

Fall 2008 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

The trees are starting to turn and the breeze in the air sure feels like fall. The kids are back in school which means moms and dads have a little more time for sewing! We have a nice schedule of classes for you. Wait until you see the Witch's Brew and Jolly Old Santa, they are wonderful and a beginner can do them. The reviews on Jackie's classes have been great. She actually has been doing some unadvertised classes that have been filling by word of mouth.

Snowbird Sale is Friday September 19th 9:30 to 6 and Saturday September 20th from 9:30-5.

Once again this is our biggest sale of the year. Inventory is right around the corner and we don't want to have to count all that fabric. We will include lots of books and patterns which we really are over stocked on. Reminder: the sale fabric is minimum one yard cuts, the more you buy the larger the discount. Bring your friends and family members get the extra yardage and split it up when you get home.

Sew-ority Sisters will start up again in October the second Monday! We have been working on a monthly table runner project. I think we all got behind this summer...it will be good to get back at it. We are using the book "Every-month Table runners by Jeri Kelly". All are welcome; usually everyone brings a snack dish to pass and what ever they want to work on. Unfortunately the class room shrank so we are limited on space for sewing machines but we manage to shuffle things around and it is cozy.

If all goes well we will have a new multi purpose room by spring! The designs are at the architects and Glenn has been busy getting permits and working on the particulars of an addition. This is all contingent on getting financing. I am trying to stay nonchalant about all this but really I am so excited I am jelly inside. There will be walls, for displays a meeting room for clubs and classes, a second bathroom and a walk in storage room for fixtures. There will be high ceilings and good lighting. It is just like when we were building the store; if the good Lord wants us to add on it will happen. If not plan B, at the moment I don't have a plan B. It is just like in free motion quilting never sew yourself into a corner you can't get out of.

We have wonderful new fabrics for fall and Christmas....you wouldn't think that fabric could get any prettier but it does. The minkee scarf kits are ready, they don't take long to make and are a great gift idea. **WARNING:** we will not be responsible for the addictive nature of this fabric! Our displays are constantly changing; check out the new fabric floor mat Christmas quilt from In the Beginning, flannel throw and quilted jackets. There are just too many to name. So many new books that are fun with new techniques and the ideas are never ending. Great motto for a quilt shop: Renee's House of Quilting; *The Never Ending Quilt Shop!*

Glenn has finally retired a third time and is here full time. He has stated he is King and I remind him about the power behind the thrown. It is good to have him here full time now so there won't be any more burned cookies. He is checking in freight, cutting fat quarters, and baking cookies!

The Amazing Quilt Race shop hop was a great success. Thank all of you for joining us and having a good time. Our skeleton greeter has retired his old bones and is going back to his home many thanks to the lovely customer who loaned him to us. Many thanks to the Quilting Divas for filling in for the old bones during the week of the shop hop. We have lots of the batik left if anyone wants some.

We discovered a new line of purse patterns! They are so wonderful I bought the whole line. Glenn just about had a heart attack when he got the bill. Sally took one look at them went right home and started sewing. She loves them so much she is making samples of them all. Not only are they really cute they are practical and fun to make.

The AccuCut Kits have been selling well. We have plenty of dies and will cut whatever we can for you. We did the drunkards path block for the shop hop and the response was wonderful. We will be making up full kits using that block. The Winding Ways sample is here it is not quilted but will give you an idea of what you can do. We now have the 10 inch die to make cake stacks.

There are many new books out using the cake stacks from Moda so now you may use any fabric you want and get your own custom look. We have circles, holly leaves, apple core, Dresden plate rounded and pointed, feathers, Rob Peter to pay Paul, Take 5 Quilt and more dies than I can list. Jackie has offered to make a display board of all the dies we currently have. This way you will be able to see exactly what dies we have.

The American Sewing Expo will take place September 26th-28th at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, Michigan. I will be there as a vender while I am gone I am sure Glenn has something up his sleeve. The expo is for fashion sewing, quilting, home dec and fiber arts. It is a really great experience. We have plenty of pamphlets with all the classes listed and other information. The classes are really a good investment and there is still time to sign up.

We won't do another newsletter until the end of the year. So we would like to wish all of you a beautiful fall and wonderful safe holidays. We have some wonder classes lined up

for the first of the year. So just to entice you how about a class on color, some beginning quilting projects, petal play, a Bargello, plus more circle and curves just to list a few.

Happy Stitching
Renée and Glenn

CLASS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, and NOVEMBER

*Design your own sweatshirt jacket with Barb: **Sept. 23rd** 9:30-4 or **Oct. 16th** 9:30-4 \$35.00*

Cut apart a sweatshirt and design what and where to put your fabric. Twin needle quilting and quilt binding for a great finish. Please note there are 2 dates for this class. Sack Lunch

*Witches Brew Appliqué' with Jackie: Monday **Sept. 29th** & **Oct. 6th** 9:30-4 \$55.00*

This whimsical Witch is busy stirring a cauldron of special brew. Locks of gray hair flow about her head and bats fly in the moon lit sky. There is a spider dancing on a web in one corner and a pumpkin, leaves and berried vines in the other corners. Done in the raw edge fusible appliqué technique, it is quick to assemble. Sack Lunch

*Woven Quilts with Jackie: **Monday October 13th** 9:30-4 \$35.00*

Learn the basic of fabric weaving the 3 step-by-step lessons.
Sack Lunch

*Quick and Simple Tree Skirt with Jackie: **Saturday October 4th** & **11th** 9:30-4 \$55.00*

Five Christmas fabrics sewn in off set squares finished with a full ruffle. Jackie will share with you many ideas and techniques for this project. A good project for all level quilters and makes a great gift. Sack Lunch

*Jolly Ole' Santa Appliqué with Jackie: **Saturday November 1st** and **8th** 9:30-4 \$55.00*

Candy Cane stripes and Holly Branches circle the border of this wonderful Santa wall quilt. Packages are stacked on his back and a grand, flowing beard circles his jolly face. Done in raw edge, fusible appliqué technique, it is quick to assemble. Sack Lunch

*Mystery Christmas Tree Wall hanging with Jackie: **Monday November 3rd** 9:30-4 \$35.00*

Come and join us in this fun and easy Christmas project. I can't tell you much because it is a mystery project but you will want to make more than one and it would make a great gift!

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