

January - April 2018 Newsletter

Dear Quilters,

Happy New Year to you and your loved ones! I wish you good health and happiness for 2018, and hopefully you'll be able to find a little time for sewing each day. I think just a few minutes of sewing each day, *(if that is the only amount of time you can find)* is soothing and calms the soul. It really helps of course if you can leave your project out and start and stop at any given time without having to pick up everything and put it away.

You will find a lot of great classes planned to get you through to spring. (Take classes, blink your eyes, and it will be April before we know it!)

I'm thrilled with our teacher line-up that we have in this newsletter: two new teachers: Pat Baker and Irene Henion. Pat will be our Missouri Star Quilt Company Teacher. As I said in the class write-up, I can't bring Jenny Doan to you each month, but I can bring Pat Baker to you each month. She will be teaching patterns published by Missouri Star. Along with this, Mt. Pleasant will be stocking the Missouri Star Quilt Company's magazine, "BLOCK." I know some of you have a subscription to the magazine already, but many of you have asked for it - we listened - it's here! Irene Henion is a retired school teacher and just can't get out of the habit of making lesson plans and teaching to a classroom filled with smiling faces! She will be teaching using the Cake Mix Recipe Cards by Moda and the Cake Mix Quilt Book, Volume One that has become so popular. I'm very thankful for our returning teachers: Karen Bryant, Charlotte Hawkes, Shirley Ingles, Pat Lockwood, Jackie Roberts, Ruthann Stilwell, and Debbie Thomas. You'll find my name on the class listings also.

Make sure to read about the Tumbler Participation Challenge. It's still not too late to get your quilt started and have it ready for Feb. 3rd. Remember you just need to have the top sewn.

Check out the monthly sales--something different every month.

As I always write in my newsletter because it's so true: *you are all fun, friendly and fantastic women! (And men-you are too!)* I sincerely thank you for attending classes and shopping at Mt. Pleasant Quilting.

Sewingly,
Barb

"Sew Along"

If you would like to "Sew Along" with your friends or friends to be, pick and choose your Sew Along date(s). Come and sew, talk, laugh, order out lunch if you choose- just have a day away. You will need to sign up though.

Cost: \$7.50 The time will be 10:00 – 4:00.

Dates are:

Jan. 3rd, Jan. 5th, Jan 6th, Jan 16, Jan. 25th, Feb. 17th, Mar. 1st, Mar. 10th, Mar. 20th, Mar. 28th, Mar. 30th, Mar. 31st, Apr. 7th, Apr. 26th, Apr. 28th.

Classes

Because our classes fill so quickly and have waiting lists,
It is necessary to initiate the following policy:

- For BOM's (Block of Month), ROM's (Row of Month) or TOM (Technique of Month), POM (Project of the Month), or multi month classes: It is understood that you are registering for the entire program. 50% of the class fee is due upon registering. The remaining balance is due midway through the classes. We will require a credit card number to be on file when you sign up and will charge your card accordingly the next day if you have missed a class. It is acceptable, if you wish, to pay by cash or check when you are here. You may pay for total when you sign up-also acceptable. *Your information is kept confidential in a locked box.*
- Total payment is due at signup for all other classes.

Judy Niemeyer Potpourri Workshop

1st Tuesday of the month for 4 months, starting Jan. 2nd, 10:00 - 3:00, OR

1st Tuesday of the month for 4 months, starting Jan. 2nd, 5:30 - 9:00

Is there a Judy Niemeyer project that you want to do, but we haven't scheduled a class for it yet? This class is for you! Karen will guide you every step of the way. Some gals tell me they are afraid to start.....don't be.....if you can sew on a solid line, use a rotary cutter and ruler... you can make a Judy Niemeyer quilt, wallhanging or tablerunner. Choose the pattern you want to do and sign up!

Teacher: Karen Bryant

Class Fee: \$15.00 per month

(50% due at sign-up=\$30.00. Remaining balance due midway thru classes.)

Hand Embroidery Club - Open Hand-Stitching

2nd Thursday of the month, starting Jan. 11th, 10:00 - 3:00(or 4:00 ish)

You asked, we listened, we took action. Many of you enthusiastically expressed an interest in having a hand embroidery club, much like our Sew Along Days, when you can come and work on your own embroidery projects. Well, you've got it! Mary Lane has agreed to be the leader. This is not a teaching class and is targeted to those who have basic embroidery skills. So, choose your dates, sign up, come along with your embroidery project and enjoy a day of stitching, a gab fest (*probably*) and laughter, I'm sure!

