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Jan - April 2012
Spring Class Schedule

Sign up now! Come in, call, Fax or sign up online!

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES AND THE FUN OF A NEW YEAR!

We are rejuvenated and anxious to share these new classes with YOU! You can learn a new technique or make a new quilt in the company of fellow quilters! Our classes are legendary and we look forward to seeing YOU in the shop this spring!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Madness – February 29 – March 4
Go to quiltersmarchmadness.com for more details

EBHQ Quilt Show – New location this year - held at Craneway Pavilion, 1414 Harbour Way South on the Richmond Waterfront. Dates and Time:
Saturday, March 17 from 10am – 5pm and Sunday, March 18 from 10am – 4pm

Foothill Quilters Guild, Auburn California
Dates: Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15

CALLING ALL SATURDAY BLOCKS PARTY-ERS!

We're back – come join the fun once a month at our exclusive block party! Our next Saturday block party starts in February and will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month. You must be at the shop between 8:30am and 9am with the prior months completed block. This year we are making a Halloween quilt. If you arrive after 9am or miss Saturday Block Party, the fee is $5 for the next month's block. Don't miss out – sign-up - we only have a few openings left.

Organizers:	Joe and Roxie Wood
Dates:	Saturday, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, May 12
Time:	8:30am – 9am to receive your next block free
Price:	$45 to join

A RETREAT FOR YOU!!!

Join the FUN! Bring your own projects to work on and sew with friends and Roxie and Joe. This is YOUR retreat. Unwind, relax, and be pampered! What could be better than that? These retreats will be held in the newest hotel in Murphys, Murphys Suites, in the heart of the gold country – just about 2 ½ hours from the Bay Area.

We have two retreats planned for this Spring, so call ThimbleCreek for more details and to sign-up. The dates are:

February 2 – 5, 2012
March 29 – April 1, 2012

DEAR JANE CLUB

Calling all Dear Jane Quilt fans. Have you started a Dear Jane Quilt? Are you interested in making a Dear Jane Quilt but don't know where to start? The original Dear Jane quilt was made by Jane Sickle in 1863. The quilt is made up of 169 4½" finished blocks and 56 border triangles. Women all over the world are making this quilt. You can view the original and other DJ quilts online at http://www.dearjane.com/

Join the DVQ quilters at ThimbleCreek on the first Thursday of each month from 10am – 2pm. (Dates: January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5). Learn all the tips and tricks while meeting new friends. All are welcome!

Class Registration If You see a class you are interested in, please sign up early! Classes have a minimum number of students in order for it to "go". By waiting too long, your class may be filled or you may have been the one person needed to meet the minimum enrollment.

Barn Chicks

What a great quilt...the possibilities are endless. Black and White with red or Blues for that Dutch look. These Barn Chicks are easy and fun -- just stack fat quarters, cut and shuffle. Sew in Order and there you have it - a great quilt! Join Susy for a fun day, the Buggy Barn Way. A great class for those who have never made a Buggy Barn Quilt.

Teacher: Susy Mauser
Level: 1 1/2
Date: Friday, April 20
Time: 10am – 5pm
Price: $60

Beginning Appliqué – Spray Starch Method

Learn the double freezer paper spray starch method of appliqué as you work on a pattern of your own choosing. The starch method is an alternative to traditional needle turn appliqué and results in very sharp and smooth edges on your appliqué pieces.

Teacher: Bobbi Ball
Level: All
Dates: Sunday, March 11, April 1
Time: 12pm - 3pm
Price: $35

Beginning Machine Quilting

Learn to machine quilt, using your own home sewing machine. You will learn to quilt loops and curves, free motion designs and a feathered wreath. Learn to stipple plus much, much more. You will learn to properly pin your quilt and prepare it for quilting. Many tips are shared in this valuable introduction to machine quilting. This is a beginning class where you will learn the art of free motion heirloom machine quilting.

