

END-OF-OCTOBER GREETINGS FROM THE WILD ROSE QUILT SHOP & RETREAT!

We've added more goodies to our calendar through December, so have a look to see what's cookin' here.....

- Thursday November 5 brings **Worn & Loved II** with Lisa Isaacs. We've made a special acrylic template for this class so your pointies will point every time! And there's nothing better than pointy pointies, don't you think? ☺ Worn & Loved II is a delicious and warm collection from Windham Fabrics. We've made the kits and put in the pattern, fabrics for the top and binding and the acrylic template plus the course fee....\$125. 10am-3pm. Get registered now!
- Lisa is offering an evening class for **Worn & Loved II** on Monday November 9 and 16 from 6:30-9pm; same info as above.
- **Decked Out For the Holly-Days** is coming to you by Nadeen Ward. This pattern is from McKenna Ryan and has a white seal (minkee provided) popping out of his hole in the ice, and he's wearing a holiday wreath! We'll cut a kit for you if you like or you can use scraps of your own batiks. Guaranteed to make you smile. Tuesday November 17 and December 1 6:30-9pm. \$30.
- **Log Cabin Stars** is a jelly roll quilt that Heather Spence will teach on Saturday November 21 (woohooo, a Saturday class finally!) We bought some Mary Engelbreit Christmas jelly rolls (though they're more whimsical than Christmas-y) so you can whip this one up in plenty of time for the holidays. One jelly roll (or your own 2 ½" strips) and a little bit of coordinating fabrics for the stars and optional border....insert drum roll please....and that's it! \$30 for the class that's from 9:30-3:30 (bring lunch or snacks) and you'll be well on your way to a completed quilt. Register now and get your supply list.....
- Have you ever wondered how on earth you could make a **Mariner's Compass** without pulling your hair out? ☺ Well wonder no more. QuiltSmart is a product that takes the aggravation out of figuring out how to sew the pieces into a very recognizable pattern! Better yet, "Y" seams are definitely prohibited! Join Julie Boersema and learn to use the fusible QuiltSmart panels to make your Mariner's Compass quilt in the colors of your choice. Julie made her quilt for her nephew and used his school colors in the shop sample. You can definitely have this quilt done before Christmas. Wednesday November 16, December 2 and December 16, 6:30-9pm. \$35.



JO'S LITTLE WOMEN CLUB

Jo Morton (well known pattern designer, author and fabric designer) has just released her Series 9 for next year. She loves Civil War era and reproduction fabrics and creates small quilts using the designs of the mid-to-late 1800s. There are 5 projects in the 6 month Jo's Little Women Club and there will be other small projects available if you choose to make more.

Lisa Isaacs is heading up Jo's Little Women (hereinafter called JWL) starting in January. The Club will meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30-9pm or the first Thursday of the month from 10-12:30. This will be a sewing club (bring your sewing machine). You'll learn about the role quilting played in the 1800s and have the opportunity to read both fiction and non-fiction literature if you want to. Here is what Lisa wrote about the upcoming JLW Club:

Do you enjoy those lovely reproduction fabrics and those wonderful antique looking quilts? Would you like to make them for yourself?

Well, you're invited to step back in time and join us for an old fashioned gathering celebrating the history of quilt making while creating your own treasured 'antique' quilts. Jo's Little Women Club is a monthly Club offering both day and evening classes to fit any schedule. We'll be using Jo Morton's wonderful reproduction fabrics and designs from the Civil War era. You'll have time to sew, learn about women's lives during this period and enjoy some delicious treats. You'll learn new techniques to build on your quilt making skills while spending time sharing in an old fashioned friendship group!

So, grab a friend or two (or more!) and come sign up today! Don't miss out on this Club!!

Skill Level: All – there will be learning opportunities for all levels!

Cost: \$35 registration and \$5 per month. Kit fees will apply.

Students will be encouraged to build their Jo Morton reproduction fat quarter stash to personalize their kits and a variety of FQ towers will be available for students to purchase.

Register now so we can order patterns and begin cutting kits. We want to be ready for you!

BACK TO NATURE

Join Sharon Farr in this monthly adventure from Timeless Treasures fabrics. The 10" fabric swatches are here and you can see exactly what the fabrics look like for this stunning quilt. The \$20 per month fee INCLUDES the cost of the quilt top, backing and binding in addition to a class/meeting with Sharon. This is not a sewing a sewing session, but you will learn different techniques to complete the blocks, enjoy door prize drawings at each meeting and meet other quilters who share your interests. You'll receive a canvas Back to Nature bag with your \$10 registration fee. Stop in and see the fabric swatches; you'll be hooked. Starts in January and meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 11am-noon or the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm. You can participate in this Club by mail.

