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## ***Greetings..***

Well that went fast - another year kicks the bucket! I hope the world doesn't end in 2012. I have lots of unfinished quilt tops to get to, and many more on my mind to start, so we might as well hope for the best and press on regardless! May you find inspiration in these pages, and we wish everyone all good things for 2012.

## ***Weather Button***

We have added a weather button to our web site, so if you are thinking of visiting us, you will know instantly how the weather is behaving in Markdale. If you click on the button, you will see both the short and long range forecasts also. This of course is especially useful in the winter months, and we hope it will be of service to you in planning your trips for classes or shopping.

## ***2012 Block of the Month: Cottage Life***

Our 2012 exclusive and original Block of the Month commences in February and this year's quilt is an interesting one, all pieced in batiks. It is approx. 56" x 72", suitable for a wall, single bed or lap quilt, and intended to evoke all the pleasant memories and activities of life at the cottage. You have your choice of spring/summer or fall/winter colourways. You can take the class instead and have the quilt done by March, or sign up to collect the monthly blocks, either by pick-up or mail. The enrollment sheet with all the details is included with this newsletter, and also can be downloaded from our web site.

## ***Annual Shop Hop May 10-11-12***

Reserve Mother's Day weekend (Thurs - Fri - Sat.) for our annual Shop Hop, featuring our 4 top-of-the-line shops, see demos, get preferred rates at our partner restaurants, and by visiting all 4 shops and filling out the passport, be able to win a fabulous Grand Prize plus a finished quilt from one of the shops (that's 4 quilts to be won!). We see many of the same faces each year and recognize that coming on this Hop has become tradition for mothers and daughters, as well as a wonderful annual day out with girlfriends. It's the most fun we have all year. Please come and join us!

## ***Festival of Quilts Queens Bush Quilt Guild***

In conjunction with our Shop Hop, the same 3 days will find the Village of Markdale awash with quilts in storefronts and businesses for you to admire, and in some cases, to buy. Those of you who remember our *Quilts in Our Homes Show* a few years ago, know that you will be in for a visual feast. The Queens Bush Quilt Guild cordially invites you to attend! More information will be available in the store and throughout the Village early in the New Year.

## ***Manitoulin Island Retreat Oct. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4***

If you have ever wanted to join us for this fabulous getaway, 2012 is the year to do it. The price will remain the same. It has never risen in 8 years now - \$485.00 all in, including project kit, breakfast, supper, a cabin, all taxes and tips, and the sublime view. A \$100 deposit secures your space, which we can accept at any time. You don't have to be an accomplished quilter - all levels

of expertise are welcome and encouraged. Please call us to register, or for more information.

## ***Spring Shows***

While you have your 2012 calendar handy, here are the dates of Spring Shows we will be attending:

### *Creative Sewing Festival, Toronto*

Now a 2-day event, Fri. April 27 and Sat. April 28 at the International Centre close to the airport. This Show has re-invented itself with a renewed emphasis on the needle arts, and received good reviews from customers last year. If it has been a while since you have attended, this is a good opportunity to come again. We will have advanced tickets available in March, which gets you in early and saves annoying line-ups when you arrive.

### *Royal City Quilters Guild Show, Guelph*

May 4 & 5, the Guelph quilt show is always a good one, with many talented members displaying their work. It is in a new location this year; more details will be in the next newsletter.

### *Canadian Quilters' Association, Halifax*

Running from May 29 - June 2, what an opportunity to experience Nova Scotia's famous hospitality and see Canada's best quilt show. You don't have to sign on for the whole Conference, you can come any time as a day guest, see the quilt shows, and shop in the Merchant's Mall at quilt shops from all over the country.

## ***Classes***

To start the year off, we are offering many basic classes, to instruct you and/or refresh you. Many are ½ days, which is easier to plan in the winter months, and we hope you find something that will interest you. As well as being instructional, taking classes is also a sociable way to meet people with the same interests.

