

Patchwork Plus Spring 2012 Newsletter

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HOURS: Sunday Noon - 4pm;
Monday through Saturday 10am - 5pm

Spring News from Judi

Dear Friends:

Spring is here, even though an occasional snow storm may creep in. It is a time for new beginnings. Trees are budding, birds are hatching and the store is full of new projects for you to try. We have classes to learn new techniques and classes to brush up on old ones. Stop in and see our samples and get inspired!

Judi

25th ANNIVERSARY SALE

July 7

7:00 am in the tent!

In celebration of our 25th anniversary year, **all pre-measured bolts of fabric in the tent will be \$2.50 per yard.**

We open the shop at 8:00 am and **everything in the shop will be 25% off**

with the exception of sewing machines and special orders.



"What's Cookin' at the Quilt Shops?" More information to come!

Fall Shop Hop
September 27 – 30, 2012
sponsored by
CNY Shop Hop

YARN TASTING

with Erlinda Brennan, Cascade Yarn Rep
Save the Date – Monday, October 15.
More details will be in the fall newsletter.

BERNINA

The May You Save Event

May 10 – 21, 2012

Stop in the store to pick up your BERNINA coupons and find 6 great ways to save during our May sale.

Save up to \$500 off sewing machines and save 25% on any one BERNINA accessory priced up to \$300.

The **BERNINA ARTISTA 730** sewing machine is being discontinued. We currently have one new, one used and one floor model left in the shop.

CHRISTMAS FABRIC COMING IN JULY!

We couldn't wait! Our Christmas fabric is arriving weekly and you will begin to see it on the shelves in July. However, when **Seasonal Little Gatherings...** all 51 bolts of it... arrived two weeks ago we just had to put it out. Moda's Seasonal Little Gatherings is a fabric collection of small simple patterns inspired by Autumn and Christmases of the past. The tiny prints, including pumpkins, reindeer and candy canes, are perfect for your primitive holiday quilt. Stop in the shop to see this beautiful collection.

Our 25th Anniversary celebration continues with special recognition...and special sales!...for our loyal "bag ladies."

For the remainder of this year, save your receipts and when you get to \$125.00 you have earned your Patchwork Plus bag (for those who do not already have a bag).

On the 25th of every month (except December) we will have a Bag Lady special. So far this year we have had 25% off all Moda fabric, 25% off books, patterns and notions, and 25% off all batiks as well as featured yarns. What will be the special in the coming months? Check Judi's Notes every Sunday to find out. If you do not receive Judi's weekly notes, visit the Patchwork Plus web site at www.patchworkplus.com and sign up on the home page.

Don't forget....you must have your Patchwork Plus bag with you to take advantage of the bag lady sales.

BEGINNERS AND BASICS

APRON FOR QUILT CLASSES

Saturday, June 9

10:30 – 4:00 pm (bring a bag lunch)

Stephanie McCall

Fee: \$25

Ever feel not quite as comfortable in a quilt class as you do at home? It's because all your "stuff" isn't where you need it to be! Stephanie has created an original design for a Quilting Class Half Apron that is comfortable and designed JUST FOR YOU! With moveable parts to put things where YOU NEED THEM! Features button holes - zippers - pockets. Be comfortable! Sew confident in class!!

Sign up and receive a coupon
for one of Stephanie's classes this fall!
Fee includes pattern.

SPOOLS FOR YOUR SEWING ROOM

Mondays: June 11, June 18 and June 25

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Stephanie McCall

Fee: \$40

Spoos for your sewing room...or anywhere!! Grab your sewing themed fabrics and make a quick project as a reminder that your sewing room is calling you during those long days of summer. Focusing on the "spool" block with diagonal lines, perfect sashing, borders, binding and machine quilting skills!

Sign up and receive a coupon
for one of Stephanie's classes this fall!

