

The BUZZ

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Well, here we are at summer again. I'm not quite sure how that happens so fast every year, but it seems to happen faster each time. Does it have anything to do with age? No, of course it doesn't. I guess that's a big oh well. Anyway, we're still having a good time here at Quilter's Bee and we hope you'll stop in regularly and see what's going on.

Shop Hop

The Maricopa County Shop Hop is coming up. It will run from Friday, September 16, to Saturday, September 24. Passports are still only \$5.00 each and will come with a charm. They will be available August 8. The grand prize is a Bernina 350 sewing machine and each store will also provide a \$100.00 gift certificate. The Shop Hop quilts will be hung on the first day of Shop Hop. This year we won't have a mystery quilt pattern. Be sure to get your passport and join in the fun of the 2011 Shop Hop. (Note that because of Shop Hop some of our regular programs will not be held or will be rescheduled.)

Special Classes

If we're offering a class that you'd like to take but at a time you can't come, we'll be glad to reschedule that class to a time convenient for you if you can find two more people to sign up. You must have three people and the time must also be convenient for the teacher.

Emails

We're trying to keep you informed via email of what's going on here at Quilter's Bee. If you're not getting our messages, come in and make sure that we have the correct address. If we do and you're still not getting them, you'll need to check with your service provider to see if they have an internal SPAM blocker.

Block of the Month

If it's July, we're half-way through the year and half-way finished with this year's block of the month. Isn't it turning out nicely? Of course, anything blue and yellow and white just has to be lovely, but this one is really pretty. Be sure to remember to come in on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30, 1:00, 2:30, 4:30, or 6:00 to show us your block and get your new kit. We do like to see them. And if you've made a mistake and your block turned out differently, bring it in anyway. We'd still like to see it and it'll probably still fit nicely into the quilt. It's called being creative and that's a bonus. We'll see you at one of those times on the third Thursday.

Announcements

NOTICE

We will be closed on Monday, July 4 and Monday, September 5, to enjoy the holidays with our families.

HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour comes and goes. Watch the door for the announcement of when it will reappear. You get 20% off any one item on Fridays between 3:30-5:30. However, this only happens in selected months, so be on the lookout.

SAMPLE SALE

We have a number of quilts that were made as class samples for sale in the store. They're various sizes and styles. If you need a quick quilt for a gift or even for yourself, come and check them out.

SEWING MACHINE REPAIR

Remember that John, the sewing machine man, comes every Wednesday to pick up and deliver machines. He comes about noon, so it would be good to have your machine here early in the morning or the night before. He also sharpens scissors, but not knives.



Twofer-Again

Our twofer offer was quite successful last quarter, so we're going to extend it to this quarter as well. Just come in with a friend and sign up for a class together and we'll give you two for the price of one. You can use the savings to sign up for another class—or to buy class supplies. It's also a great way to make sure that the class you want won't be cancelled for lack of students. We'll see you in lots of classes this quarter.

Bee Challenged—Fifth Saturday

Have you been following the challenges up to now? Haven't they been fun? People are so creative. You can join in the fun too. There's still time to do the July challenge, but if you don't want to be pressured like that, sign up now for October. You buy a bag of fabric for \$20.00 without knowing what's in it. You need to use at least a little of each of the fabrics in whatever you make—and you can make anything you want. There's where the creativity comes in. We've had quilts, table runners, wall hangings, skirts, vests, jackets, bags with and without extra things in them and so forth. You can add any fabric or embellishments you'd like as long as you use a little of each thing that's in the bag. You have three months to get it done and then you bring it in on the next fifth Saturday at 10:00 and we ooh and aah and then hang them in the window and let people vote on their favorites. What fun. July 30 is the day for the present challenge and the next one will be in October, but we'd like to know in advance how many bags to make. Come in and sign up for creativity.

Buzzy Strips

If you'd like a strip bundle and we don't have one you like, we'd be glad to cut one for you. You come in and choose your twenty fabrics and we'll cut them into forty strips and bundle them for just a small fee over the regular cost of the strips. Just let us know.