We have also added a new category to our class lists, called "All Hands On Deck". This section contains classes all executed by hand - meaning no machines are required and you can just waltz in with very few items, through the inevitable slush and snow ever present during this time of year. See page 6 for the line-up.

Consider for instance taking Trudi's hand applique courses - beginning and/or advanced - because there is new William Morris Applique book (Volume II) just coming out and with the brand new Morris run also arriving in the store, perhaps this is the season to begin some relaxing hand work. More about the fabrics further down in the newsletter.

We are enjoying having Audrey Morrow teach her Machine Embroidery classes at the store and if you have one of these amazing embroidery units, sign up for her latest class entitled *Wild! Flowers*. It is an amazing wall (or queen) quilt, and will keep you well-acquainted with the latest techniques. See page 8 for details.

## ***Fabrics***

### ***Hoffman Challenge***

This year's Hoffman Challenge celebrates their 25th Anniversary and the challenge fabric is a sumptuous floral in shades of lavender and pink on a white ground - just the thing for a soft summer quilt. Deadline for submission is July 20, 2012. You can see the rules, obtain the entry form and view the fabric at [www.hoffmanchallenge.com](http://www.hoffmanchallenge.com)

### ***New William Morris Run: Morris & Co.***

Barbara Brackman has named this new line after Morris's own Design Workshop which he established in 1875 to sell his textiles and wallpapers. Eight prints are featured in several colourways, including Wandle, Eyebright, and Anemone,. There is one very large print (hooray!). The colours are stunning! Pale blue through to deep navy, clear burgundy to soft coral, seafoam to olive green, all tempered with several shades of delicate to deep grey. The entire run arrives the first week of January, complete with 10" Layer Cakes and sets of 5" Charm Squares. - what a way to start the year!

### ***More Moda Collections***

***Fairy Tale Friends*** from American Jane features vignettes from beloved fairy tales, all rendered in clear and bright primary colours for the young ones and nostalgia buffs - they have a distinct look that may

remind you of the books you read when you were a child, if you have an approximate age to mine! Pass on the magic of these timeless tales, including the 3 Bears, the 3 Little Pigs, Jack and the Bean Stalk and many more. Nancy Fisher is running a class using a log cabin variation to showcase these mini panels. Each of the 15 scenes is 7" x 7-1/2" and will work so well in this setting. See page 7 for details.

**Together** is a classic Moda run with the deep rich winter colours that you often find with the Kansas Troubles runs, combined with the bold florals usually seen from 3 Sisters. This is one lovely line. You can see it sewn up as one of our class samples and are confident you will agree it is simply beautiful!

We are refreshing our large inventory of 1930's feedsacks and vintage lines this season with two runs. **1930's Playtime** offers the classic 'chicken linen' miniature prints in the pastels of the era, and **Circa 1934** has typewriter key caps, vintage numbers and ornate medallions in rich reds, worn yellows and sage greens. Collectors of interesting text prints will like this run. We are delighted to have found another fabric featuring children's clothing from a bygone era, sure to please the little girls in your life.

**Renaissance Red Work** offers just that - beautiful red and white prints, and a panel of red work embroidery designs on antique white featuring birds and flowers.

**Lately Arrived From London** is another Barbara Brackman run of heritage designs, sure to complement any Civil War and other 19<sup>th</sup> Century quilts you may be working on or wish to make. These fabrics work so well in our heritage homes, and provide a timeless elegance to our modern spaces as well. You tend to become addicted to them once you start- even the most modern patterns look so handsome in these materials.

**Name that Quilt** is a fabric label collection for every type of quilt you may wish make and record on the back all the salient details. We have a 1/2 day class on Labels and Sleeves which will incorporate ideas for these labels as well as many other options. See page 5.

We still have stock from the very popular fall Moda lines including **Etchings**, **Hometown**, **Grace**, and **Curio**. These runs include the Charm Pack of 5" squares, and you can make up runners and wall quilts to your heart's content. We have several table runner designs packaged up for you with the square sets, binding, and interesting patterns, so please drop in and take a gander - we bet there will be at least one you like!