Leader: Mary Lane

Monthly Class Fee: \$7.50

Friday Night Finishers

2nd Friday of every month starting, Jan. 12th for 4 months, 6:00 - 9:00

Come sew, laugh, share time with friends or make new ones, finish UFO's....just a fun night out on a Friday night! Jackie will be glad to help with any general quilting problems.

Teacher: Jackie Roberts

Class Fee: \$7.50 per month

Katies's Quilt by Missouri Star Quilt Company

Thursday, Jan 18th, 10:00 - 3:00, OR

Saturday, January 20th, 10:00 - 3:00

I know how you all love Jenny Doan and Missouri Star Quilt Company...well we can't bring Jenny to you each month, but I can bring Pat Baker to you each month. Pat Baker is going to become our Missouri Star Teacher! Katies' Quilt, 64" x 78", is the first quilt that Pat will be teaching. You will be using Jenny Doan's method of making 4 patches using 5" squares. There is no better way to make scrappy units that look so good and go together so quickly! You're going to love this little trick. Kit available or you can use your own 5" squares and colorway. If you still need help in completing this quilt, read the class description for April 19th and 21st.

Teacher: Pat Baker

Class Fee: \$27.50

If You're Stuck, Get Unstuck

Wed. Jan 17th, 10:00 - 1:00, OR

Wed. Jan. 17th, 6:00 - 9:00, OR

Tues. Jan. 23rd, 10:00 - 1:00, OR

Tues. Jan. 23rd, 6:00 - 9:00, OR

Thurs. Feb. 8th, 6:00 - 9:00, OR

Tues. Feb. 20th, 10:00 - 1:00, OR

Thurs. Feb. 22nd, 10:00 - 1:00, OR

Tues. Feb. 27th, 6:00 - 9:00, OR

Fri. Mar. 16th, 10:00 - 1:00, OR

Fri. Mar. 16th, 6:00 - 9:00, OR

Thurs. Mar. 22nd, 10:00 - 1:00, OR

Thurs. Mar. 22nd, 6:00 - 9:00, OR

Thurs. Mar. 29th, 10:00 - 1:00, OR

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Thurs. Apr. 12th, 6:00 - 9:00, OR

Tues. Apr. 17th, 10:00 - 1:00, OR

Tues. Apr. 25th, 100 - 1:00, OR

Tues. Apr. 25th, 6:00 - 9:00

If you have taken a Judy Niemeyer paper piecing class at Mt. Pleasant and are stuck, or need the push to finish it, come and see us. We will be here to help you! Remember, it's ANY Judy Niemeyer paper piecing class. Let's get you stitching again!

Teacher: Karen Bryant

Monthly Class Fee: \$10.00

Scandinavian Snowflake

Fridays, Jan. 19th & Feb. 16th, 10:00 - 1:00, OR

Fridays, Jan 19th & Feb. 16th, 6:00 - 9:00

This is one of Judy Niemeyer's latest patterns. This pattern includes enough papers to make (4) Table Toppers 20" in diameter. The pattern teaches basic paper piecing techniques and introduces quilters to the Quiltworx applique technique using laser-cut-Stitch-N-Peel applique stabilizer for turn-under applique. You'll also learn curved paper piecing. A great class for the beginner as well as the experienced.

Teacher: Karen Bryant

Class Fee: \$30.00

JN Mixers

4th Friday of the month for 4 months, starting January 26th, 10:00 - 1:00

Is there a Judy Niemeyer project that you want to do, but we haven't scheduled a class for it yet? This class is for you! Karen will guide you every step of the way. Some gals tell me they are afraid to start.....don't be.....if you can sew on a solid line, use a rotary cutter and ruler... you can make a Judy Niemeyer quilt, wallhanging or tablerunner. Choose the pattern you want to do and sign up!

Teacher: Karen Bryant

Class Fee: \$15.00 per month

(50% due at sign-up=\$30.00. Remaining balance due midway thru classes.)

Finish Up UFO's

Last Friday of the month, starting January 26th for 4 months, 6:00 - 9:00

Want an evening out? Want to share some quilting time with your friends? Come along and sew, sew, sew!

Teacher: Karen Bryant

Class Fee: \$7.50 per month

Amusement from Studio 180 Designs

Saturday, January 27th, 10:00 - 3:00

Amusement is a fun and quirky quilt inspired by the Ferris Wheels found on the Amusement Piers in NJ. Ferris Wheels are enjoyed by so many of us, just like this quilt will be for the quilter making it and the recipient receiving it. It can be made in three sizes: Wall (53" x 53"), Throw (74" x 74"), and Twin (75" x 98").