Thimblebees

Hand quilting is alive and well and living at Quilter's Bee on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00. It's like an old-fashioned quilting bee except that everybody's very up-to-date and they're all working on different things rather than the same project. They sometimes even have refreshments. Come and join them.



Buck-a-Block

July is the beginning of the new Buck-a-Block program. We hope you've enjoyed making this year's blocks and are finishing your quilt. It's a very nice one. July brings the beginning of the new program and we think you'll like this one just as much. In fact, because this program has you making two blocks with reversed values from each kit, you might call this the "Buck-a-Blocks" program. We've chosen some beautiful fabric for this year's quilt and we think you'll agree that it's going to be stunning. It's a \$15.00 sign-up fee and then when you bring in your finished block to show us each month, the new kit is only a dollar. Come in and sign up now for the new program.

Party with Patrick

If you haven't been partying with Patrick, you've been missing out on a good time. The projects are small and very cute, the company is great, and the food is tasty. What more could you want? The fee is \$10.00 a month or you can sign up for the year for \$90.00—quite a savings. The patterns are original and can't be bought elsewhere and there are kits if you want them. The groups meet on the fourth Monday or the fourth Thursday of each month and they'd love to have you join them.

Knitting

We've been asked to give a beginning knitting class. It will be held on Tuesday, July 19 and August 2 at 6:00. If we need more sessions, we'll arrange them as we go. See the class schedule for more information.

Knotty Stitchers

Hand embroidery is an old and beautiful skill. If you learned as a child or in years gone by and would like to pick it up again, or if you'd just like to come and do some stitching with a congenial group, come on the fourth Wednesday of each month to Knotty Stitchers. It's only \$5.00 a session and you'll enjoy the company as well as the skill.

Miniature Quilt Club

Little things are often cute, but the little things the Miniature Quilt Club members make are truly beautiful. They can make almost anything in miniature that others can make in larger sizes. If you'd like to be part of this world of little, come and join them on the third Saturday of each month at 9:30. It's only \$25.00 a year and you'll be in very good company.



Seasonal Quilt Club

The Seasonal Quilt Club sounds like they should be working on summer projects right now, but they might be doing Halloween or Valentine's Day or some other season. Whatever they're doing, it's sure to be wonderful. They're using the book *Our Best Seasonal Quilts* for their inspiration and they're making the cutest wall hangings and other things to brighten up any season. They meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 and the fee is only \$10.00 a session. They'd be happy if you'd join them.

Rise 'n Shine

Are you rising and shining? You certainly will shine if you rise and join the Rise 'n Shine group on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30. They see all the new things in the store, have a demo, do show and tell, and enjoy great conversation and company and it's all free. Rise on the second Saturday and come and shine.

Mystery Quilt

We aren't going to do a new mystery quilt this summer, but get on the list for the new one to start on August 31. It will go into November, but will finish before the holidays. If you haven't indulged yourself in a mystery quilt, you ought to. It's a great way to make a quilt that you might not dare to make otherwise, and it will teach you a lot about color and value choice and placement. Besides that, it's just plain fun.

Log Cabin Club

Do you like log cabin quilts? There are so many pretty ones and so many ways to set log cabin blocks that we've decided to start a Log Cabin Quilt Club. It will meet once a month on the third Monday from 6:00-9:00. The dues will be \$10.00 a month and we'll make a variety of log cabin quilts—everything from table runners to king-size or whatever the members would like to try. Come and be a charter member and see what wonderful things you can do with log cabin blocks.

Scraps 'n More

There are actually three Scraps 'n More groups and they're all doing different things, although one of them is starting a new project in August. They all meet once a month and spots open up from time to time. It's \$10.00 a month. If you're interested, check with Susan.

Bargain Basement

We had several people who took advantage of our special bargain classes last quarter, and we're trying again to help with your bottom line. Look for classes that are labeled "Stashbuster" or FWK, meaning Free With Kit. The stashbusters allow you to pay for the class and pattern or book and use your own stash, often your own scraps, to make the quilt. For the FWK classes you only pay for the kit and the class is free. Come and sign up for these cost-cutting classes.

