



News
August 2007

A Word from Debora – Inspired

It was a wonderful, whirl-wind few days with Debbie Caffrey. My head is still swimming with everything I learned while she was here. Those of you who were able to join us know just what I'm talking about. And for those of you who weren't able to be here, we'll be working hard to retain all that she taught us so that we can share her ideas and techniques with you in future classes here at the shop. Debbie Caffrey is an energetic, enthusiastic teacher who shares her techniques with her students as if she's just discovered them herself. I had a great time and can't wait to bring in our next nationally known teacher. Whoever it is, she will have a tough act to follow. This month I am inspired and energized. I hope you are too.

Happy Quilting,
Debora

Clean Out the Clearance Sale – August 2-4

If you've been in the shop lately, you've seen our new clearance area. There are bolts and fat quarters available for 25% off. At first there was a small trunk full of fat quarters, then a trunk and a crate, then a trunk, a crate, and a basket. Well, you get the idea. It's getting messy. So for three days, you can get clearance fat quarters for \$1 each and clearance fabric by the yard at 40% off. We'll take over some of the classroom space for the sale so you won't have to dig and dig to find your treasure. The fat quarters will be spread out on a table, and if we need to, we'll line up the bolts back there as well.

Purse-O-Nalities Trunk Show, Pattern Sale, and Class

Help us welcome a new pattern line to the shop, Purse-O-Nalities. The designer, Linda Rauld, has developed sixteen purse patterns, each one with its own special flair. To introduce the line, Linda has provided samples for thirteen of the sixteen patterns. Deanne Johnson will be teaching a class on the Tote-All Purse-O-Nality on Saturday, August 25 from 10-4pm. Deanne has made two shop samples for the Tote-All so there are three samples of that pattern for you to enjoy. To celebrate this new pattern line, you will receive 20% off all Purse-O-Nalities patterns purchased during the month of August.



It's A Mystery!

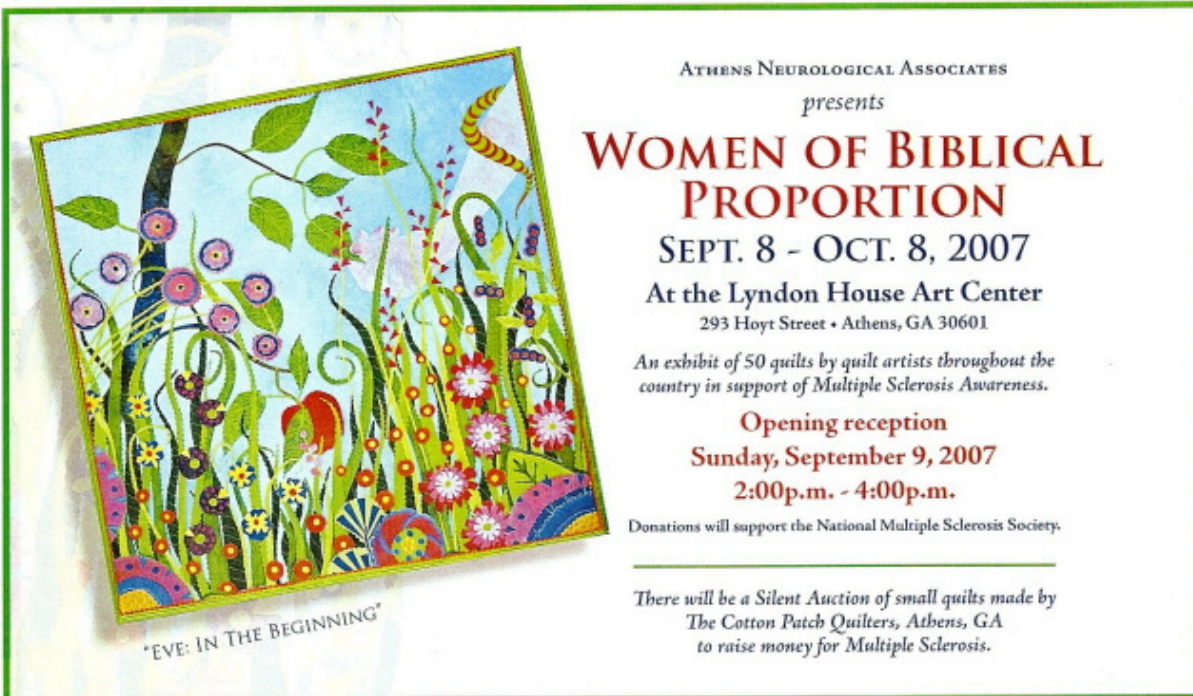
Want to try a mystery quilt? Many of you had the opportunity to meet and learn from Debbie Caffrey last week and we thought it would be fun to continue learning from her through one of her more than 125 mystery quilt patterns. We'll give you all the details later this month, but here's the way it will work. Each month, you'll need to stop by to pick up the instructions for the month. If you complete the



instructions each month, you will get the next set of instructions free. If you aren't able to finish, it will cost \$3 to get the next set. To make it easy for you, there won't be a specific day or time to participate. We'll have one set of instructions available each month. We'll have a completion party at the end to reveal all of the finished quilts.

