

# Cobblestone Cupboard



## Feb - Mar 2012

Hate to jinx anything but it sure has been a nice mild winter. Also we're feeding two outside cats, part time, at the shop. Well, the young black one had 4 little black ones. Hope we can afford to keep up with them 'cause they eat a lot. The good thing is we haven't had any mice for a year. Also got some needed dry cat food from a couple of customers which has helped.

**Holiday Party** was a success. Had a LOT of really nice projects to admire, and Ruth took good pictures if anyone wants to see them (again). We have them in the shop.

**Winter Warmth.** We now carry I think the best line of Infra Red Furnaces. Are using them in the entire Shop and just got first UE bill in from Dec-Jan and Honestly saved about half cost over last year same period. You might want to come in and check them out. We are enjoying the even heat and lack of static. Also using at our home up and down and do not even need the humidifier any more.

## Block's of the Month.

We are starting new BoM's this spring, including our own from Eleanor Burns "Underground Rail Road". Come in to learn more and sign up for one or all.

## SHOP HOP

March 29, 30, 31 & April 1

Hours: Th, Fr 10:00-6:00 Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 12:00-4:00

**Big News.** This year we have Hoffman producing a Metro St Louis Batik fabric. Available only from the St Louis Shop Hop Shops.

The theme this year is "Meet Me in St Louis". The Grand Prize is a Free three day - two night Retreat for the winner and some of her friends at Todd Hall. There are other exciting changes with more winners than ever. Also times are hard so please bring in any canned food to help our local food pantries.

## Sewing/Embroidery Machine News.

1. Biggest change is a new 4-Thread Serger from Elna at a very good price.

2. Bernina Cut Work Tool. We are lucky to have Loretta mastering this fabulous tool. Includes great cutting foot and

software. Cut out, say, 5 hearts at once and easily applique them on. Class soon. Also the Needle Punch Tool is now available for the current rotary hook machines (9mm wide current machines).

3. Elna 740 Xcellence. Serious quilters should look at the new Elna 740. Amazing features for Quilters such as 11 inch opening, and it's own personal table makes it perfect.

4. Bernina 330 & 350 are great home and take along machines for quilting, home decor, or fashion sewing. They can also use the needle punch tool for felting.

**Retreat:** Cindy is sponsoring a retreat at a new location that is sensational. Carol already has a number of quilters from here attending with her so you could work on any type of stitching in a scenic location. February 19-22. Call for info.

## Easter Hours:

We will be Closed Saturday, Apr 7, for Easter Holiday.

**New Web Site.** We will be changing to a new Internet Web Site soon. The current one is just too cumbersome to keep up with. Will let you know.

## Fabric Sales

-Wed Feb 1-Sat Feb 11 15% OFF all fabric, 1 yard minimum, AND take extra 10% to finish any bolt.

-Large selection of Fall and Christmas fabrics now on sale for \$5 per yard.

## Quilt Show & New Cabinets

We will be vending the popular "Bits 'n Pieces Quilt Guild show at Queeny Park Sat March 17 10am-5pm & Sun Mar 18 11am-4pm. BIG news is we have two booths including a booth of new all wood sewing cabinets. Excellent price for well finished wood cabinets.

—Classes — General ----Please sign up for classes early. Class sizes are limited. If space is available, enrollment will be accepted up until the first class period. But don't delay, classes are occasionally canceled because folks that wanted the class did not call to sign up until the last minute.

You must buy the basic supplies at Cobblestone Cupboard where applicable, and will receive a 15% class discount. If you are interested in a class that doesn't fit your schedule, please call. Find 3 friends and we can design/schedule a class just for you. NOTE: first number on class title line indicates number of sessions for a class. Classes 10-1:30 or longer includes 1/2 hour to eat lunch.

### Sew In

For those who haven't attended, we have a free sewing get together nearly each month, usually on Second Saturday. Work on your own projects, get advice, visit, bring in a simple dish if you like (lots of snacking).

Free, but please call in if planning to come.

Sat Feb 11, Mar 10 12-?

### BOM Wildflower Rhapsody- Carol

Note: Class is the SECOND Tuesday.

Tues Feb 14 1:30 OR 6:00 \$5

Tues Mar 13 1:30 OR 6:00 \$5

### BOM Underground Railroad - Carol

Whether you're a new quilter or just wanting to refresh or learn new techniques, this Quilt in a Day book is great, and includes lots of historical information. Also great for experienced quilters who just want a great sampler made even easier by Carol

Thur Mar 1, Apr 5 10:30-12:30

OR 6-8 \$12/month

### 1- Sewing Machine Care - Carol

What & how to clean & oil, how to thread properly, and when and how to change your needles. These are a few of the things we will talk about.