Charity Gifts

So far we've reported almost 500 pillowcases to the American Patchwork and Quilting challenge and the last count was that almost 300,000 had been donated. This challenge is especially nice because the pillowcases are donated locally, to children's homes, to women's shelters, to the veterans' home and others. Quilter's Bee is also a pick-up site for AZ Blankets for Kids, an organization that gives quilts, afghans, and blankets to various children's services. If you have fabric that you no longer want or need, you might consider making pillowcases or a child's quilt to donate to one of these good causes. And thanks.

Guest Teacher

We're having a guest artist and teacher come to Quilter's Bee this quarter. Ray Steeves of 3 Dudes Quilting has consented to come and teach his Majestic Mountains pattern. See the class listing for further details.



UFO Signup and Cancellations

Don't forget to sign up for UFO Night. It's on the third Friday of each month from 6:00-midnight and for only \$20.00 you can enjoy the company of nice people as well as treats and a whole evening of uninterrupted sewing. We do ask that if you sign up and can't attend, you cancel at least 24 hours in advance so that we can give someone else a chance to attend. And if we don't have more than two people sign up, we'll cancel and give you credit towards the next month. Come and join us.



Some of the classes we offer require a book and/or a pattern for participation.

Legend

These are indicated by the following icons:



Magazine Required



Book Required



Pattern Required



Kit Required



Panel Required

- Buy your fabric before class so that you have time to wash and press it. (If you buy it at the time you register for class, we'll give you a 10% discount.)
- It will be helpful in some classes if you can cut the pieces before coming. Check the class requirements.
- Be sure to bring with you to class:
Basic sewing equipment such as pins, scissors, needles, seam rippers; Sewing machine, thread and any needed attachments; Rotary cutter, mat, and rulers; Pencils and notepad; A smile and a friendly attitude.

Class Policies

Payment: Payment, either in person or by phone with an approved credit card, is due at the time of class enrollment. We will hold places in classes only for those who have paid.

Class Discount: If you register for a class at Quilter's Bee, we will give you a 10% discount on the fabrics required for the class. The discount must be taken at the time of purchase. Please remind the person at the register that you are buying fabric for a class.

Class Refund Policy: If you find that you can't attend a class in which you're enrolled, we can give you credit toward another class if you change or cancel at least three days before the class is scheduled. Because of the commitment we must make to our teachers, we cannot give credits after that time. If you find at the last minute that you cannot attend a class, you might invite a friend to come in your place.

Class Cancellations: We will make every attempt to hold the classes as scheduled. However, there may be times when we must cancel a class. We will also cancel the class if only one person registers. (You might ask a friend to take the class with you to avoid this type of cancellation.) If we must cancel a class for any reason, we will give you credit toward another class. Please ask for your credit voucher as soon after the cancelled class as possible.

A Place to Start

Quilting 101

You've wanted to learn to quilt but haven't had a chance. Well, here's your chance. This class will take you from the very beginning to sandwiching the finished top with the batting and the back. You'll learn to cut, piece, and border the top and get a lesson on quilting and binding—and you'll come out with a pretty little quilt to hang on the wall or throw over your knees on a cool evening.

Book required; *Start Quilting with Alex Anderson*



Teacher: Margaret
Days: Sat., July 9, 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6
Time: 1:00 - 4:00
Fee: \$65.00

Quilting 102

You've finished the beginning class, but you're still not confident enough of your skills to branch out on your own. This class is a continuation of your beginning class. Make several new blocks, including some with triangles and some with small pieces, and put them together into a sampler quilt. Book required: *Start Quilting with Alex Anderson*



Teacher: Margaret
Days: Tues., Aug. 23, 30, Sep. 6, 13
Time: 6:00 - 9:00
Fee: \$55.00