Women of Biblical Proportion

Jodie Seila is both a quilter and a Multiple Sclerosis nurse. She has been working for the better part of a year to combine her gifts and give something back to the community. In doing so, she has brought a wonderful exhibit of quilts to Athens. I encourage you to visit the Lyndon House and enjoy this fabulous collection of quilts while supporting the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. The opening reception is Sunday, September 9 from 2-4pm. Here is the promotional postcard:



ATHENS NEUROLOGICAL ASSOCIATES
presents
**WOMEN OF BIBLICAL
PROPORTION**
SEPT. 8 - OCT. 8, 2007
At the Lyndon House Art Center
293 Hoyt Street • Athens, GA 30601
*An exhibit of 50 quilts by quilt artists throughout the
country in support of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness.*
Opening reception
Sunday, September 9, 2007
2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Donations will support the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

*There will be a Silent Auction of small quilts made by
The Cotton Patch Quilters, Athens, GA
to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis.*

Join the Club

We had a great time starting up our first two clubs.

The Clothesline Club meeting centered around aprons. It was fun hearing stories about the aprons worn by mom and grandma. Almost everyone had something special to say about the style of apron, the material used in it, or the things kept in those apron pockets. Club members learned how to custom fit an apron to any body style and they had a good time measuring themselves and each other. The August meeting will feature a picnic quilt.



The Peppermint & Holly Berries Club started out with a lesson on using fusible for quick appliqué projects as well as how to give Santas, angels, and other

characters those rosy cheeks so popular in Nancy Halvorsen's projects. The theme was Set the Table so each club member received a Star Crossed table runner pattern. The August theme is Happy Hearth so we'll be talking mantle runners, pillows, and maybe clocks. We'll learn about using the blanket stitch on fusible appliqué projects and we'll explore using different weights and colors of thread for blanket stitching.

Members can earn "bucks" in any of our clubs by attending meetings, bringing show 'n' tell, snacks, or sharing stories or good ideas. We'll have a celebration along the way to use all those bucks that have been earned.

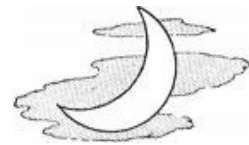
We'll be starting up a new club in September. Look for more details about the Happy Hour Club in the next few weeks.

Quilted Treasures by Pat

Pat Horning enjoyed meeting you last week and has decided to make her in-store visits a regular event. She'll be back on Thursday, September 6 from noon until 7pm, but she will only come if appointments have been scheduled. If you've been thinking about having that pieced top quilted, please consider scheduling an appointment with her. Long arm quilters tend to get busier as the holiday season approaches so if you think you want to send some projects to her for holiday completion, you should probably get them in soon. Currently, Pat is running around four to six weeks to complete a quilt.

Extended Thursday Hours

Starting August 9, we're going to stay open until 7pm on Thursdays. If you've struggled to make it to the shop before our 5pm closing time, we hope you'll be able to stop by after work without feeling so rushed. Relax and unwind with us on Thursdays until 7pm.



Visual Coloring by Joen Wolfrom Trunk Show

We have a second trunk show for August. Scheduled to arrive on August 7 are four quilts featured in Joen Wolfrom's new book Visual Coloring. The timing for this trunk show fits perfectly with the discussion class "Color for Your Quilt – Out of the Closet and on to the Mat" which will be offered twice this month. The first class is scheduled for Thursday, August 23 from 2-5pm and the second class is offered Thursday, August 30 from 5:30-8:30pm. Visual Coloring is one of the recommended books from this class. If you need more confidence with fabric selections for your quilts, this class will provide just the boost you need.

Quilter's Home

The new issue of Quilter's Home arrived this week. Articles include Easy Steps to the Perfect Round Robin, Inside Quilt Show Judging, and Quilting Teachers to Avoid.

There also high school pictures of several well known faces in the quilting world. This magazine usually sells out fast so stop in soon to get your copy.



New Products

Just Another Button Company buttons – These buttons are featured in both Nancy Halvorsen books, Peppermint & Holly Berries and Star of Wonder. There are stars, peppermint swirls, holly leaves, and a nativity set. One thing I like about them is that the color goes all the way through the button so they are equally beautiful on both sides.

Quilter's Star Block Lights – Every quilter needs a string of red Ohio stars on their tree. We have them on our tree set that we use on Peppermint & Holly Berries club days.



Stained Glass Quilt Blocks – Stained glass and quilting go together in so many ways. These beautiful stained glass squares make great gifts and they really sparkle. They come in 12-inch, 9-inch, and 6-inch blocks. We also have black metal scroll stands which make a great way to display these without hanging them directly in a window.



