



Canyon Rose Quilt Company



September - December 2004

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Hours: 10 - 5:30, Monday - Saturday

Notes from Carol,

It's Fall! What happened to summer and all those projects I wanted to get done? You are probably in the same boat as I am. But, thank goodness they will be there when we do get the time. I love fall and all the beautiful colors that appear. The shop is full of them. If you have not had a chance to see the shop dressed for fall, you will want to make a point to come in. We are all working on quilts for fall. Debbie is working on a beautiful bear's paw quilt using the new fall leaves fabric from Moda. Jeanie is quilting a table runner using a Thimbleberries pattern. Ruby is doing pumpkins from the book Pint Sized Traditions.

We have a new line of fabric from Benartex called Charms by Nancy Halverson. It is in soft pastel colors and gorgeous! It would look great for baby quilts or any pattern, if pastel colors are your favorites. The Christmas fabric -- Christmas Xcitement --from Moda blends wonderfully with the Hollywood and Vine and Yours Truly Holiday. Mix and match them to make great Christmas quilts all over your house.

Eloise will be wrapping up the First Saturday Quilt. Plan to meet all together in November to set those finished blocks into a quilt. She also has her Heirloom Club which meets the 4th Saturday of the month. It is a relaxing time for those who come and is growing in popularity.

Debbie has a new Blockwatchers project in the works. You will learn new techniques each time as you work on a project. Look for the new dates for that club. Best bargain in the schedule! She is repeating the Seminole Patchwork class. Just ask the ladies who have been in the class how much fun that technique is. Her Travel Tote class is for anyone looking for a great gift to make in 3 hours (almost). EQ5 Basics will help you begin designing your own quilts. And finally, Tesselations just looks complicated. She will help you make a quilt that will impress everyone.

We have two new teachers to welcome to the shop. Kathie Curley comes to us from Window Rock. She is a founder of Rez Quilters, a quilting group based in Window Rock, where she teaches quilters in the area. She will be teaching Yellow Brick Road. You have to see her beautiful class sample -- in fall colors of course. It is a great quilt for beginners and is fat quarter friendly. Regina Hedgecock has been quilting for 10 years. She comes to us from Mesa where she teaches math at Highland High School. She will be teaching Zip It -- zippered see-through pouches made of pet screen. They are handy for everything and can be used in the car (to keep all those things that seem to end up under the seat from ending up under the seat), or keep baby paraphernalia handy or to keep all those quilting tools together for your next class away from home. She is also teaching Delectable Mountains -- another great fat quarter friendly quilt. She will probably share with you some tips we learned this summer from the author of the book -- Debbie Caffrey.

Happy quilting,
Carol & Dale

Little Miss Perfect Jump Starting Your Muse By Eloise DeSpain

Fickle, fickle, Little Miss Perfect can be so fickle. Just when you think she's your best friend, poof! She's gone away, disappeared, not to be found anywhere, leaving you with your creative juices dry to the bone. Usually a trip to your local quilt shop is enough to nudge your muse into making an appearance and you leave happy, in a hurry to get home and start your new project. But there are other times when nothing seems to work. Everything seems to fade. Your fabric stash lies dormant. Nothing speaks to you, nothing cooks, nothing jumps.

Not to worry, as dismal as it may seem when your muse disappears there are a couple of tricks you can try to get everything humming again. One of the first things I try is to buy "ugly fabric." Yes, UGLY FABRIC! All of us have our own favorites and what is a favorite fabric for one is down right ugly for another. Go through your fabric stash and pick out all the fabrics that you have bought and then later have asked yourself, "What was I thinking?" Cut swatches from this collection at least 6" square especially if some of the fabrics are large scale prints. Take your 6" swatches of languishing fabric to the quilt shop. The minute you see a fabric that your gut reaction is "YUCK!" That's the fabric to buy. Go with me on this. Do not try to match or coordinate the new uglies with the old uglies. Just make sure that the fabrics are different in value with good contrast between light and dark. Try your very best not to give into the fabrics that are your normal favorites. Unless of course your muse shows up from out of nowhere, with her hands on her hips yelling "Buy that fabric, buy that fabric!" If you really feel this fabric will get things cooking again take it home and see how you can use it with your old uglies. Notice I said feel, not think, which I will be getting to later.