Hand Piecing—Quiltmaking by Hand

Make 2010 the year to learn hand piecing. It's portable, the rhythm is restful and the satisfaction is priceless. Book required



Teacher: Barb
Days: Tues., July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2
Time: 6:00 - 9:00
Fee: \$55.00

Hand Quilting—Quilting by Hand

If you've been afraid to try hand quilting, now's the time to learn. It's relaxing, portable, and a link to the past. Let Kathy show you how it's done. Book suggested: *Hand Quilting with Alex Anderson*



Teacher: Kathy
Days: Tues., July 12, 19, 26
Time: 6:00-9:00
Fee: \$45.00

Paper Piecing

If you like accuracy, you'll like paper piecing. You can use the technique to do a lot of things, from the very simple to the very intricate. There are even things you can do with paper piecing that you can't do any other way. Pattern required



Teacher: Gail
Days: Mon. July 18
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$20.00

Quilt as You Go



This class is an introduction to how you might be able to quilt in sections and then assemble the sections. It's a good way to quilt large quilts without breaking your back. Book required: *Machine Quilting in Sections*

Teacher: Margaret
Days: Tues., Jul. 5 or Mon., Sep. 12
Time: 5:00-9:00 or 1:00-5:00
Fee: \$20.00

Introduction to Machine Quilting

This class teaches the basics of using your own sewing machine to quilt. You will learn to use the walking foot to do straight line quilting and the darning foot for freehand techniques, so you will need a machine with both of those feet. You will also need a way to lower or cover the feed dogs. Panel, walking and free-motion feet required



Teacher: Margaret
Days: Thur., Sep. 1, 8
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$40.00

Binding Your Quilt

Do you know the difference between straight-grain and bias binding? Do you care? Well, you should. Sometimes it really makes a difference in the way the finished quilt looks. This class will teach you that difference, as well as how to miter the binding and other techniques to show off your tops the best possible way.

Teacher: Ellen
Days: Thur., Aug. 11
Time: 1:00-5:00
Fee: \$30.00

Beginning Knitting

Several people, having seen us knitting here at Quilter's Bee, have asked us to teach a beginning knitting class. Here it is. It will meet twice as scheduled and if we need more sessions, we'll plan from there. If you'd like to learn to knit, join us. (And note that we also have a knitted bag scheduled in August and September.) Book required



Teacher: Margaret
Days: Tues., July 19, Aug. 2
Time: 6:00-9:00
Fee: \$40.00



The Next Step



Simply Squares

This is a very fun quilt to do. In fact, we actually have several different patterns that use the same technique. It's easy, but a little terrifying because you sew the blocks in straight rows, then cut the top up and rearrange it and it comes out on point. Choice of patterns required



Teacher: Marla
Days: Fri., July 1, 8
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$40.00

Feathered Star

Here is a technique for making beautiful stars with precision and accuracy. If you've made the Radiant star before, consider doing the Lemoyne star or one of the more complex ones. Book required: *Feathered Star Quilt Blocks I*



Teacher: Ellen
Days: Thur., July 7, 14
Time: 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$40.00

It's summer, quilt till you wilt!!

Quilts of Valor

This is a red, white, and blue scrappy log cabin quilt with a red chain running through it. You might make it to keep for yourself or give it to the Wounded Warrior project. It would be suitable for either use. Book required: *Marsha McClosky Block Book*



Teacher: Ellen
Days: Tue., Jul. 12
Time: 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$20.00

Flower Bed

Grab a jelly roll and a background to make this pretty quilt. After you make the blocks, the fun really begins in turning the blocks in different ways to create your own design. Book required: *Scrap Basket Sensations*



Teacher: Barb
Days: Wed., Jul 20, Aug. 3
(Note the gap. It's intentional.)
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$40.00

Strippy Trees SB

This is a fun and easy paper-pieced quilt. It's designed for Christmas, but it would be a great quilt for any time of the year. Just change the color of the trees. This is a stashbuster, so dig out all your green scraps. Book required: *Christmas with Possibilities*



Teacher: Barb
Days: Fri., July 22, 29
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$40.00