Teacher: Jill Schumacher
Level: All
Date: Saturday, February 4
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: $65

Beginning Quiltmaking

Learn all the necessary basic techniques including fabric selections, quick-cutting strip piecing, block construction, quilt assembly, attaching borders, machine quilting and binding. The class project is a sampler featured in Laura's book, Q is for Quilt.

Teacher: Laura Nownes
Level: 1
Dates: Tuesday, January 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Dates: Tuesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Price: $120

Black Opals and Ribbon Candy

Think "opalescence," and most of us visualize the soft, milky colors of white opals. But when I discovered Australian black opals, with their flashes of brilliant color among much darker colors, I wanted to capture their natural beauty with fabric. The design for this quilt is based on the Churn Dash block. By shifting the units over and up or down, the secondary pattern (where four traditional Churn Dash blocks would meet) becomes primary, and the primary pattern takes on a supporting role. To make your quilt using other kinds of fabrics, pay attention to the values specified below. See my alternate colorways for ideas.

Teacher: Christine Barnes
Level: 2
Date: Sunday, May 6
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: $75

Cassie's Quilt – with English Paper Piecing

Come learn all about English Paper Piecing while making this charming Dresden plate quilt with a difference. Cassie's quilt uses a combination of English paper piecing and needleturn appliqué.

Teacher: Carmen Franklin
Level: 1 1/2
Dates: Saturday, Jan. 28, March 24, April 7, May 26
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: $110

Calendula Patterdrip's Cottage

Be prepared for a fun day of coloring and embroidery fun. During this day long class you will get started on your first block. We will discuss the coloring process, and all the stitches you will need to make this whimsical quilt. We will cover the finishing process that will start you on the journey of completing this fabulous heirloom. Bring your smile and your lunch.

Teacher: Jean Deziak
Level: 2
Date: Sunday, March 25
Time: 10am – 4pm
Date: Sunday, May 27
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: $40

Color Camp

Do you stress when it's time to choose colors and fabrics for a new quilt? Do you wish you had a better "color sense"? You need to go on retreat to gain a new perspective. You need to come to Color Camp!

This no-sew workshop based on Christine's new book, The Quilter's Color Club, consists of cut-and-paste color studies, with lots of help from the teacher and group critique of every block. The first three mock-block exercises focus on value (light and dark), temperature (warm and cool), and intensity (bright and dull). These characteristics, more than color itself, determine the impact of a quilt. An overview of the color wheel and a final exercise expose students to this invaluable (and amazing) tool for quilters. Its lots of creative fun, and you'll leave "Color Camp" with fresh ideas for working with color.

Teacher: Christine Barnes
Level: All
Date: Sunday, March 4
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: $75

Come Embroider with Sandy

Come stitch with friends and have a great time. Bring your unfinished projects or learn how to make the wonderful stitchery projects you have seen in magazines and stores.

Teacher: Sandy Newman
Level: All
Dates: Monday, January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16
Time: 10am – 1pm
Price: $10 each session attended

COMFORT FOOD DINNER & SEW WITH JOE

The dinner will be simple....casserole or soup. Bring a sweet treat to share if you like and then comes the FUN! Bring your own projects and sew up a storm with Joe. Here's your chance to celebrate the middle of the week!! No cooking and some time to sew with friends.

Teacher: Joe Wood
Level: All
Dates: Wednesday, Feb. 8, 29, March 14, April 11
Time: 5:30pm – 9:30pm
Price: $25 each session attended

Continuous Bias Binding

When the quilting is completed, it's important to take the time and make the effort to finish the quilt with a perfect binding. Quilt judges really pay attention to bindings! In this class, we will do a continuous bias binding that will stabilize the quilt edges and help "square-up" the quilt. Then we will do a knife-edge binding turned to the back of the quilt, in a way that will eliminate bulky corners. Aileyn will demonstrate the techniques and there will be time for students to try the methods themselves if they wish to bring supplies.

