that you have in progress or on your "someday" list. Bring your project in a grocery sack (paper or plastic), and get a coupon good for \$5 off any purchase you make that day (minimum \$5 of course).

The cost for the day is \$20 and that includes lunch (selection of wraps or Sandwiches from The Redneck Gourmet). This is going to be a fun and exciting day. What could be better than getting away from the distractions at home and spending a day sewing with quilting friends? Just a few spots left—first come, first served.

*We offer a **frequent shopper card** that is good for \$20 off after you reach \$200 in purchases. The only exclusions are sales tax, gift certificates, classes, and discounted items. Be sure to turn in your printed cards to switch to our automated tracking system.*

Discounts cannot be combined. When multiple discounts are involved (ex. Sale fabric & a birthday discount), then you would get the greater of the two.

We offer a birthday discount good for half of your age. For example, 52 years of age would get 26% off. The discount is good 1 week before to 1 week after your birthday, and you must announce your birthday before your sale is complete.

FAT QUARTER DAY 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH-Fat Quarters \$1.75-regularly \$2.75

KILL THE BOLT SALE—on the first Saturday of every month, buy all remaining fabric on any bolt and receive 25% off of that bolt.

JO'S LITTLE WOMEN CLUB

Each month we will meet together to work on one doll sized quilt made from Jo Morton's Civil War reproduction fabrics. At the start of the club, you will purchase a punch-card for 24 fat quarters. You can select your fat quarters from any of the Jo Morton fabric lines, and you can select all of them at the beginning or a few at a time. The fat quarters will be used to make all of the blocks in the series of quilts, so you will only need to purchase additional fabric for your borders, backing, and binding.

Because these are a manageable size, they are a great way to try out new techniques, and you will probably find that you can get these finished more easily than a full sized quilt. These make a lovely display hung together on a wall. Many of the participants from previous years of this club are either hanging a group together or using them as table toppers or gifts.

The cost of the club is \$85.62 for which you get 24 fat quarters, six Jo Morton patterns, and six workshop sessions.

The club members will meet on the third Monday of each month from 10 am—1 pm. The meetings are a fun time to show off your finished top from the prior month and to begin work on the current month. The best part is seeing the different fabric and color choices. If you can't attend one of the meetings, you can pick up the pattern at the shop anytime during the month.

STRIP CLUB 4TH SATURDAY

We have had great response to our strip club quilts this past year. For those of you who haven't discovered this yet, strip club features quilts made using 2 1/2" strips. Because the strips are pre-cut, these quilts are usually fast and fun to make. This year, we will debut the quilt on the fourth Saturday of each month. If you come to the shop on the fourth Saturday, you can see the quilt and purchase the strip set for that quilt for \$35. After the fourth Saturday, any remaining strips from that quilt will be available for purchase for \$40, so you can save \$5 by visiting us on Strip Club day. You can choose to make just the quilts that you like—there is no ongoing obligation.

The April strip club quilt will be a real treat as it will be designed by Margaret Schlumper (a local designer), and it will feature 1930's pastels. Saturday, April 15th.

The May strip club quilt will be red, white, and blue. You should have time to get this top done before the fourth of July! Saturday, May 23rd.

The June strip club to be announced. Saturday, June 27th.

CLASS POLICIES

We greatly appreciate our class teachers who so generously share their time and talents. To be fair to our teachers, we have the following class policies:

- *Class fees are due when you register.
- *Your cancellation of a class with less than 1 week's notice will result in forfeiture of the class fee.
- *If you cannot attend a class for a documented emergency (doctor's note, funeral program, police report, etc.), then you will be issued a store credit for use in a future class.
- *Please, no guests or children in class.
- *Please turn off your cell phones during class.
- *If we have to cancel a class, you will be issued a full refund.

CLASS SCHEDULE—April, May, June

SKILL SERIES SAMPLER

Note: All Skill Series Sampler Classes are \$20 and taught by Liz Hogan unless otherwise indicated.