Snake River Log Cabin

This is a fun and challenging quilt. Our sample is queen-sized (actually king sized) but the pattern also gives the instructions for a wall hanging or a twin. The pattern suggests batiks, but it would be lovely in other fabrics as well. Note that the class will meet once a month to give time for the homework involved. Book required: *Judy Martin's Log Cabin Quilt Book*



Teacher: Margaret
Days: Thur., July 28, Aug. 25, Sep. 29
Time: 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$45.00



Bali Wedding Star

This may be one of the most interesting quilts you'll ever make. We have lots of people on the waiting list for the class, so we're running one in the afternoon and one in the evening. If you can manage the afternoon one, it would save the evening slots for those who can't do daytime classes. Notice that the classes are once a month. That's to give everybody a chance to get the homework done before the next class. Also notice that the daytime class starts before the evening class. That's to give the present class time to finish. You must have some experience with paper piecing to take this class. Pattern required: "Bali Wedding Star"

Teacher: Margaret

Afternoon class: Tues., July 26, Aug. 23, Sep. 27

Time: 1:00-4:00

Fee: \$45.00



Teacher: Margaret

Evening class: Thurs., Sep. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3

Time: 6:00-9:00

Fee: \$45.00

Bargello Heart FWK

This is a beautiful quilt. Make it out of pinks and reds and have it for Valentine's Day; use green and red and make it for Christmas; find your favorite colors and make it for display all year around. It also makes a great wedding or anniversary quilt. The class is free if you buy a kit, but you must come in and help choose the fabrics. Book required: *Bargello Hearts*

Teacher: Ellen

Days: Fri., Aug. 5, 12, 26
(Note the gap. It's intentional.)

Time: 2:00-5:00

Fee: \$45.00



Beary Patch SB

The Bear Paw block is very traditional, but Debbie Caffrey has put a whole new twist on it. It still looks the same, but she has a fun new way of making it. This project is a stashbuster, so get out your scraps and bring them with you. Book Required: *It's Hip to Be Square*

Teacher: Susan

Days: Mon., Aug 8

Time: 1:00-4:00

Fee: \$20.00



Over, Under, Around, and Through FWK

This pattern uses just four fabrics to make a woven Churn Dash border around a checkered center. If we make you a kit, the class is free. Book required: *Country Comforts*

Teacher: Barb

Days: Mon., Aug. 15, 22, 29

Time: 1:00-4:00

Fee: \$45.00



Majestic Mountains

This is an easy and fun quilt made out of various widths of strips. You might start with a Bali Pop or Jelly Roll and then add some narrower strips for variety. It's a good man's quilt if you use the right colors

Teacher: Ray Steeves

Days: Tues., Aug. 9, 16

Time: 6:00-9:00

Fee: \$40.00

Storm at Sea

This class is back by popular demand. And we've scheduled it on Saturdays especially for working people. It uses Trimplates for trimming accurately as you're sewing your blocks. Once you make a quilt with this method, you just might be inspired to do some designing with some of the possibilities that the Storm at Sea pattern offers! Book and Trimplates required: *Storm at Sea*

Teacher: Ellen

Days: Saturday, Aug. 13, 20, Sep. 3
(Note the gap. It's intentional.)

Time: 1:00-4:00

Fee: \$45.00



Journey Home

This pattern is a good way to use some of those fat quarters you've been collecting. The star block can be set as in the pattern or you can play with the blocks to make your own design. Pattern required: "Journey Home"

Teacher: Barb

Days: Tues., Aug. 30, Sep. 6, 13

Time: 1:00-4:00

Fee: \$45.00





Radiant

This is a very interesting quilt that looks like off-center radiating squares. It could be made of batiks, blenders, or a variety of prints, and the pattern gives directions for several sizes. Pattern required: "Radiant"



Teacher: Gail
Days: Fri., Sep 2, 9
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$40.00