Teacher: Aileyn Ecob
Level: All
Date: Monday, April 23
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Price: $30

Design Layout Workshop

Now that you've completed the piecing of your quilt top, come and learn how to design the layout of quilting motifs and borders for the completion of your next heirloom. We will start with the design layout, and then learn how to transfer your selections onto your quilt. Learn to use the quilting stencils and have them fit your borders by using the "fudge factor" method. Everything you need to know to be successful with be covered in this class.

Teacher: Jill Schumacher
Level: All
Date: Saturday, April 14
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: $65

Dinner and Sew with Joe

Bring your own projects and sew, sew, sew. A fun evening with friends and music – DINNER is included! Don't miss out – these dinners fill quickly.

Teacher: Joe Wood
Level: All
Date: Friday, March 9
Time: 5pm – 11pm
Price: $40

Double your Fun

Sandi says this is the most valuable technique she has ever learned and expanded on. A method she calls cutting double is a fun and exciting way to make quilt squares with spontaneity! Use free-style cutting methods, either with straight lines or gentle curves. The great thing is you can be as simple or as complex as you wish. This technique can be incorporated into traditional quits to add interest, or you can move beyond the traditional square altogether for a more distinctive, contemporary look.

Teacher: Sandi Cummings
Level: 2
Dates: Monday, April 16, 30, May 7
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Price: $75

Dresden Star

This is an updated version of an old favorite. This version has dimension and pizzazz. Use your favorite batiks to create this stunning block. Use either hand or machine appliqué to adhere the blocks to your background.

Teacher: Tracy Allen
Level: 2
Dates: Sunday, Feb. 5, 12
Time: 12pm – 4pm
Price: $50

Drunkard's Path

No curved piecing with this easy process. Learn to appliqué soft curves, create an antique or contemporary look quilt with your fabric choice.

Teacher: Tracy Allen
Level: 1 ½ - 3
Dates: Saturday, March 3, 10
Time: 10am – 2pm
Price: $50

Firefly

We will use the no-tear (folding) method of paper piecing to complete Valori Wells' Firefly wallhanging (or baby quilt). Dramatic and full of inspiration, this quilt is easier than it looks and will have you mastering the elongated points in no time. Learn a new technique, or simply come to enjoy making a fanciful wallhanging from that "special" piece of fabric you have been saving. Pick your focus fabric and some fun coordinates and you are on your way!

Teacher: Stacia Lindahl
Level: 2
Date: Sunday, January 29
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: $40

Friday Morning Sewing

Come spend a fun morning sewing at ThimbleCreek. Bring your projects and sew, sew, sew. ThimbleCreek staff is here to help inspire you to finish your projects and begin new ones.

Level: All
Dates: Friday, Dec. 1, 9, 16, Jan. 6, 13, 20, Feb. 3, 10, 17, March 2, 9, 16
Time: 10am – 1pm
Price: $55 for all sessions

Friday Nights with Fig Tree

Come join us for a late night experience that has many a husband wondering how quilting can be this much fun!! Find help with techniques, inspiration, color selection or just camaraderie while you sew. Don't forget to bring a snack for our potluck "munchies". Exclusive projects included each month. Just "drop-in" and be amazed at how much you can get done.

Teacher: Joanna Figueroa
Level: All
Dates: Friday, Jan. 6, Feb. 17, March 16, April 20
Time: 6:30pm – 11pm
Price: $25 each session attended

Hand Quilting

Come learn how to hand quilt with Aileyn. She has won many awards for her hand quilting and pattern designs. In this class, learn to make small, even quilting stitches with ease and speed giving your quilts the soft look and feel that hand quilting can provide. Hand quilting is equally appropriate for traditional and contemporary quilts. We'll talk about choosing batting and quilting designs for a variety of quilt styles. Appropriate for beginning hand quilters.