## ***Batiks***

The 4<sup>th</sup> Run of **Bali Pops** has arrived and as expected the colours are contemporary, complementary and truly mouth-watering: Watermelon, Coconut, Plum Pudding, Key Lime, Blueberry and Cherry. They won't last long. See our *On Retreat* class on page 7 to try them out.

From Timeless Treasures, also a fine manufacturer of batiks, are **Tonga Treats** in many shapes and sizes, plus the run of the pomegranate colourway, spanning many handsome bolts predominantly in fuchsia pinks, greens and pale sandy neutrals. The 5" squares sets come in many bright colours, and we have 10" squares and packages of 2 1/2" strip sets. The fact these are pre-cut works so well for quick and accurate piecing. Using a **Microtex** needle in your machine makes sewing with the tightly woven batiks a breeze.

## **Books & Notions**

For all you **L'il Twister** fans, a 2<sup>nd</sup> book has been published, appropriately called **Let's Twist Again**. It includes several new settings and patterns for both the small and large Twister. This is the best tool to come along to utilize both the 5" and 10" pre-cut sets. We always carry accompanying bolts of the sets we offer, so borders and bindings will always co-ordinate.

As mentioned earlier, the book **More William Morris Applique** is now available. If you enjoyed the last volume and want to continue, or start your journey working with fantastic applique designs, this is a book you may want to consider. A second Patchwork Place volume of patterns using the 5" squares in also just released, entitled **Back to Charm School**, in stock.

We are excited to be carrying machine embroidery patterns from **Smith Street Designs** after Christmas. One will be featured in Audrey's class, and we will stock others for you to enjoy. All the CD's are multi-format, and good value at under \$50.00.

## ***Boxing Week Sale*** **December 28 - 29 - 30**

Time for inventory clear-out, so we can re-stock the shelves with the new lines of 2012. We'll aggressively move stock during Boxing Week, so come for a visit and expect excellent bargains in all departments., such as 40% off Christmas, just to mention one!

# Christmas Hours

Sat. Dec. 24 .....10 am - 1 pm

Dec. 25, 26, 27 .....Closed

Wed. Dec. 28.....10 am - 4 pm SALE

Thurs. Dec. 29.....10 am - 4 pm SALE

Fri.. Dec. 30.....10 am - 4 pm SALE

Dec. 31, Jan. 1, 2 .....Closed

Regular hours commence Tues. Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

## CLASSES

Here are the Winter classes, grouped by category:

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We try to include something for everyone and are always open to suggestions for new classes or ways to improve existing ones. Please take a moment to review the guidelines:

**To hold your place, class fees are due at registration.**

If you cannot come in, please call us and we will be happy to make arrangements with you on the phone with a credit card, or you can mail payment. HST is applicable to class fees.

**Class fees are not refundable if we cannot find a replacement for you.** A full refund is given if the class is cancelled. We do not call and reconfirm classes - we will only call if the class is cancelled.

**We ask that materials for the class be purchased from Quilters' Line.** We thank you for your understanding of this policy; without it, we couldn't bring you the variety of classes that we strive to do. Please check the descriptions of the classes to see whether you need to purchase or prepare anything beforehand. **To save time, please have your fabrics ironed before the class.**

You may rent a sewing machine for \$5.00 plus HST for in-class work. Please reserve the machine when you register for class. You supply the thread.

We have a fridge and a microwave should you care to bring your lunch. If you go to **Susan's Deli** down the street, they will provide you with a complimentary beverage with your meal (ask us for a coupon). We are happy to provide tea and coffee throughout the day.

## Bears....

### **Beginner Bear Making**

We will make a 12" bear from high quality synthetic fur, fully jointed, and with glass eyes. These bears are not intended for very young children, but are "collector" bears. We will make our first bear by hand during two classes a week apart. There will be some sewing required at home between the two sessions.