Tues Feb 7 10:30-11:30 OR

6:30-7:30 OR Thur Feb 23 3-4 \$5

### 1- Card Tricks -

An old favorite returns. You choose the size you want. A perennially popular pattern.

Wed Feb 8 10-3 \$25

### 2- Water Wheel - Crol

This jewel-like quilt can be a wall hanging, table topper, or just a throw for your bed or back of sofa. This beautiful project uses just 5 colors.

Thur Feb 9&16 1-3 \$20

### 3- Double Irish Chain -

Another classic favorite from Quilt in a Day (so you know it is easy). The large areas of background fabric leaves great spaces for beautiful quilting motifs, by hand or machine.

Fri Feb 10, Mar 2&23 1-4 \$36

### Jewelry-Beading - Kay

We are having a great time making all different kinds of beaded jewelry. Now you can join us. Some use unique one of a kind beads, leather, and metal. Kay will help you customize your projects to the style you want. 2nd Monday's, meet 5:30-8:30.

Mon Feb 13, Mar 12 \$12 class fees

### 1- Binding - Carol

Learn to finish your quilt. Class includes all major aspects of continuous binding your quilt, especially finishing the "bind" and mitered corners.

Fri Feb 17 1-4 \$18

### 1- Crazy Curves -

Our samples by Ruth & Sherry are done in Batiks. You can choose the same or prints.

Sat Feb 18 10-3 \$25

### 2- Orion's Star -

Star center in log cabin blocks was designed by Eleanor Burns for her son. You choose the size you make.

Tues Feb 21, Mar 20 11-3 \$25

### 1- Threads & Needles - Carol

This class will help you choose the proper needles and thread for your embroidery, sewing, and quilting projects. Thread diameters and all the needle types and sizes aren't that easy to really understand on your own.

Tues Feb 21 6:30-8:30 \$10

### 1- Impact Runner - Ruth

This is perfect for a table or bed runner. From book "Positively Runners".

Fri Feb 24 6-9 \$18

### 1- Strip Tubing - Carol

This easy project can be made with Bali or printed fabric, and planned out or just let it happen. You can even make it with 2 1/2" strip sets. The sample is one of our most popular ever.

Sat Feb 25 10-1:30 \$18

### 2- Serger Quilt - Carol

This bow tie quilt can be made from Minky, Flannel, or cotton Print. For baby, throw or wall quilt. Could be enlarged if you wish. Master your serger while you piece a fun quilt.

Tues Feb 28 & Mar 6 10-1 \$25

### 1- Let's Twist Wreath -

This is a fun wall hanging to make for future Christmases or change the colors and make for other seasons.

Tues Feb 28 6-9 \$18

1- Alaska Toss -

Named for the fabric on the pattern cover. Ruth has chosen a whimsical kitty fabric as a focal fabric, cute enough for anyone. Your choice of fabrics and colors will make it uniquely yours.

Sat Mar 3 10-3 \$25

1- Skinny Minny - Carol

Choose from several designs and color ways. This little kit is quick and fun to make.

Tues Mar 6 2-5 \$15

2- Quilts Without Corners - Ruth

Uses 10 degree wedge ruler to make design of your choice from either book. Round quilts make great wall hanging, bed covers, back of sofa, or even a tree skirt. Later we will be working on one of the "Birds" as shown in the same book.

Previously we had several folks make the butterfly and all turned out lovely in their own color choices. Has been a hit for a few years.

Wed Mar 7 & April 4 6-9 \$25

1- Freehand Machine Quilting - Carol

Take the fear out of machine quilting while learning types of stippling, echoing, and more.

Thur Mar 8 1-3 Or 6-8 \$12

1- X Blocks -

A fun technique using specialty rulers to learn or refresh yourself with this ruler. Can do a lap to miniature wall quilt. Great technique also to make borders that are easy and special.

Sat Mar 24 10-3 \$25

**EMBROIDERY CLUB**

Embroidery Club - Carol

Get the most out of your embroidery machine. Call for the project of each month.

Sat Feb 11 & Mar 10, 10:00 OR

Thur Feb 23 & Mar 22 10:30.

Machine Embroidery & Computers. I'm thinking about offering a class for beginners and less experienced computer users particularly with Windows 7. Some changes make a few tasks harder to find how to do. Also to learn or refresh skills like making folders to store your information (i.e. designs), managing your information, moving between CD's, folders, and USB sticks, and such. Let me (Bert) know if your interested and if a few need this we will set up a time and/or schedule. Probably about \$15.