Teacher: Aileyn Ecob
Level: All
Date: Monday, March 12
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Price: $30

If the Hat Fits

Oh my, look at all the Witches! These are frightfully fun and crazy - the Buggy Barn way! We'll stack, cut and shuffle these fun witches into a fun quilt for Halloween. The dangling shoes and stockings are easy with a template provided by Susy. Join me for a fun day of sewing the buggy barn way!!!! You'll have it done in time for the BIG DAY!!!!

Teacher: Susy Mauser
Level: 2
Date: Saturday, May 12
Time: 10am – 5pm
Price: $60

Intermediate Quiltmaking

Take your beginning skills one step further with this new class. Work with y-seam construction, drafting, templates and appliqué. The blocks covered in class will be made into a small sampler quilt.

Teacher: Laura Nownes
Level: 2
Dates: Tuesday, February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Price: $90

"Je t'aime" Pillow

A very cute and sophisticated way to say "I Love You". This pillow looks great in a chair or on the bed and would make a perfect gift for Valentines Day. The words are hand appliquéed – so you must have some appliqué experience.

Teacher: Tracy Allen
Level: 1 ½
Date: Saturday, February 11
Time: 10am – 4:30pm
Price: $45

Learning to Love Templates

These will be the most accurate templates you have ever made, I promise!

Templates are tools that give high rewards and improve our potential for both quality and custom work…they support total freedom in design and will expand your quiltmaking expierence. Using a traditional style block, this class will focus on how to MAKE accurate templates, how to accurately CUT FABRIC using those templates and then accurately SEW a 6" LeMoyne Star together, Skill Level: Very Confident Beginner and Beyond.

Teacher: Sally Collins
Level: 1 ½ - 3
Date: Thursday, February 9
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: $75

Mail Sack Purse

Modern, hands-free styling degins the Mail Sack, a roomy cross-body bag ready for adventure. Two interior packets (one zippered and the other divided) keep essentials like cell phone, sunglasses, and keys within easy reach. Pattern includes full-sized pattern, sheet and instruction booklet for sacks in two sizes. This puirse would be adorable in our new vinyl-covered cotton fabrics and given shape with the new batting alternative, Soft and Stable.

Teacher: Laura Nownes
Level: 1 1/2
Date: Saturday, May 5
Time: 10am - 4pm
Price: $60

Martinique

Piece these beautiful pinwheel variation blocks either scrappy like the model, or perhaps in a two-color version for a dramatic flavor. Add flourish to your quilt with a simple, yet elegant, appliqué block on point with French knot flower centers adding dimension and framed with rick rack to pop from the quilt body. In class you will learn the block construction technique (as well as completing one or more pieced blocks) and complete your appliqué block.

Teacher: Stacia Lindahl
Level: 1 1/2
Date: Sunday, April 15
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: $40

Merry, Merry Snowmen

Join Anne once a month and make my newest block of the month, Merry, Merry Snowmen. Use your favorite method of appliqué and join in the fun. We'll work on one block a month and you'll have this beautiful quilt finished in time for the holidays. I'll give you hand appliqué and embroidery tips, teach some machine appliqué and share my tips on fabric selection with you. Kits will be available for purchase from ThimbleCreek.

Teacher: Anne Sutton
Level: 1 1/2
Dates: Thursday, February 23, March 15, April 26, May 31, July 26
Time: 10am – 1pm
Price: $95

Monterey Bay Wildlife

Come learn all about hand appliqué while working on a small wallhanging featuring wildlife from the Monterey Bay Area (a sea otter, a pelican, a treefish, a sea turtle and some seaweed and seashells). We will work on one block or more a month and you will also learn how to make the pieced border. Nancy will demonstrate how to make a pattern from a photo so you may add more animals to your wallhanging or make an individual project.