*Caution: Bearmaking is addictive.*

Fri. Mar. 2 & 9 .....10:00 - 3:30

\$30.00 class fee, plus kit (\$25.00) *Chrissie Nash*

### **Fur Coat Bear**

In this hands-on seminar, bring your fur coat and we will discuss how and where to cut it, then show you how to line it. We will sew a body piece on the machine to get you familiar with the feel, and discuss jointing, clipping, noses, etc. Fur bears are very special.

Bring your sewing machine.

*Previous Quilters' Line bearmaking required.*

Fri. Mar. 30..... 10:00 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Chrissie Nash*

### **Advanced Bear Making - Mohair**

This is the top end of bear making and the most rewarding. Working with the genuine mohair has some special requirements. We will make a small (approx. 8") fully jointed bear, with ultra suede paws. We will concentrate on making the head, complete with shaving techniques and expressions, and also discuss making

bears by machine, so bring yours along with you.  
*Previous Quilters' Line bearmaking required.*

Fri. Apr. 20..... 10:00 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus pattern & materials  
*Chrissie Nash*

## Skill-Builders....

### Basic Quiltmaking

For those wishing to delve into quilting, this series of classes will introduce you to rotary cutting, simple 9-patch piecing, and hand applique. We will also construct borders, and apply straight grain binding. We recommend you also consider taking our ½ day class in either hand or machine quilting (or both!) and these classes are scheduled to co-incide with this project. 4 half-day sessions. *Please select fabrics in advance.*

Tues. mornings:  
Jan. 24 & 31, plus Feb 7 & 21..... 9:30 - 12:30

\$60.00 class fee, plus materials. *Trudi Wiley*

### Basic Machine Quilting

You will learn about the stitches and the threads in this half day class, working on samples provided in a kit. We will work with different battings, so you can get a feel for what works best in your machine. Learn to think outside the box with your feed dogs up in this innovative primer, plus master the basics of free-motion stippling. *Special feet required; please enquire.*

Sat. Feb.18 .....9:30 - 12:30

\$15.00 class fee, plus kit (\$15.00) *Chrissie Nash*

### Crazy Quilting

In the morning, we will construct the crazy patch 'yardage'. In the afternoon we will learn some embellishment techniques to get you started on completing your masterpiece, utilizing stitches on your

machine and by hand. You can use your crazy patch yardage to make clothing, pillows or wall-hangings.

Tues. Mar. 13.....9:30 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Trudi Wiley*

### Labels & Sleeves

Many of you ask us about labels - what to use, where to start, how to apply, so we thought we would run a ½ day class on this topic. Much of the class will be discussion with samples, but bring your machine and manual and we may be able to help you with programming your built-in alphabet. Techniques for hanging sleeves and tab options will also be included, so you will be ready to enter shows or hang even irregular-shaped work with confidence.

Tues. Mar. 20. .... 9:30 - 12:30

\$15.00 class fee *Trudi Wiley*

### Blocks, Borders and Binding

We will show you the tricks to ensure every block in your quilt with lie even with its neighbour when you have sashing between your blocks, how to calculate and cut borders to eliminate the "wave" you can otherwise get in your finished quilt, and how to apply straight-grain binding with mitred corners. We will work from a starter kit, so that you can have hands-on experience in all these vital techniques.

Tues. Apr. 3..... 10:00 - 3:30

\$20.00 class fee, plus kit (18.00) *Trudi Wiley*

### Advanced Machine Quilting

In the morning, make an interesting square table topper using a pre-cut package of 5" squares (your choice). In the afternoon, we will layer it and execute a variety of machine quilting techniques. This will give you lots of confidence to tackle more of your own projects, and you'll have a new table topper to boot!  
*Please select fabrics in advance.*  
*Special feet required; please enquire.*

Wed. Apr. 18.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Audrey Morrow*

# All Hands on Deck...

## Hand Quilting

In this half-day class, Trudi will show you how to baste a quilt and execute the quilting stitch. We will work on sample blocks using different battings, so you can discover which type you prefer. Your kit also includes various sized quilting needles, and thread in your choice of colour.