Another trick to try is to get an inexpensive door mirror that you can lean against a wall opposite of a wall that you can hang a large piece of flannel on. Rub your 6" squares of old and new uglies on the flannel design wall and look into the mirror over your shoulder at the fabric. Try to view your fabric and work in progress from a distance. It's all about perspective. Turning your work upside down and viewing it over your shoulder by looking in the mirror will allow you to see it intuitively. Your left logical brain will not take over, and your right intuitive brain will guide you while you view your work.

So far I have not mentioned the word "block." A very daring and intuitive way to coach your muse back is to **not think in the block format**. Work outside of the block format by piecing odd shapes of your ugly fabrics in a sew-and-flip technique, building on the size of the top, patch by patch. Sort your fabrics into three baskets of light, medium and dark scraps of a large variety of uglies and close your eyes while you pick first a light, medium, and dark to add to your sew-and-flip top. Sometimes our most spontaneous work is our best. After all there is such a thing as over planning, over coordinated and just plain over done.

My favorite thing to do is call one of my closest quilting buddies and say, "Lets swap two yards of fat quarters of fabrics that we think the other person will like." You will probably be pleasantly surprised by the fabric that your friend thinks you will like. Your friend sees you in a way in which you can not. Sometimes just getting together with someone who shares your love for quilting is enough to jump start your quilting muse.

The important thing to remember is that every time you feel like the muse has left, don't despair. What is really going on is that you are getting ready to stretch and grow in exciting and new directions. Little Miss Perfect is just out scouting for you, finding just the right direction for you to go in. Sometimes you will hear her say, "You can't keep making the same quilts." Listen to her. She is telling you something very important. Once you develop technical skills that will carry you over and through the slump of the missing muse you will recognize it as a time to learn a few new tricks that will jumpstart your muse and a whole new wonderful adventure with quilting and your own original work. You can still make quilts from other quilt designers that you can interpret in refreshing and original ways.

One final word; while it is always easy to give others advice on how to solve problems regardless of their nature, we all know it's even harder to do it for ourselves. In many ways this essay is a reminder for me. I have hand printed these suggestions in large letters and pinned them to the edge of my design wall in my studio with one more sign that says, FOCUS THEN REST. And on that note I will close because Little Miss Perfect is pounding on the door yelling "Wait till you see what I have in store for you now!"

Christmas Open House

Christmas is a special time of year and a busy one.! So we would like to invite you to come into our shop and enjoy a moment to relax. Have fun with us by chatting, feeling the fabric and getting inspired for the new year. We will have some yummy cookies and delicious hot cider.

December 20 - 23.



Basic Classes

Beginning Sampler Quilt

Have you always wanted to learn to quilt but felt it was too complicated? Here's the class for you! You'll start at the basics and end up with a gorgeous progressive sampler and good basic skills that will allow you to progress easily.

Thursday, Sept. 23, 30 Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

6:00 - 9:00

Instructor: Debbie Hahn

Class Fee: \$60.00

EQ 5 - The Basics

Have the software but haven't had time to figure it all out? Here's a chance to learn the basics of this wonderful quilting tool. Bring your laptop and join us in virtual quilting!

Tuesday, October 5

10:00 - 1:00

Instructor: Debbie Hahn

Class Fee: \$20.00

Exquisite Hand Quilting

Learn the long-time honored tradition of hand quilting. The class will be taught using the Roxanne Thimble, or a thimble of the student's choice. Class project will result in the completion of a 14" pillow.

Saturday, November 27

2:00 - 4:00

Instructor: Eloise DeSpain

Class Fee: \$20.00

Quilting 101

If you have always wanted to learn how to make a quilt using all the latest tools of the trade, this is the class for you. We will begin with the vocabulary and go right through to the finished top.

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29

1:00-4:00 or 6:00-9:00

Instructor: Carol Patton

Class Fee: \$30.00

Other Projects

Travel Tote

Simple pockets, zippers, places for all the necessities. This travel tote will hold your passport, check-book, credit cards and loose change. A must have for the traveling quilter. Great Christmas gift.

Saturday, October 9

2:00-6:00

Instructor: Debbie Hahn

Class Fee: \$20.00

Zip It

These see through zippered pouches are fun and easy to make and would be a great Christmas present or a treat just for you. If you come with your decorative strip completed, you can almost finish one of each size in the 3 hour class time.