Teacher: Nancy Brown
Level: 1 1/2
Dates: Sunday, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 18, April 22, May 20
Time: 12:30pm – 3:30pm
Price: $90

Quick and Fun Projects with Sandy

The infinitely talented Sandy will entice you with a NEW quick and fun project each month! All secret projects are guaranteed to make you smile! You will NOT want to miss the fun. Kits will be available for purchase.

Teacher: Sandy Newman
Level: All
Dates: Monday, Feb. 6
Time: 10am – 2pm
Date: Monday, March 5
Time: 10am – 2pm
Date: Monday, April 2
Time: 10am – 2pm
Price: $25 each session

Retreat with Joe

Bring your own projects and sew and eat and sew some more with Joe. The party starts Friday night – includes dinner! Then come back and sew all day Saturday – lunch included! Then return on Sunday – breakfast provided and continue sewing. BE PREPARED TO HAVE FUN!!

Teacher: Joe Wood
Level: All
Date: Friday, February 24
Time: 5pm – 11pm
Date: Saturday, February 25
Time: 10am – 5pm
Date: Sunday, February 26
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: $100

Retreat with Joe

Bring your own projects and sew and eat and sew some more with Joe. The party starts Friday night – includes dinner! Then come back and sew all day Saturday – lunch included! Then return on Sunday – breakfast provided and continue sewing. BE PREPARED TO HAVE FUN!!

Teacher: Joe Wood
Level: All
Date: Friday, April 27
Time: 5pm – 11pm
Date: Saturday, April 28
Time: 10am – 5pm
Date: Sunday, April 29
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: $100

Sew with Joe

Bring your project and sew, sew, sew! This drop-in class will become habit forming. There will occasionally be surprises and treats. This could be just what you're looking for to brighten your week.

Teacher: Joe Wood
Level: All
Dates: Wed. Jan. 4, 11, 25, Feb. 15, 22, March 7, 21, April 4, 18, 25
Time: 6pm – 9:30pm
Price: $10 each session attended

Sewing with Sandy Klop

Are you looking for a place to sew with friends? Need ideas, help, inspiration, or just a cheering section? Well, if you have a healthy sense of humor, come join the fun every Thursday evening. Independent projects welcome.

Teacher: Sandy Klop
Level: All
Dates: Thurs. Jan. 5, 12, 26, Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5, 12, 19, 26
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Price: $10 each session attended

Slices of Color

Known as Whirligig – Linda will give you a more "up-to-date" method of piecing with tricks to make it easier. Students can use a set color scheme, a given line of fabrics, or even just "scrap" it out. It all works.

Teacher: Linda Ballard
Level: 1 ½ - 3
Date: Sunday, January 22
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: $55

"Snappy" DooHickey

A practical gift for everyone on your list. You can make this "doohickey" in any size – would make a great eyeglass holder, rotary cutter holder or small coin purse to hold your fabric cards. The ideas are endless. Customize your holder to the person receiving the gift. Use those Amy Butler, Kaffe Fassett or batik fabrics for a fashion statement.

Teacher: Tracy Allen
Level: 1 1/2
Date: Saturday, March 31
Time: 10am – 2pm
Price: $30

"Snowballs" Wool Applique

Have you tried wool appliqué yet? It's so much fun! Join Anne for a class filled with tips and tricks you can use for any wool appliqué pattern. We'll be making "Snowballs" in class and you'll leave with a holiday pillow to enjoy this winter season. Wool appliqué is easy and you just might find yourself with a new passion!

Teacher: Anne Sutton
Level: 1 1/2
Date: Monday, January 23
Time: 10am – 2pm
Price: $35

Sparkling Starbursts

This pattern features a clever piecing technique, which creates the four stars in each block. With sashing that matches the block background, the images really pop. Crisp shapes and fresh colors make this quilt sparkle.

Teacher: Denise Sheehan
Level: 2
Dates: Monday, March 5, 19
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Price: $40

Star Light, Star Bright

Sawtooth Stars and Four-Patch blocks combine to make this stunning new pattern designed by Laura. It is perfect for using 2-1/2" wide pre-cut strip sets.