Tues. Feb. 14. .... 9:30 - 12:30

\$15.00 class fee, plus kit (\$15.00) *Trudi Wiley*

## Basic Hand Applique

In this class you will learn 9 different hand applique techniques, making a small heart sampler wall quilt. Once you have discovered which technique you enjoy the best, you can use it for all your applique projects in the future. The applique stitch is a useful one to have in your repertoire and a good choice for sewing the quilt binding.

Tues. Mar. 6..... 9:30 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus kit (\$24.00) *Trudi Wiley*

## Advanced Hand Applique: Baltimore Block

Trudi will show you several advanced techniques to make a lovely one-block mini quilt suitable as a wall hanging or cushion cover. She will instruct you how to execute several components, including flowers, berries, vines and leaves. All hand work.

Tues. Apr. 10..... 9:30 - 3 :30

\$25.00 class fee, plus kit (\$18.99) *Trudi Wiley*

## Beading 101

In this half day class Trudi will get you started on the basics of beading on fabric. We will embellish a fat

quarter of your choice, outlining patterns in the fabric. If you add a border and quilt it, you will have a new and interesting little hanging, or a terrific little gift for someone special. All hand work.

Tues. Apr. 17.....9:30 - 12:30

\$15.00 class fee, plus materials *Trudi Wiley*

## Silk Ribbon Embroidery

For those wishing to learn the gentle art of silk ribbon embroidery. Beautiful unto itself, it is also a wonderful embellishment on crazy quilting and a fine companion to cross stitch work. It is also durable enough to embellish clothing. We will work from a kit that incorporates all the basic stitches, but you choose your own colour scheme.

Tues. Apr. 24 .....9:30 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus kit (\$20.00) *Trudi Wiley*

# Wall & Table Quilts...

## 'Twister' Table Runner

It is amazing how complex these quilts look when made with the *L'il Twister* tool, yet the construction couldn't be easier. Using the 5" squares from one of the many *Moda Charm Packs* we have, or the *Tonga Treat* batik 5" squares, you will enjoy this quick and simple technique. Your family and non-quilting friends will think you are some kind of genius to make all those little interlocking windmills, when really all you did was cut and sew squares together twice!

*Please select fabrics in advance.*

Sat. Mar. 17 .....10:00 - 1:00

\$15.00 class fee, plus materials *Carol Singleton*

## Springtime Table Runner

We have some gorgeous, bright pastel large-scale florals that will freshen your spirits after the winter and set your heart a-dancing with the thoughts of spring! And

what better day to make this than the first day of that lovely season. You can opt out of these Easter colours of course and instead, use any fabrics that take your fancy. *Please select fabrics in advance.*

Wed. Mar. 21 .....10:00 - 1:00

\$15.00 class fee, plus materials *Nancy Fisher*

## **Bed & Lap Quilts...**

### **Cottage Life**

This is our pieced 2012 Block of the Month quilt. Make it in the half-day classes over 7 weeks instead of 8 months by mail, and join what is informally and affectionately known as our Guinea Pig Club. In the event an instruction is wrong or unclear, you do us the favour of correcting it before we send out monthly mailings. This quilt uses all batiks and evokes that idyllic time we spend at cottages with friends and family or communing with nature. You pick your own fabrics instead of us, and you may even be helping us by letting us admire your choices before we select the mailed combinations!

*Please select fabrics in advance.*

Wednesday mornings

Jan 25 - Mar. 7.....10:00 - 1:00

\$75.00 class fee, plus materials *Nancy Edwards*

### **Text Quilt**

Text prints are red hot! They draw your eye into the quilt like no other fabric can manage, adding a whole other level of interest to your work. This pattern uses large pieces and zippy contrasting bars, so it makes up quickly and begs for lots of all-over quilting to finish it off nicely. We have several texts to choose from, featuring many fonts and colourways to match your home decor. You may want to eliminate the text prints altogether and use other novelties or collections - the choices are practically endless for this lap quilt.