Teacher: Debbie Thomas, Certified Studio 180 Design Instructor

Class Fee: \$35.00

Gingerbread

Tuesday, January 30th, 10:00 - 3:00

This pattern is taken from *The Cake Mix Quilt Book – Volume One*. (Warning!!! This book's patterns will make you hungry!!!) It uses Cake Mix Recipe #1 and Layer Cakes (precut 10" fabric squares). You will use the preprinted papers from the Cake Mix Recipe to form half square triangle units. By using this method, there is less waste than with traditional methods and the units are more accurate. This is a fun and easy way to create blocks and put them together for a beautiful quilt. The Gingerbread quilt is 68 1/2" x 92 1/2". The Cake Mix Quilt Book contains two patterns for each of the 8 Cake Mix Recipes currently available. We will be offering the second installment in March and continue throughout the year. It is great for beginners AND experienced quilters. Join us for a delicious quilting experience!

Teacher: Irene Henion

Class Fee: \$25.00

One Fabric Kaleidoscope

Wednesdays, Jan. 31st & Feb. 21st, 10:00 - 3:00 .

I promised you I would teach this project in January. We all know it looks like a Christmas quilt, but there just wasn't enough time in the fall to get this made or teach it. It is also being re-printed for 2018, so maybe we can say we're ahead of the game or right on time. At least you will be all prepared for the 2018 Christmas. Anyway, I'm teaching this quilt using the Bethany Reynolds method of stack and whack. It has simplified the whole process and been quite fun to do- very impressive looking quilt! Kit available.

Teacher: Barb Miller

Class Fee: \$35.00

Stack- n- Whack

Friday, February 2nd, 10:00 - 3:00

This class sure has been a favorite one! Barb has taught it to over 560 gals since we opened the shop. Once you take this class, you will never look at fabric the same way again. You need only one fabric to make the 12 different star blocks, plus a background and accent fabric. It's exciting to see how each block evolves into a new design. You'll be oohing and aahing! Just you wait and see!

Teacher: Barb Miller

Class Fee: \$25.00

Tumbler Participation Challenge

Saturday, February 3rd- DUE DATE & Drawing of Prizes

The more quilters that participate, the bigger the stakes are for prizes. The grand winner will receive a gift certificate valued at the number of quilters who participate and bring in the top on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018. For example if there are only 5 quilters, the gift certificate will be \$5.00. If there are 100 quilters, the gift certificate will be \$100.00.

Therefore, the gift certificate value will equal the number of quilters who participate and bring in the top on Feb. 3rd. Also, the more participants, the greater number of door prizes there will be too! We are looking at a throw size quilt approximately 50" x 69" because who doesn't like a comfy, snuggly quilt? Rules? They are simple:

1. Come in - sign up. Pick up the yardage requirements for a throw size.
2. Buy your yardage OR bring yardage from home to be cut into tumblers.
3. Mt. Pleasant will accurately cut the tumblers using our Accuquilt Studio machine.
4. Payment for cutting this throw size will be: \$12.50.
5. Go home, sew, - doesn't have to be quilted or bound to qualify- your choice.
6. Come to our Tumbler Participation Challenge Event on Saturday, February 3rd at 10:00. The winners be determined by randomly drawing names of those participants present. The value of the gift certificate plus the number of door prizes will be determined at that time. Our cut off time will be 10:30 to determine the prizes. You will be able to socialize, have show and tell, enjoy refreshments and hopefully have some fun!
7. You still have time to do this! It was first announced in September. I'm anxious to see how you will meet the challenge!

The Winter Twist Quilt

Wednesdays, Feb. 7th & 28th, 10:00 - 3:00

The Garden Twist Quilt has been a favorite pattern of quilters around the world since it was first introduced in 1988 by Jason Yenter's mom from In The Beginning Fabrics. My mom made the blue/green version of The Garden Twist in 2001. Her's will be hanging next to my quilt: The Winter Twist Quilt in the shop. Yes, it is a Christmas poinsettia gorgeous print, but there just wasn't any time to teach it this past fall. But good news, it is being re-printed for 2018, so we are really right on time or ahead of the game and you will be all ready for Christmas 2018. It looks complicated, but it really is half square triangles and snowball blocks. The finished quilt size is 64" x 75". Kit available.

Teacher: Barb Miller

Class Fee: \$35.00

Friendship Table Runner

Thursday, Feb. 15th, 10:00 - 3:00, OR

Saturday, Feb. 24th, 10:00 - 3:00

As I've said earlier in this newsletter, I know how you all love Jenny Doan and Missouri Star Quilt Company...well we can't bring Jenny to you each month, but I can bring Pat Baker to you each month. Pat Baker is our Missouri Star Teacher! This month finds her teaching a 15 1/2" x 51" table runner designed by Jenny Doan using 2 1/2" strips. You will become very efficient in learning how to make 45 degree cuts accurately so your braid technique will look beautiful! If you still need help in completing this project, read the class description for April 19th and 21st.