COIL POTS

Sunday, August 12

12:00 – 2:00 pm

Sue Ellen Romanowski

Fee: \$18

You've seen these fun bowls; come see how easy they are to make. Be careful, they are addictive! You will be making them for every room in your home and all your friends. It is likely you will go home with a finished project!

OLD TIME CUTWORK DESIGN

Saturday, July 21

10:00 – 4:30 pm

Sharon Stroud

Fee: \$35

Try cutwork appliqué on a small scale as you work on a 14-inch finished block. You will learn to make the pattern, transfer it to cloth and begin the cutwork appliqué technique. We will cover points, curves and reverse appliqué. Students should be familiar with needleturn appliqué.

HANDWORK

INTRODUCTION TO SASHIKO

Saturday, May 19

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Barbara Feinstein

Fee: \$18 + \$25 for Kit

Learn this old Japanese hand needlework technique called Sashiko, which means "little stabs". We will be using a kit to make coasters using the thick cotton thread to make geometric designs on a solid background. Join the fun as you learn this new technique, which can be used for quilts, clothing and home furnishings.

Kit includes everything you need except scissors.

STAR OF HOPE

Thursdays: July 26 and August 2

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Sharon Stroud

Fee: \$42

This delightful star design is sure to add a ray of hope to your home...or as a gift for someone special. Hand piecing brings this design within easy reach of even a beginner! Join Sharon as she guides you through making templates, marking the fabric, piecing set-ins...all easy with hand piecing. And, for those of you who are "appliqué phobic", you can choose a larger scale print for the center. Appliquers can do either! Hand piecing is classic, portable, and achievable. Come learn how!

Please note: This two-part class will concentrate on the hand piecing of the center block. Patterns for the appliqué will be provided, as will directions for the borders. Appliqué will not be taught in this class. *The class fee includes oversized copy of design and extensive handouts.*

HAND QUILTING SHARON'S WAY

Saturday, July 28

10:00 – 4:30 pm

Sharon Stroud

Fee: \$40

Whether you've just finished your first quilt top and are ready to learn to quilt, or simply want to improve your quilting stitch, come learn this unique way to quilt without poking your underneath fingers and without a hoop or frame. (It is not stab stitch.) Basting, marking methods, echo quilting, thread and batting are covered as well as the quilting stitch.

Class fee includes a prebasted quilt sandwich.



Sunday, July 15 – Friday, July 27

Onondaga Community
College, Syracuse, NY

Come visit our Patchwork Plus booth at the merchant mall at **Quilting by the Lake** (QBL) this summer. QBL began in 1981 as a four-day quilting conference in Cazenovia, NY and has grown into a two-week nationally and internationally recognized quilting event. It offers classes and workshops, lectures, a quilt show and merchant mall to a wide variety of students with diverse interests and multiple skill levels. QBL is owned and operated by the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center in Auburn, NY.

The Patchwork Plus booth will be located on the main floor of the quilt show area. QBL is open to the public Sunday, July 15 - Thursday, July 26 from 11:30am - 5:30pm and on Tuesday evenings, July 17 & July 24, from 7 - 9pm. Closed Saturday, July 21.

BERNINA 550 QE machines available at special pricing. Patchwork Plus provides BERNINA 550 sewing machines to out-of-town participants and teachers for use in the QBL workshops. Stop in the shop after July 21 to ask about special pricing on these machines or call ahead to have your name added to the waiting list. These machines sell quickly!

QUILTING TECHNIQUES

CRAZY QUILTED PUMPKINS TABLE RUNNER

Tuesday, July 17 OR Friday, Aug 10 OR Saturday, Aug 25
10:00 – 4:00 pm

Marilyn Urciuoli Fee: \$40

Get ready for fall by creating a fresh table runner or wall hanging with fun crazy quilted pumpkins. This is a great class with few “rules” and lots of creative energy. Learn crazy quilt basics, how to piece fabrics on a muslin base, appliqué the crazy quilted piece on a background, crazy quilt stitches, basic beading and ribbon embroidery. Bring your fall fabrics, threads and free spirit.

Pattern required.