*Please select fabrics in advance.*

Thurs. Feb. 23 .....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Chrissie Nash*

### **'On Retreat' Lap Quilt/Bed Scarf**

We made this lap quilt on our last year's Manitoulin Island retreat and it was a big hit and easy to execute. Using a pre-packaged set of batik strips (*Bali Pop* or *Tonga Treat*) we make up sets of squares and rows for a bold, modern lap or wall quilt. We will also give you instructions on how to transform this into a bed scarf if you prefer. There is almost zero waste in this project; you will use virtually all your strips, and it will give you an opportunity to work with these sumptuous pre-cut batiks. *Please select your package in advance.*

Tues. Feb. 28.....9:30 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Trudi Wiley*

### **Fairy Tale Quilt**

*American Jane* have turned their talents to reproducing characters and scenes from nursery rhymes and fairy tales in bold primary colours and crystal clear detail. The main player is sets of squares each telling their own tale (15 scenes in total), and what better way to showcase them than in a log cabin variation. Perfect for a young child, it will bring to life the stories they love to hear. Co-ordinated fabric for backing is also available; we suggest buying both at once to complete this treasure before the collection runs out.

*Please select fabrics in advance.*

Thurs. Mar. 1.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials. *Nancy Fisher*

### **Fit For A Queen Quilt (X Block)**

Simple strip sets, one tool, half the blocks cut from the sets one way, half backwards, sew them together and you have a striking quilt fit for a queen (that's you) and/or a queen size bed. This quilt can showcase large prints, be monochromatic or wildly exuberant, easily tailored to suit the tastes of all generations. It's a winner!

*Please select fabrics in advance.*

Thurs. Mar. 8.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus tool & materials. *Chrissie Nash*

## **Delectable Mountains**

A fine old pattern, update with modern fabrics, or stay with heritage collections for an Civil War look. 1930's feedsacks will also look very authentic, since this pattern has been in quilters' repertoires for more than 100 years. As she frequently seems to do, Trudi has developed an incredibly easy 'short-cut' method to this pattern, eliminating the need for piecing all those peaks and valleys individually. We have sized the blocks to work with layer cakes, so the 10" squares will be ready to rumble if you would like to have a co-ordinated scrappy quilt, and we have lots of those to choose from, including William Morris ones if you shop early.

*Please select fabrics in advance*

Tues. Mar. 27.....9:30 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Trudi Wiley*

## **Specialty Classes...**

*(look in our new section All Hands on Deck on page 6 for more projects previously found in this section)*

### **'Wild!Flowers'**

#### **Machine Embroidery Project**

Join Audrey in this machine embroidery class which showcases 6 lovely wildflowers, each surrounded by a frame and enclosed within a pieced border. It is well suited to batik fabrics. The finished flower blocks are 5½" x 7½" so your hoop must be able to accommodate the larger sizes. Please enquire. We will have the multi-format design CD available. There's always something new to learn on these big machines! We will run this over 2 half days, the second class concentrating on the layout and borders, so you will need to finish the embroidery squares at home between the 2 sessions.

*Please purchase fabrics in advance.*

Wed Apr. 4 and 11.....9:30 - 12:30

\$30.00 class fee, plus CD & materials  
*Audrey Morrow*

## **My Favourite Tote**

Audrey wishes to share the pattern she has designed for her favourite tote - she says she reaches for this bag time and again, as it is rugged as well as handsome, and a great size to accommodate lots of stuff.. The main body is made from mesh (available in selected colours), enclosed with fabric strips, and has a sturdy woven handle.

*Please select fabrics in advance*

*Some pre-cutting required.*

Fri. Apr. 13 .....9:30 - 12:30

\$15.00 class fee, plus materials *Audrey Morrow*

## **Note to Stitcher's Garden Class members:**

The 2012 dates for your classes are:

Thurs Mar 29  
Thurs. April 26  
Thurs. May 24 (final)

*Audrey says see you then!*

## **And Finally...**

### **Finish-It Class**

We are happy to help you with anything you have started in any of our classes during this session but may not have gotten all the class work finished - the class is free but please register so we have a space reserved for you.

Tues. May 8 .....10:00 - 3:00

FREE, but please pre-register

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