Friday, November 19

6:00 - 9:00

Instructor: Regina Hedgecock

Class Fee: \$ 10.00



September

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 5:30 Guild Meeting	2	3	4 9-9:45 or 10-10:45 1st Saturday Sampler
5	6 Labor Day Shop Closed	7	8 1-4 Quilting 101 6-9 Quilting 101	9	10	11 10-12 Flowers and Floss
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19	20	21	22 1-4 Quilting 101 6-9 Quilting 101 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 2px auto;">Sale 25% off all brown, yellow, rust and orange fabric</div>	23 6-9 Beg. Sampler	24	25 10-1 Heirloom Club
26	27 6-7 Blockwatchers	28	29 1-4 Quilting 101 6-9 Quilting 101	30 11-12 Blockwatchers 6-9 Beg. Sampler End of Bolt Sale 25% Off		

October

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					1	2 Guild Quilt Show 10 - 4
3	4	5 10-1 Electric Quilt 5 Basics	6	7 6-9 Beg. Sampler	8	9 9-9:45 or 10-10:45 1st Saturday Sampler 2-6 Travel Tote
10	11 6-9 Seminole Patchwork	12 5:30-8:30 Bear's Paw Quilt	13	14 6-9 Beg Sampler	15	16 10-4 Yellow Brick Road
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21	22	23	24 Shop Closed at 1:00pm	25 Thanksgiving Shop Closed	26	27 10-1 Heirloom Club 2-4 Hand Quilting
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26	27 6-7 Blockwatchers	28	29	30 11-12 Blockwatchers	31	
----- Fabric Sale — All Fabric 25% off -----						

Bear Paw Quilt

Learn half square triangle techniques and pieced border methods while piecing this beginner friendly quilt.

Tuesday, October 12, 19

5:30 - 8:30

Instructor: Debbie Hahn
Class Fee: \$30.00

Stained Glass Nativity

Choose from several patterns or do all three for glorious Christmas wall hangings. Easy technique which produces beautiful results.

Thursday, November 4, 11

6:00 - 9:00

Instructor: Debbie Hahn
Class Fee: \$30.00

Delectable Mountains

This quilt is a great one to use up those scraps and fat quarters you've been saving for something special. We will use the book: *Shape Up Your Fat Quarters*.

Saturday, November 20

9:00 - 4:00

Instructor: Regina Hedgecock
Class Fee \$35.00, includes book

Seminole Patchwork

Looks complicated but it is quick & easy! Create stunning bands that can be used for borders, clothing, quilts, pillowcase edges—the list is only limited by your imagination.

Monday, October 11, 18

6:00 - 9:00

Instructor: Debbie Hahn
Class Fee: \$30.00

Tessellations

Two fabrics, two shapes, one stunning quilt. Simple piecing creates positive and negative images that can be bold or subtle depending on your fabric choices.

Monday, November 8, 15

6:00 - 8:30

Instructor: Debbie Hahn
Class Fee: \$30.00

Yellow Brick Road

Grab some fat quarters and you're on the road to a fast and fun quilt. Great project for confident beginners. Some cutting needs to be done before class so you can start right into sewing.

Saturday, October 16

10:00 - 4:00

Instructor: Kathie Curley
Class Fee: 20.00

Clubs

Block Watchers

A new club for all of you who want to set a date each month to quilt and have fun. Sign up every four months and be the first to get these exclusive patterns, tips, door-prizes and other extras and be the first to see the newest gadgets as they come in. This club is for everyone and every level of experience.

Thursday, Sept 30, Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 30

11:00 - 12:00

Instructor: Debbie Hahn

Monday, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 29, Dec 27

6:00 - 7:00

Class fee: \$20.00

Heirloom Quilting Club

Explore hand piecing techniques of a variety of blocks on all skill levels. The emphasis of the club will be to blend both the historical aspects of quilting while using the tools our grandmothers used.

Saturday, Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 27

10:00 - 1:00

Instructor: Eloise DeSpain
Class Fee \$10.00/month

Class Policy

We are proud of the classes we offer and will gladly reserve your spot upon payment of the class fee. Class fees are refundable up to one week before the class is scheduled to start. After that, we will save you any materials or written instructions given during class time. You may pick them up from the shop at any time. If a class is cancelled by the shop, you may transfer the fee to another class of your choice or we will refund your money. No babies or children please, we have sharp cutters and scissors that may hurt them.

End of Year
Fabric Sale!

You don't want to Miss it!

All Fabric is
25% off!
December 27 - 31

Come in early
for the best selection.

Canyon Rose Quilt
Guild

Quilt Show
October 2
10:00 - 4:00

At the La Posada

Come and see all the
beautiful quilts.



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Mystery Quilt "Cosmic Questions"
Don't forget to come in and pick up your next "free" clue the first of every month.