Teacher: Pat Baker

Class Fee: \$25.00

Bloc Loc Technique Class

Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 10:00 - 3:00

This is a technique class for making Kaleidoscope blocks using *Bloc Loc Kaleidoscope Rulers* and the book *Kaleidoscope Heaven* by Janna L. Thomas. We will use the 8" Bloc Loc Kaleidoscope ruler to create the basic block from 2 fat quarters (one light, one dark). Once you have learned the technique, you can create 26 different blocks from the 8" ruler. If later you add the 3", 4", and 6" Bloc Loc rulers to your collection, you can make 104 different blocks using the same technique. After learning the technique for the basic block, we will create a set of blocks using 3 colors which you can use to create a table topper. This class will prepare you to complete the Color Me Happy! from *Kaleidoscope Heaven* which is a 2-day class offered April 24th and May 15th. (Look on the website calendar.....beautiful quilt!)

Teacher: Irene Henion

Class Fee: \$25.00

Surrounded By Scraps

1st Wednesday for 3 months, starting March 7th, 10:00 - 3:00

On October 17, 1777, British General John Burgoyne was surrounded and surrendered in the Battle of Saratoga. This was said to be the turning point of the American Revolution. The Burgoyne Surrounded quilt pattern symbolically represents the event of the Americans circling around the British and breaking through the British lines. "Surrounded by Scraps: is an adaptation of this old traditional pattern. So....gather ALL your scraps and make this beautiful quilt designed by Charlotte Hawkes. You can use background scraps- choose light or dark- as long as the background scraps have the same value. As Charlotte says, "the scrappier, the better." Charlotte puts every kind of scrap in her quilts, from 30's to Christmas, to juvenile to reproduction, florals, etc. (*I don't know if you are aware that Charlotte is known as "The Scrap Queen."*) You can choose the size from couch to queen.

Teacher: Charlotte Hawkes

Class Fee: \$67.50

(50% due at sign-up=\$33.75. Remaining balance due at April class.)

Totally Tulips Topper by Missouri Star Quilt Company

Thursday, March 15th, 10:00 - 3:00, OR

Saturday, March 17th, 10:00 - 3:00

No weeding allowed in this Totally Tulip garden! This will be a refreshing table topper to make in March especially when we are getting itchy for spring to come....the topper can become our early tulip indoor garden. As I've said earlier in this newsletter, I know how you all love Jenny Doan and Missouri Star Quilt Company...well we can't bring Jenny to you every month, but I can bring Pat Baker to you every month. Pat Baker is our Missouri Star Teacher! She will lead you to a successful end product. If you still need help after this class to complete your table topper, read the class write-up for April 19th or 21st. Kit Available.

Teacher: Pat Baker

Class Fee: \$25.00

Hummingbird Lane

Wednesday, March 21st & Friday, April 6th, 10:00 - 3:00

If you love hummingbirds and flowers, you will love this 40" wallhanging! It comes as a kit from Hoffman Fabrics. It is all pre-fused and accurately laser cut for you - ready to go. I love seeing the beautiful fabrics they've used...which also meant I didn't have to pick out any of the fabric colors to make the kit! Kit available and a must for class.

Teacher: Barb Miller

Class Fee: \$30.00

Marrakesh from Studio 180 Designs

March 24th, 10:00 - 3:00

Made with bold and intricate geometrics, just like you'd expect to see in the Moroccan city of Marrakesh. You'll use Deb Tucker's Trimmer 1 and Wing Clipper 1 tools to make the elegant 82" x 97" quilt. You'll need to choose three fabrics +focus fabric + border fabric.

Teacher: Debbie Thomas, Certified Studio 180 Design Instructor

Class Fee: \$35.00

Creme Brulee

Tuesday, March 27th, 10:00 - 3:00

The second installment from *The Cake Mix Quilt Book – Volume One* is Creme Brulee!!! This quilt is made using Cake Mix Recipe #3 and Layer Cakes. Like the Gingerbread Quilt, you will use 10" precut squares to form half square triangles. By placing the half square triangle units differently, you create a whole new quilt.

This is a tasty treat for beginners and experienced quilters alike. Keep watch for the next delicious installment.

Teacher: Irene Henion

Class Fee: \$25.00

Project Bags

Wednesday, April 18th, 10:00 - 3:00

Great for organizing everything you need for each of your projects. These handy totes in four sizes - small to extra large - have sturdy quilted bases and fun fabric details. A zippered closure keeps everything safe and secure and a see-through vinyl window allows you to see at a glance what is in each bag. (*Don't let the zipper scare you off!*) Quick and easy to make...the bags make great gifts, too!