BEYOND the BASICS

Mondays: July 30, Aug 13, 20, 27 & Sept 17

1:30 – 4:30 pm OR 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Teacher: Judy Sheridan Fee: \$85

This class was created as a next class for “From the Beginning” quilters who would enjoy learning more machine piecing, machine appliqué and mitered borders while reviewing rotary cutting, pinning and pressing techniques for improved accuracy. The easy to learn format is paced for success with step-by-step directions that lead the novice along the way to a finished wall hanging over five classes. Sewing machine required.

TREASURY of TUCKERS

Wednesdays: May 16, June 20, July 11, Aug 15 & Sept 5

1:30 – 4:30 pm OR 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Teacher: Judy Sheridan Fee: \$90

Explore those wonderful Tucker Rulers – the Tucker Trimmers I & II, Wing Clippers, Square² and LeMoyne Stars – presented singly each month with clear directions in a step-by-step format and opportunities to use these rulers to improve your accuracy and piecing skills. Your finished Half Square Triangles, Quarter Square Triangles, Flying Geese, Square in a Square and no Y-seam LeMoyne Stars will be used in both expected and new, creative ways in an original pieced quilt!

BLOOMING NINE PATCH

Sunday, May 20 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Sue Ellen Romanowski Fee: \$28

Come play with color. Choose a combination of colors, values and textures to make a quilt with lots of sparkle and interest using this traditional pattern. The fabric selection is the most important part of this quilt – large flowers & busy prints are great. A color theme is not necessary, value change is important. The focus of this class will be on the fabric selection.

SPICY SPIRAL TABLE RUNNER

Saturday, June 16 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Sue Ellen Romanowski Fee: \$28

Create this jazzy curvy table runner for fun...for you, for a gift, for a holiday. In this 4-hour class we will get much of the table runner cut and sewn.



Bernina Software Sampler Club

These classes are open to anyone with any type of machine who wants to learn new techniques!

Saturday mornings at 11:00 am

*There will be a \$5.00 charge and you'll receive a CD with all of the instructions.
Call ahead to register.*

May 19: Create Hand Look Embroidery – Doodle Stitching

Create your own stitches to use in Embroidery Software and replicate the look of hand-stitched embroidery. Great way to finish any handwork embroidery UFO's! Use cotton thread to embroider the hand look stitching on a fabric Bread Basket & Napkins, or select any of the other projects from this wonderful book.

June 16: Embroider a Button!

Design and produce your own custom buttons to use in projects, on garments, or as jewelry! Embroider a ribbonwork design and create small embroidery designs that stitch out successfully. Digitize a ribbonwork design and then cut it out – ready for a button – with the Cutwork Tool.

August 18: Mix It Up with Mixed Media

Learn to create beautiful line work to expand your design possibilities. Combine paint colors with your stitching. Turn Zentangle doodles into spectacular embroidery. Explore a variety of Mixed Media options and create a mixed media Sidekick Sling Bag or Alice Book Bag.



ALL ABOUT ME: BERNINA VIRTUAL EMBROIDERY CLUB

Third Fridays:

May 18, June 15 and August 17

11:00 am

Karen Donnelly

Fee: \$5 per session

Karen will have samples ready and machines set up for participants to try the techniques used in the projects presented each month. A sample will be on display in the shop ahead of time so you will have an idea of what the offerings will be each month.

May 18: From Head to Toe

We will embroider head to toe as we discuss techniques for embroidering caps and slippers. We will talk about products that will work well for stabilizing caps to keep them from shifting as you embroider them. We will also make boutique slippers that are sure to please everyone. We will focus placement and on how to get a design exactly where you want it to be.

June 15: Under Wraps

Showcase your sewing hobby by creating a cover for a notebook that will be the envy of everyone in your sewing or quilting class. We will make a cover for a notebook (or an e-reader) that features some unique flap closures and some special embroidery techniques to personalize your project.

August 17: If You Can't Stand the Heat...Make a Potholder!