BACK TO NATURE (this time in batiks!)

Our Timeless Treasures fabric representative showed me another "version" of Back to Nature that is set to begin in March. It's the same quilt pattern, same price, same everything, EXCEPT that the fabrics are batiks. I'll attach a picture of this one too. It doesn't look like the same quilt at all because the colorway and batik fabrics make for an entirely different look.

The batik Back to Nature will start in March and we'll do a day and evening meeting each month. For now, I need to know if there is any interest in this batik quilt (finished size, like the other one, is 96" x 106"). I haven't ordered the fabrics yet and have a deadline to do so with the rep; please let me know *as soon as possible* if this is a project you'd be interested in.

CHALLENGE PROJECT

I've had another one of my brainstorm (I know you're asking... "yeah, now what?") OK, here we go: See the pattern "256 Pieces of the Past" by Crabapple Hill (<http://www.crabapplehillstudio.com/>) and click on New Releases. "256 Pieces of the Past" is the first one shown. This is a delightful pattern that uses embroidery, quilting, crazy stitching and embellishing. The finished size is 60 ½" x 64 ½". I think it's gorgeous.

So here's the challenge. Buy the pattern here and finish the project in any way you choose. You have until **December 1, 2010** to finish the quilt. On December 1, 2010, we will display all of the completed quilts and you will receive a \$10 shop gift card for letting us hang your sample. We'll display all the quilts (no names will be shown) and customers will vote on the one they like best. The winner will receive a \$50 shop gift card! You are invited and encouraged to let your imagination run wild with this pattern/project. I'll get the patterns ordered and let the Challenge begin!



John's Scissor Sharpening Service Starts Sunday November 1! Bring your scissors and shears in to be sharpened and enjoy the pleasure of having sharp scissors once again!

Pricing structure:

Small Embroidery scissors: \$5

Regular fabric scissors: \$7

Large or paper scissors: \$8

Add \$1 for damaged blades (removing nicks and burrs)



And as long as you're bringing in your scissors for sharpening, bring your sewing machine or serger in for cleaning and a tune-up. You'll find John's sewing machine servicing prompt, thorough and VERY reasonably priced.



We're going to schedule a demo day with The Jewel in the near future. The Jewel is the Baby Lock 18" mid-arm quilting machine on the Grace Pinnacle frame. You'll be able to see how the new electronic unit works (the computerization that quilts the designs you tell it to quilt!) and see just how easy it is to operate. Heather and John will be teaching the basics of mid arm quilting. After the demo day, you'll be able to make an appointment with them to answer your questions and have some hands on time on The Jewel. Stay tuned for more information.

And I'll take this opportunity to introduce you to Heather Spence, our newest member to The Wild Rose Quilt Shop Gang. Heather is an experienced quilter and has a custom quilting business from her home in Tacoma. Heather is usually in the shop on Mondays, Fridays and occasional Saturdays. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Heather and give her a very hearty Wild Rose welcome.



Oh before I forget: Heather has offered to start a Bag of the Month Club starting in January (she makes amazing bags....) Please let me know if this is something you'd be interested in. Heather has shown me several patterns (and samples) she'd like to include in the Club's offerings.

We've got the **Moda Bake Shop Club** simmering on the back burner
(☺ pun intended!)

Heather is cooking up a new monthly series called Bake Shop. You'll be treated to small projects each month that use charm squares (5x5" squares), jelly rolls (2 1/2" strips), honey buns (1 1/2" strips), layer cakes (10x10" squares), and other fun small cuts of fabric. Fun, inexpensive and GREAT little projects each month.

Bake Shop Club will meet on one Monday a month and price and dates to be announced soon.



GIFT CARDS AND YOUR WISH LIST

Don't forget that a Wild Rose Quilt Shop & Retreat Gift Card makes the PERFECT gift! The card can be used for classes, fabric, books, patterns, sewing machines, retreats...whatever!! If you're asked what you'd like for Christmas, birthday, anniversary, etc, just reply with "a gift card from The Wild Rose!" The gift giver can call the shop with a credit card number and we'll even mail the card to wherever we're directed. Easy-squeasy!! ☺ OR, tell us what you want added to your Wish List and we'll make that available to anyone who comes into the shop (or calls) and wants to buy one or more goodies on your list. Pretty cool, huh?



Photo: D. James Dee

Finished Quilt: 96" x 106"

The Batik Back to Nature Quilt.
If this is one you're interested in,
please let me know asap because
I have a deadline to order the
fabric. Thanks!



Decked out for the Holly-Days ↑



Log Cabin Stars
(the quilt is longer than the picture shows)



Worn & Loved II (see the sample, it's amazing!)