Teacher: Ruthann Stilwell

Class Fee: \$25.00

Missouri Star Catch -Up

Thursday, April 19th, 10:00 - 3:00, OR

Saturday, April 21st, 10:00 - 3:00

If you have taken Katie's Quilt, Friendship Runner, or Totally Tulips classes earlier this year, and need help to finish, Pat - our Missouri Star Teacher - is here for you. Get those projects finished up!

Teacher: Pat Baker

Class Fee: \$20.00

Frozen Fountain

3rd Friday of the month for 5 months, starting April 20th, 10:00 - 1:00, OR

3rd Friday of the month for 5 months, starting April 20th, 6:00 - 9:00

Join us to create Judy Niemeyer's beautiful new pattern: Frozen Fountain. This gorgeous quilt mixes new components with some familiar one to create a graceful design. The quilt size is 64" x 64." Additional borders can be added to increase the size. For new and experienced Judy quilters.

Teacher: Karen Bryant

Monthly Class Fee: \$15.00

(50% of total payment due at sign-up=\$37.50. Remaining balance due midway thru classes)

Color Me Happy! from Kaleidoscope Heaven

Tuesdays: April 24th & May 15th, 10:00 - 3:00

This is a companion class to the Kaleidoscope Technique Class offered Tuesday, Feb. 27th. We will use the same 8" Bloc Loc Kaleidoscope Ruler plus the 4" Bloc Loc Kaleidoscope ruler and the book Kaleidoscope Heaven by Janna L. Thomas to create a beautiful quilt. Using the same technique, we will make 2 sizes of pinwheel blocks. There will be two classes, 3 weeks apart, to provide the opportunity to complete some or all of your blocks. In the second class, we will concentrate on assembling the quilt. This quilt can be done scrappy or "with a plan". It's a beautiful quilt that will amaze your friends....and YOU!!

Teacher: Irene Henion

Class Fee: \$35.00

ADVANCE DATES IN MAY:

Enchanted Garden BOM

3rd Wednesday of the month for 12 months, starting May 16th, 10:00 - 1:00, OR

3rd Wednesday of the month for 12 months, starting May 16th, 2:00 - 5:00

This is a beautiful, beautiful 48 1/2" x 64 1/2" batik quilt featuring Floragraphix batiks IV by Jason Yenter from In the Beginning Fabrics. This quilt is just yummy to the eyes!

There will be piecing and fusible raw edge machine applique, or you certainly can turn under the edges if you choose. (Mine will be fusible raw edge.) Kit available.

Teacher: Barb Miller

Class Fee: \$10.00 monthly

(25% of total payment due at sign-up=\$30.00. Remaining balance collected quarterly.)

Summer Blossoms from Studio 180 Designs

Saturday, May 5th, 10:00 - 3:00

This quilt was designed by Michelle Hiatt, and was inspired by the vast flower gardens at her home in Connecticut. This quilt has a light, airy feeling that provides a lot of movement, giving the illusion of flowers blowing in the summer breeze. The quilt is made using Studio 180 Design's Wing Clipper, Corner Pop and Square Squared tools. Summer Blossoms uses fat quarters to create the blossoms; each fat quarter makes two blossoms. It will be a great quilt for the upcoming summer session!

Teacher: Debbie Thomas, Certified Studio 180 Design Instructor

Class Fee: \$35.00

Monthly Sales

JANUARY

"ANNUAL JANUARY THAW SALE & CUSTOMER APPRECIATION SALE"

Friday, January 26th & Saturday, January 27th

25% OFF ALL Fabric, (Includes Fats), Books, Patterns, & Notions

FEBRUARY

SWEETHEART'S SALE

February 13th - 17th

Any fabric that has red or pink in it:

30% OFF

MARCH

"ANNUAL PAJAMA PARTY SALE"

Friday, March 23rd & Saturday, March 24th

Wear your pajamas 8:00a.m. – 9:00a.m. and receive 35% OFF ALL FABRIC

Wear your pajamas 9:00a.m. - 10:00a.m. and receive 30% OFF ALL FABRIC

Wear regular clothes 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and receive 25% OFF ALL FABRIC

We just love seeing those jammies!

Continental breakfast provided!

APRIL

"A DEAL A DAY FOR A WEEK"

You will be able to make a 20% OFF deal any day during the week of

April 17th - 21st. Choose any one item and receive a 20% discount.

(That one item could be one continuous cut of fabric:

ex: 10 yards of one fabric if you wanted.)