Potholders are functional, but they can also be fun and decorative! We will take a look at several potholders that would be great to give as gifts or to spruce up your kitchen. We will discuss embroidering on hand-made chenille and adding embroidery to an already stitched quilt block.

Meet our new teachers:

We are happy to add two new teachers to our lineup for the spring/summer classes – Stephanie McCall and Barbara Feinstein. We'll let them tell you about themselves.....

Stephanie McCall

A Baldwinsville native, I plunged head first into the world of quilting after having my first child in 2001. Quilting, for me, became more than just a past time. I've coveted every nook and cranny in our home for my beloved fabric and tools to create and inspire my commission clients and quilting students. Now, many years later, I have the opportunity to grow my once home-based business into something much larger. Not that I had any choice...I certainly out grew every room in the house! In the summer of 2011, I was awarded in the appliqué and piecing division at the New York State Fair for my original design. I am thrilled to boast of forty students both private and in small groups from all over Central New York. I recently moved into my new studio at Dovielly's Fine Arts Center and business has taken flight! I look forward to serving your learning and quilting needs!

Barbara Feinstein

I have been doing some form of needlework and sewing since I was a little girl, learning from my mother and aunts. When I lived in Europe I enrolled in hand crafting/needlework classes to learn the language and meet people. Soon I was the teacher! I started quilting more than 20 years ago and even put my knitting needles to the side for a few years. Nineteen years ago my son moved to Japan. While visiting my son I discovered Sashiko, Japanese fabric (shibori and indigo). I have been intrigued by Japanese hand needlework as well as Japanese fabrics since first being introduced to them. I love imparting my knowledge and techniques to the students I teach, and learning from them.

Coming this summer... the newest quilting products released by Laundry Basket Quilts. **Edyta Sitar of Laundry Basket Quilts** has released a new MODA fabric Collection "Over the Rainbow" which includes 40 brightly colored batiks and 10 natural light color batiks, along with her new patterns "Spring Bouquet" and "Garden Trio". We will carry both patterns and can order for you the kit and pre-cut silhouettes for Spring Bouquet. We will let you know in Judi's weekly notes when the fabric and patterns arrive!

Bags and Totes

Whether you are looking for a new summer tote to carry your water bottle, notebook and books, a more tailored look for that special occasion this summer or feel it's just time for a new bag (of course with lots of pockets!), we have the pattern for you. **We carry a large selection of bag and purse patterns** including patterns from Lazy Girl Designs, Indygo Junction, Susan Rooney Patterns, Atkinson Designs, Amy Butler and Whistlepig Creek Productions to mention just a few. And don't forget that graduation is just around the corner and an e-reader cover makes a perfect gift for your graduating student.

~ THE FINISHING TOUCH ~

Add a little pizzazz to your purse with an eye-catching button. Many times, the button is the finishing touch that personalizes your new bag and makes it completely "yours." Or add a touch of ribbon to the straps or outside pocket. Again, your new purse will be uniquely yours!

We carry a large variety of thread for all of your sewing and quilting needs, including Aurifil, Mettler and more!

CLASS POLICY:

REGISTRATION: A deposit of half the class fee must be paid when you register for a class. Phone-in registrations will be accepted with a credit card payment. The remainder of the fee is due at the first class. If you are registering for a class by mail, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your supply list.

REFUNDS: Refunds are available when a cancellation is made at least one week before the first class. In fairness to our teachers, if you cancel within 6 days of the class the fee is non-

refundable unless there is a waiting list and your spot can be filled. If a class is cancelled by the teacher or Patchwork Plus, you will receive a full refund.

SUPPLY LISTS: Supply lists for classes will be provided upon registration. If you are one of the first to sign up for a class, do not purchase supplies until we are sure that there will be sufficient enrollment.

SEWING MACHINES: If you are unable to bring your own sewing machine, sewing machines are available for use in class. Please sign up for one when you register.

Students receive a 10% discount on all class supplies.