Skill Series #9-Diamonds-LeMoyne Star

Learn the secrets of working with diamonds while making a LeMoyne Star block.

Tuesday, 5/5, 6:30-9:30 pm OR
Wednesday, 5/6, 10:30am—1:30 pm



Skill Series #15-Hand Piecing

Learn the traditional art of hand piecing.

Monday, 5/11, 10:30 am—1:30 pm



Foundation Piecing—Class #10

Learn the technique of foundation piecing—great for sharp points and intricate block—while making a pineapple block.

Tuesday, 6/2, 6:30-9:30 pm OR
Wednesday, 6/3, 10:30 am—1:30 pm
Cost: \$20



Skill Series #16-Dresden Plate

Learn to work with wedge shapes while making the Dresden Plate block.

Monday, 6/8, 10:30 am—1:30 pm
Cost: \$20



STACK & WHACK

Stack and Whack—one spot left

Learn to make these complicated looking but simple quilts. You will learn how to select fabric and cutting tricks to make these kaleidoscope blocks.

Saturday, April 18, 10 am—4 pm

Instructor: Monica Townsend

Cost: \$30 (requires book)



BEGINNER

Beginning Quilting

Learn the basics of machine piecing and quilting while making a Rail Fence quilt, we will cover rotary cutting, piecing, quilting, and binding. This class will provide a firm foundation from which you can continue your quilting journey.

A 4 session class with some homework.
Instructor: Corinne Echols
Monday Evenings 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, & 5/4, 6-9 pm.

You must be familiar with your sewing machine—threading, bobbin, etc.



CLASS & CLUB SKILL KEY



= Beginner



= Advanced Beginner-comfortable with rotary cutter & 1/4 inch seam



= Intermediate-comfortable with all basics and ready to expand skills

JO'S LITTLE WOMEN CLUB

Civil War Doll Quilt Club

Make six small doll quilts using Jo Morton's Civil War fabrics. The club will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. 10 am—1 pm.

Coordinator: Cynthia Zimmerman

Cost: \$85.62 (includes 24 fat quarters and six patterns)



QUILT FINISHERS' CLUB

Quilt Finishers Club

Meet with other quilters on the 3rd Friday of each month to share finished projects and to work on finishing more. Your name goes into a prize drawing each time you finish a project.

Daytime 10 am—2 pm 3rd Friday

Coordinator: Kris Townsend

Cost: \$10 for the year



April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 10:30-12:30 Book Club	17 10-2 Quilt Finishers	18 10-4 Stack and Whack; Fat 1/4 Sat
19	20—10-1 Little Women; 6-9 Beginner	21 6-;7 Thimbleberries	22	23	24	25 PIGS Roast; Strip Club Quilt Debut
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1 10:30-1:30 Appliqué Group	2 Kill the Bolt Sale
3	4 6-9 Beginner	5—6:30-9:30 Skill Series #9-LeMoyné Star	6—10:30-1:30 Skill Series #9-LeMonyé Star	7	8	9 10, 11, or 12 2nd Sat Sampler
10	11 10:30-1:30 Skill Series #15-Hand Piecing	12	13	14	15 10-2 Quilt Finishers	16 Fat 1/4 Sat
17	18 10-1 Little Women	19 6-7 Thimbleberries	20 10:30-1:30 Thimbleberries	21 10:30-12:30 Book Club	22	23 Strip Club Quilt Debut
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2—6:30-9:30 Skill Series #10- Foundation	3 10:30-1:30 Skill Series #10- Foundation	4	5 10:30-1:30 Appliqué Group	6 Kill the Bolt Sale
7	8 10:30-1:30 Skill Series #16-Wedges	9	10	11	12	13 10, 11, or 12 2nd Sat Sampler
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Strip Club Quilt Debut; Kill the Bolt Sale-1 week early
28	29	30	July 1 10:30-1:30 Skill Series #11	July 2	July 3	July 4 CLOSED

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