

Hi Everyone!

Sorry I haven't gotten this list of classes and event to you earlier! Things have been hectic to say the least. Michigan Quilt Network Showcase 2008 is now a happy memory and we are already working on 2009! More than 1200 people attended Showcase this year and our Oscoda area gals did very well in the Quilt Show. Jan Carlson won Best Hand Quilted Quilt, Cynthia Irwin won Best Applique Quilt and Elaine Blondin won the Blue Ribbon Award for her Applique Quilt. Congratulations to all of you!

Now to get ready for the SHOP HOP! Our Up North Fall Fabric Harvest Shop Hop is scheduled for Oct. 2, 3 and 4 - Thurs. - Sat. and includes A.J.'s Quiltery and Suze's Stitch'n in Houghton Lake, Crocker's Attic and Caroline's Sewing Room in West Branch, Bayview Calicos in AuGres, Elm Creek in Farwell, and us! Passports are available at all the shops and are free of charge. Sign up at each shop for daily door prizes of \$25 each and turn in your passport when you have visited all 7 shops to be eligible for one of the \$100 gifts certificates - one from each of the 7 shops. That's 7 Grand Prizes! All our fabric will be 20% off, each shop will have goody bags for you with a part of the special shop hop quilt pattern in each, and there will be treats at each shop as well. We will have some demos at our shop you won't want to miss.

Sooooo.....get all your friends together and fill a car or van to save on gas so you can spend more money on fabric!!! You'll have a great time and save big for your winter sewing needs. We have lots of lovely Christmas kits and fabric just waiting for you to sew up. There are some lovely new fall fabrics as well. An especially nice line is Rustling in the Dark by RJR, very different! Stop in and see all these wonderful fabrics.

Until I write again in November, have a wonderful Fall Season!

Sherrie, Bryna, Cindy, Cheryl, Judie, Darlene and Kay

September Classes and Events

Batik Club - Sept. 23 from 6 to 9 PM - Come and make a wonderful little quilt for fall or winter out of our great selections of beautiful new batiks. Class is \$20. We're using the book *Simple to Sensational Batiks* and will be making either the "Leaf Collage" page 12 and 13 or "Artic Blast" page 16 and 17. Whether you are in the mood for something fall or winter, this is the class for you! Snacks and tea will be served.

Lunch and Learn and Sit and Sew - Sept. 24 from 10:30AM to 1 PM - Bring a project to work on then have a lovely lunch and learn a new technique - all for just \$9.

Civil War Club - Sept.24 at 6 PM - We are using Barbara Brackman's Underground Railroad Club to create a new block each month and learn about an individual from history who helped to make the underground railroad a reality. For just \$15 a year you will learn some history and get 12 blocks to sew together into a beautiful Civil War fabric quilt.

Strip Club - Sept. 26 from 11 to 4 PM - We will be using the book *On a Roll Again* to create a simple yet stunning quilt called "Keyholes" using either a jelly roll or fat quarters. This quilt is 70" x 70", but if you don't want to make something this big, the book also includes a "Keyholes Table Runner" just 12 1/2" x 54 1/2". Cost of the class is \$20 and includes Lunch.

Saturday Sampler - Sept. 27 at 9 AM - Get your 9th block in this block of the month club. Just 3 more blocks to go and you will have all your blocks complete and ready to choose a setting for your quilt. We've been using Eleanor Burns *Stars Across America* this year. Stay tuned for next year's Saturday Sampler to begin in January of 2009.

October Classes and Events

Moda Club - Oct. 1 at 6 PM - For just \$1 you get a free pattern, door prizes, time to "Show and Tell" and good things to eat. What's not to love about Moda Club?! Everyone invited to share the fun!

Up North Fall Fabric Harvest Shop Hop - Oct. 2,3,and 4 - Thurs. thru Sat. 9AM to 6 PM. Stop by for your free passport. Read more about our Hop in the introductory letter.

Quirky Quilters Quilt Guild - Oct. 9 at 6 PM

Quilting on a Frame Club - Oct. 11 at 1 PM - We will be demonstrating the use of the reusable plastic squares to create your own quilting designs using quilting templates and other ideas. These can then be transferred to paper and quilted on the paper or traced directly to your quilt top. The possibilities are endless. *Note the change in date due to the Shop Hop on the first Saturday!*

Thimbleberries Quilt Club - Oct. 16 or 18 - Thurs. or Sat. from 1 to 4 PM - We will be making a BOO! quilt to hang on your door for Halloween or use as a table topper. The last quarter of the Big Quilt will be available as well as the last quarterly project kit, Woodland Stars - 44" square. Door prizes, treats and lots of fun! Don't miss it!

Christmas Ornament Bargello Wallhanging - with Darlene Leosh - Oct. 24 from 10:30AM to 5PM - You won't want to miss this beautiful wall decoration to make for the holidays for years to come. It will amaze you how you can use the bargello technique to create such lovely Christmas ornaments. They look so real they sparkle! Stop in to see Darlene's sample and get a list of supplies. Cost \$35 plus pattern and materials. This class has been postponed due to illness. We will post a new time at a later date.

Saturday Sampler - Oct. 25 at 9 AM

Lunch and Learn and Sit and Sew - Oct. 29 from 10:30AM to 1PM - see September's explanation.

Civil War Club - Oct. 29 at 6 PM - see September's explanation

Oriental Club - October 30 at 6 PM - New Kona Bay Geisha's will be here and I will have a new quilt for you to make. Pattern free to Club Members.

Please excuse our shop on Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 while we vend at the Autumn Comforts Quilt Show in Marquette, MI. We will be open, but some of our merchandise will be at the show!