East Cobb Quilters' Guild Show



Mark your calendars for September 14-16. The East Cobb Quilters' Guild will hold a show at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, Georgia. There will be 400 quilts, vendors, an appliqué raffle quilt (tickets at www.ecqg.com), silent auction, and demos. Go to www.ecqg.com for more information.

Need some heavier material?

Michael Garrett of Thompson Upholstery has medium to heavy weight fabric available at discount prices. If you're interested, give Michael a call at 770-725-5900.

Classes for August and beyond

- **Basic Machine Quilting** with Frances Arnold
Tuesdays August 7 and 14 from 10-1pm
If you have always wanted to try machine quilting but weren't sure how to get started, this is the class for you. You will learn how to set up your machine correctly, how to machine quilt with a walking foot, and how to free motion machine quilt.
- **Free Motion Lace** with Catherine Hart
Friday, August 17 from 10-2:30 pm (30-minute lunch break on your own)
This technique is known by many names...thread play and thread embellishment just to name a couple. The best thing about this class is that you do NOT need to know how to do free motion quilting or sewing to take the class. You will learn how to create trees, leaves, or angels using this technique. Each piece can then be appliquéd to a quilt or used on its own as a tree ornament. You will enjoy thread "doodling" in this class.
- **Color for your Quilt – Out of the Closet and on to the Mat** with Deb Henderson
Thursday, August 23 from 2-5pm
or Thursday, August 30 from 5:30-8:30pm
If you love to quilt but struggle to choose fabrics that work together, this is the class for



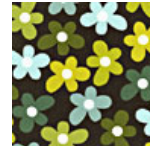
you. Learn all the basics for successfully choosing fabrics that take your quilts from ho-hum to “wow”.

- **The Tote-All Purse-O-Nality** with Deanne Johnson
Saturday, August 25 from 10-4pm (30-minute lunch break on your own)
The Tote-All Purse-O-Nality Handbag measures 9-1/2" wide at the bottom (13 1/2" across the top edge), 9 1/2" tall, and 4" deep. The construction is uncomplicated - simply a handbag within a handbag. Stitching the two purses together at several points creates four roomy and convenient pockets on the outside (back, front, and two side pockets). Two additional pockets are attached to the interior lining.
Students in this class should have basic sewing skills and the ability to sew an accurate 1/4" seam.

New Arrivals

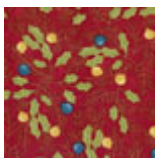
We have some wonderful new collections of fabric to share with you this month:

Free Spirit Chocolate Lollipop – The Free Spirit web site describes this line perfectly: Bold, popping florals in a yummy bunch of color & sweetness! Green, pink, dark brown, and teal are all part of this lively line of fabric.



Amy Butler Lotus – We just had to enhance our Amy Butler collection with a few new bolts, most of which have at least a hint of orange. They all have that classic Amy Butler appeal.

Carla Miller’s Plume collection – This is a very dramatic collection with a wide range of rich, deep color and light pastels. Each colorway has an awesome stripe. Another good thing about this set is that it works well with many of her older collections such as Peacock and Geographia.



Holly Jolly by Sandy Gervais for Moda – If you want to add a pop of color to your holiday decorations this year, then you will love this collection. Bright yellow, red, green, and teal in dots, checks, stars, and leaves. We already have a mantle runner sample up in the shop in this line and it is really cute.

Congratulations – You Could be Next



Congratulations to Sharon Darley for being the winner of our July gift drawing for a Peas and Carrots quilt kit. Our gift for August is two patterns from Purse-O-Nalities, “Purse-O-Nally Yours” and “The Split Purse-O-Nality”. You are eligible for the drawing if you are on our mailing list and have not previously won one of our monthly gifts.

Dates to Remember for August

Every Wednesday – Sit n Sew from 2-5pm

August 1-30 – Purse-O-Nalities Trunk Show

August 2-4 – Clean Out the Clearance Sale

August 7 – Basic Machine Quilting Part 1 - 10am

August 7-30 – Joen Wolfrom Visual Coloring Trunk Show

August 9 – Peppermint & Holly Berries Club meeting 2 (first option) – 10am

August 11 – Peppermint & Holly Berries Club meeting 2 (second option) – 10am

August 14 – Basic Machine Quilting Part 2 - 10am

August 17 – Free Motion Lace – 10am

August 18 – Clothesline Club meeting 2 (first option) – 10am

August 21 – Clothesline Club meeting 2 (second option) – 6pm

August 23 – Color for your Quilt – Out of the Closet and on to the Mat – 2pm

August 25 – The Tote-All Purse-O-Nality class – 10am

August 30 – Color for your Quilt – Out of the Closet and on to the Mat – 5:30pm



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