Texas Two-Step SB

Gather your scraps, 5" squares, or fat quarters and use the Nickel Quilts method of making two blocks that will create dancing stars on your quilt top. This is a stashbuster. Bring lots of scraps and see what you can do. Book required: *Amazing Nickel Quilts*



Teacher: Ellen
Days: Wed., Aug 17, 24
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$40.00

Delta Star SB

This quilt is made from fat quarters which are cut into 5" squares. Come and learn the Nickel Quilts technique. This quilt is a stashbuster. Find all those fat quarters you've been hoarding and put them to good use. Book required: *Amazing Nickel Quilts*

Teacher: Gail
Days: Mon., Sep 26
Time: 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$20.00



Just for Fun



Sewing Pottery by Machine

This is a take-off from *It's a Wrap*. It might be helpful if you have made a bowl before, since these are two or three pieces and sewn together by hand. Book required: *Sewing Pottery by Machine*



Teacher: Gail
Days: Wed., Jul. 13
Time: 12:00-5:00
(Note the extra-long class.)
Fee: \$30.00

Star of Life FWK

This centerpiece is made from 2 1/2" strips. Lots of strip piecing and a 60 degree triangle ruler make this "spider web" fine and fun. If we make you a kit, the class is free. Pattern required: "Star of Life"



Teacher: Susan
Day: Mon., July 25
Time: 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$20.00

Make It to Wear

More people are going back to garment sewing these days in order to have styles unique to themselves. Come and learn to make your own clothing like a pro. You choose what project you'd like to make—a skirt, a top, a dress, whatever. Pattern required



Teacher: Jo
Days: Tues, Aug. 2, 9, 16
Time: 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$45.00



Divided by Three

This is one of the prettiest table runners we've seen in a while. Use a wonderful focus fabric and build on it and you'll have something that will really add to your décor. Pattern required: "Divided by Three"

Teacher: Sue
Days: Thur., Aug 4
Time: 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$20.00



Breezy Weave Bag

This pattern is by the same people who came up with the Biscuit Basket and the Knotty Basket and uses the same technique. It's a great bag that you'll enjoy using for a long time. Pattern required: "Breezy Weave Bag"

Teacher: Gail



Days: Wed., Aug. 10

Time: 12:00-5:00

(Note the extra-long class.)

Fee: \$30.00

Bags from Rags

You can make two different bags with this pattern: a smooth bag made with two fabrics or a shaggy bag made from all those leftover fabric strips you just can't part with. In either case, you'll knit a bag that is easy enough for beginners and fun for those who already know how to knit. This is a great follow-up class to the beginning knitting class. Pattern required: "Bags from Rags"

Teacher: Barb



Days: Sat., Aug. 27, Sep. 10

(Note the gap. It's intentional.)

Time: 1:00-4:00

Fee: \$40.00

Medallion

We've done this before but have had some requests to do it again—this time in the evening. The pattern is taken from a tile floor and is very elegant. Some knowledge of paper piecing required. Book required: *Vive Venezia!*



Teacher: Kathy

Days: Tues., Sep. 27, Oct. 10

Time: 6:00-9:00

Fee: \$40.00

We Give Thanks

Get an early start on this appliquéd Thanksgiving wall hanging! Collect your scraps and have fun with various textures on fabrics to create a cornucopia of foods. The pattern suggests needleturn, but we did fusible appliquéd. Pattern required: "We Give Thanks"



Teacher: Ellen

Days: Wed., Aug. 31, Sep. 7, 14

Time: 1:00-4:00

Fee: \$45.00

Wipe Your Feet

The blocks in this quilt resemble four small trees that meet at the center in a miniature forest. It's made from 5" squares and is very cute when it's done. Book required: *Country Threads Goes to Charm School*



Teacher: Susan

Days: Wed., Sep 28

Time: 1:00-4:00

Fee: \$20.00

Reminder:

**You receive 10% discount on fabric
required for a class.**



Be sure to stop by and see all of our kits in the store.
Kits offer patterns and materials needed to make a quilt, bag, coaster, or
other project!

They make great gifts for friends, relatives, or you!!