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We are about to start our third year since re-opening in our little shop, and I can hardly believe how fast the time has passed. It's time for a new newsletter to let you know everything we are doing – and planning – for 2010.

First off – The shop has new hours starting November 2nd. We will now be open Monday thru Saturday 10:00 to 1:00. As always, if you need to come in at other times, just give me a call. If you are coming from a distance, it's a good idea to call ahead. Occasionally we must be closed due to illness, or unexpected complications.

We have just returned from Market – the wholesale show for the quilting industry – and Dale could not believe all the displays. Imagine walking the convention floor (the size of a football field) filled with booth after booth of new patterns, gadgets, books, and fabric. What a treat for a quilt-loving lady!

Just a few of the things to look forward to:

New Fabric

- 65 Bolts of Shadowplay by Maywood Studios. These are blender colors. Half are already here!
- 14 bolts of Marti Michell's new fabric Wild Rose. We couldn't order all of them because there are 65 of them. But we put a good dent in the collection. Add the 65 bolts of Shadowplay, and you will be able to make a fantastic quilt.
- The entire collection of Essential Scrolls from Wilmington Prints. These are blenders that will add great texture to your quilt.
- We ordered some other collections, too. Watch for news about them later.

New Books

- **The Quilter's Album of Patchwork Patterns by Jinny Beyer** – a reference book of 4050 pieced blocks with a section on how to draft all those blocks.
- **Layer 'em Up by Sharyn Craig** – She uses triangles to piece great looking scrap quilt tops.
- **Layer 'em Up #2 by Sharyn Craig** – What the first book did for triangles, this book does for basically boxes. Great ways to use scraps.
- **Get your Stitch on Route 66 by Of One Mind** – 21 line drawings to embroider into a quilt using motifs famous on Route 66. There is also a section with a picture of each motif and the history behind it.
- **A Fine Finish – Revised Edition by Cody Mazuran** -- This book will teach you how to finish your quilt with award winning bindings. A new chapter deals with the popular corded binding. We have also stocked the ruler Cody Mazuran uses for accuracy.

New Patterns:

- Purses were big at market & we have 4 of them.
- 3 baby quilt patterns by Daisy & Dell using chenille as a design element. We stocked 5 bolts of flannel to use with these patterns.
- **Let's Take Tea** – a pattern for a tea cozy that will make a great gift this Christmas for your tea-loving friends. It's fat quarter friendly too.

There's more, but you will need to look later for the rest of the news.

Looking forward to 2010:

- Thimbleberries Club is going strong. We will continue our sessions on the third Tuesday afternoon and third Tuesday evening. We have scheduled an additional session on the third Wednesday in the afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00, if you are interested in joining. The fee to join the Club is \$25.00. The Club quilt this year is **Village Green** featuring stars & trees & houses. We have ordered the fabric in the Dusk colorway, but you can substitute the Dawn or Midnight background & border fabric if you prefer.
- **Buck a Block Quilt** – This quilt will feature 12 light and 12 medium/dark jewel-toned fabrics. Come into the shop and purchase a kit for \$1.00. You will need to make an additional one-time purchase of 1.75” Thangles for \$5.00. Each month you purchase a new kit. When December rolls around you will have a wall quilt that finishes about 35” x 44”. If that’s not big enough, purchase more kits for \$3.00 each. But, you must come into the shop, and no discounts will apply to the first kit.
- **Five Patch Chain Block of the Month** – This is a quilt designed by Marti Michell using her Set M Perfect Patchwork Templates. It will be the first Saturday of each month. There are a limited number of kits matching the sample available for purchase with this Block of the Month. Otherwise, you purchase a kit in your colors, to fit your décor. Each month you will get a new pattern and tips on how to sew the block easily. If you bring your block back finished, the new pattern is free. If you forget to come, or can’t make it that Saturday, or didn’t have time to piece your block, the fee for a new pattern is \$5.00. The sign-up fee is \$25.00 and includes my cost of printing the patterns. Something tells me door prizes might “materialize”.

More plans:

- Watch for our 6-month machine embroidery class – Lovebird Lane by The Quilt Company. Learn how to machine embroider while making this cute quilt.
- Hand Appliqué class. Many of you have requested this class again. I’m finally going to schedule it. Learn to hand appliqué like our grandmothers & great grandmothers did. It’s very relaxing, and a bonus – no points to match. (For a pointless person like me, that’s important!)
- Punch Needle Embroidery class. It’s a great way to embellish a quilt, clothing, and purses – whatever you can imagine.
- There may be a mystery quilt coming soon. (You never can tell.)

Come into the shop to sign up for these great classes. Our space is limited, so classes fill up quickly. Join the fun while learning to improve your skills. In the meantime,

Happy Quilting

Carol Ann & Dale