Teacher: Laura Nownes
Level: 1 1/2
Dates: Saturday, January 14, February 18
Time: 9:30am – 2pm
Price: $80

Sunflower

Using only two blocks, this king size quilt provides interest and complexity through the use of color, value and placement. The sunflower block is ornate, while the hourglass block staid – together they interact wonderfully to give space to quilt. Play with color placement like the model or just use two colors – either way, this can be a masterpiece. The original pattern is included with the class and will be available through the shop after the class date.

Teacher: Stacia Lindahl
Level: 1 1/2
Date: Thursday, March 8
Time: 11am – 4pm
Price: $35

Trinity River Bridge – Square in a Square

This class is designed for quilters to learn how to expand their Square In a Square skills. Using a diamond center and positioning color choices, students will create a quilt of stars. This is a class not to be missed.

Teacher: Ellie Conley
Level: 1 ½
Date: Saturday, January 21
Time: 10am – 5pm
Price: $45

Tuesday Morning Tea with Laura

Join Laura and get inspired! Bring your unfinished projects and get the help and inspiration you need to finish them or let Laura help you create that new project. Don't miss the chance to work with one of America's finest quilters!

Teacher: Laura Nownes
Level: All
Dates: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27
April 3, 10, 17, 24
Time: 10am – 1pm
Price: $10 each session attended

Tulip Tango

Tulip Tango is a machine appliqué wreath quilt. We cover two appliqué methods and you will be surprised how easy it is to work with curves. Before you know it, you will have an 18" quilt ready for Spring.

Teacher: Laurel Anderson
Level: 1 1/2 - 3
Dates: Monday, January 30, February 20
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Price: $85

Wednesday Threads

Looking for a high energy environment to finish projects, to get inspired, or just create? Drop in anytime to join this fun group of quilters. No reservation required, just bring a project or idea and join the fun. ThimbleCreek staff is always available to help with questions or solve quilting problems.

Level:	All
Dates:	Wednesday, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25
Time:	10am – 3pm
Price:	$10 each session attended

Yin-Yang Batik Quilt

Learn easy freezer paper appliqué to create a beautiful batik quilt. Must have some needle experience. This block has always been difficult to piece, but a snap to appliqué. Tracy will teach you how to make your seams meet perfectly in the center of the block.

Teacher:	Tracy Allen
Level:	1 ½
Dates:	Monday, February 6, 13, 27
Time:	6:30pm – 9:30pm
Price:	$60

SUPPLY LISTS

There is a Supply List for every class taught at ThimbleCreek. Please make sure you pick-up this list, or send us a SASE so supply list may be mailed to you. Please be prepared with all supplies purchased before attending class.

CLASS POLICY

You may sign up for a class in person, on-line, Fax, or over the phone & charge it on a M/C, Visa, or A/E credit card. If we cancel a class, we will refund your money or issue a credit. You may cancel up to one week in advance of a class for a store credit for most classes. Those classes where the teacher is coming from Out-of-State there is now a no refund, no credit cancellation policy. If you sign-up for one of these classes and are unable to attend, you may transfer your spot to a friend. We must be notified if a transfer is to take place. We are unable to accommodate children, guests, family members, or pets while you are in class.

WAITING LIST POLICY

If you are on the waiting list for a class, you can sign-up and pay after the new schedule is out and before the actual sign-ups begin. Once sign-ups officially begin, its on a first come basis. If you do not have prior rotary cutting experience and want to take a class that requires it, please come see us for personal instruction.

DISCOUNT POLICY

To all our customers, we offer a card on which we stamp all non-sale fabrics, or we will honor Guild members with a 10% discount on non-sale fabric at time of purchase. A fully stamped card entitles you to $20 off merchandise or classes.

STORE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00- 5:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 - 8:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 - 5:00 pm, Sunday from 12- 4. We will be closed on January 1 and Easter

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