



News  
February 2007

### **A Word from the Owner – It was a grand Grand Opening**

Our grand opening celebration was so much fun! Thank you for your support with our first big event. The ribbon cutting was very special. I didn't realize just how many people were involved with getting the doors open until then. It was good to have the opportunity to thank everyone and to share a special day.

Of all the many tasks that come with owning a shop, there are two that I enjoy more than any of the others. The first one is helping you choose fabric for your projects. There's nothing like finding just the right red or that "aha" moment, when we realize that we have stumbled upon the perfect combination of colors and styles. Thanks for letting me share that with you. The second is the arrival of new merchandise. It is like receiving gifts in the mail on a daily basis. I never know what will be inside. Most things I ordered many months ago and some of it was from pictures on paper rather than real pieces of fabric. We usually tear into new packages as soon as they arrive. I try to get new items ready to sell within a day of their arrival because it is also fun to hear you say, "Oh, that wasn't here last time. Isn't it gorgeous?"

Hope to see you again soon.  
Debora



### **Valentine's Day Gift Idea**

We have put together the cutest "flowers" for Valentine's Day. Each "stem" is five complementary fat quarters folded and tied with a ribbon and decorated with a heart charm. They look just like a bouquet of flowers when several are grouped in a vase. Wouldn't you love to give or receive one (or more!) of these? Most of the groupings we have are the traditional reds and pinks of Valentine's Day. If you are interested in other color combinations, we'll be happy to fill your request. Please call ahead for special requests so we can have time to put together something special for you. Each

"stem" is \$13.99.

### **Fat Tuesday Fat Quarter Frenzy - Tuesday, February 20**

Our next big sale is almost here. We're calling it a Fat Tuesday, Fat Quarter Frenzy and it will be held on Tuesday, February 20 from 10-7. Yes, we're extending our hours on this day so that those of you with daytime work and other commitments will have an opportunity to join us. Fat quarters will be buy ten, get two free with no limit. We're working hard to be well stocked for the sale, but not to worry. If you find a fabric you like but can't find a fat quarter, we'll be happy to cut more for you. One of our



goals is to keep fat quarters on hand for every bolt of fabric in the shop. All fat quarter bundles will be \$2 off. Also, any books that primarily relate to fat quarters will be 25% off. We'll have a place for you to enter your name for a chance to win a gift certificate to either Gautreau's or The Big Easy, both excellent restaurants in Watkinsville. I want to post a list of different ways to use fat quarters. If you have unusual or unconventional things you've done with them, call or drop me an email. You can share some of the traditional ways you've used them too. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, February 20.

## **Extended Shop Hours During the Quilt Show**

Please don't forget about The Cotton Patch Quilt Guild show *Inspirations: Pieces of Your Life* March 2-4, 2007 at the Oconee County Civic Center. The hours of the show are 10-6 Friday and Saturday and 12-4 on Sunday. The shop will offer extended hours so that you can easily fit in a visit to the shop during the show. We'll be open 10-7 Friday and Saturday and 12-5 on Sunday. Be sure to save your program from the show. You will receive 10% off all purchases during show days by presenting your program at the time of purchase.



## **Get Your Raffle Quilt Tickets Here**

The shop has had the special privilege of displaying the raffle quilt that is part of the *Inspirations: Pieces of Your Life* quilt show. It is a beautiful queen-size quilt with many hand-dyed fabrics, gorgeous appliqué, and lovely hand quilting. Everyone who sees it is wowed by it. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. I don't know how much longer this quilt will visit with us, but tickets will be available even after it has moved to its next viewing location. You really need to stop in and see it in person. The winning ticket will be drawn on Tuesday, March 13.



## **Congratulations – You Could be Next**

Congratulations to Nancy York for being the recipient of our Gingher scissor gift set. Our gift for February is a fat quarter pack from Moda's Peas and Carrots fabric line. A beautiful bundle of 29 fat quarters is neatly packaged and ready for you to take home. You are eligible for the drawing if you are on our mailing list and have not previously won one of our monthly gifts.

## **Just Arrived**

Many new fabrics arrived this month:

- Valentine's Day prints from both Hoffman and Andover/Makower
- Fabrics for the 2007 Hoffman Challenge  
We had about half of this collection in house and are excited to complete the set. This annual collection is always an interesting and unusual combination. The ladybug prints are my favorite.
- The My Sweet Baby collection from Henry Glass is just what its name implies. If you like soft pastels, lambs, and hearts, you'll love this line.
- Kimono by Hoffman is an elegant set of Asian prints in purple, gold, and cream. I must confess I'm partial towards the dragonfly print.
- Country Cousins by Quilting Treasures features rich red, blue, and golden brown tones with a cat theme.

- Stix and Stones by Timeless Treasures is a fun collection of bright colors and geometric prints. We're working on a shop sample with this line and will soon have a kit with a free pattern available for you.

## **Join the Super Stitcher Program**



We're trying out a new program to help you earn free books and patterns. Martingale & Company, the publisher of That Patchwork Place books and patterns, will send you a free book or pattern of your choice for every Super Stitcher card you complete. Next time you buy a book or pattern published by That Patchwork Place, ask to join the program. You will receive a card with a special stamp. Each time you buy another book or pattern, we'll stamp your card. Once you have ten stamps on your card, you can send off for your free book.

## **Wednesday afternoon Sit 'n Sew**



Join us on Wednesday afternoons from 2-5 for Sit 'n Sew. Deb Henderson is the hostess for this weekly get together. Bring in your latest project to work on among your fellow quilters. This is a good time to get a second opinion or to ask for a little help if you're not sure about the next step in your project. It's also a great way to make new friends who love quilting as much as you do.

## **New Books This Month**

If there's a specific topic you are interested in learning about, please let me know. There's nothing quite like a fresh, new book to inspire new ideas. New titles this month include:

- Ruth B. McDowell's Piecing Workshop
- Luminous Landscapes by Gloria Loughman
- Fast, Fun, & Easy Book Cover Art by Jake Finch
- Favorite Quilts From Anka's Treasures by Heather Mulder Peterson
- Calendar Kids – Handprint Quilts through the Year by Marcia L. Layton
- Snowball Quilts by Tammy Kelly
- Sudoku Quilts by Cyndi Hershey

There are more, as I try to fill most requests that come through the shop. There are some new books about t-shirt quilts, bargello, and New York Beauties. Some of the new titles have already sold out, but new orders have been placed, so I hope to have more in soon.

## **Positive Vision**

Please allow me to introduce you to a web site that has featured the shop. It is called "A Positive Vision for Oconee County" and the link is [www.apvoc.com](http://www.apvoc.com). On the right side of the screen, choose photo albums off the list of menu items. The albums are listed in date order, with the most recent ones near the front. The album for the shop ribbon cutting ceremony is dated January 26. I was pleased to meet Kate McDaniel, the author of this site in person, and thrilled that she would devote a segment of her site to the shop. It is refreshing to find a site that focuses on the good things in our community. She is also a great photographer and did a nice job capturing the atmosphere of the shop.



## **Big Springs Quilt Guild**

The Big Springs Quilt Guild, which is the guild of Oconee County, meets the first Saturday of each month at 10:00am. Their March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be held here at the shop. I had the pleasure of attending several meetings of this guild back in the fall before the shop opened. What struck me most about this group is their warmth and kindness. They are a “nobody is a stranger” group of ladies. The meetings are very relaxed and relatively unstructured. Several members offer show and tell along with tools and tips they have recently discovered. There is a main project or topic for each meeting that one of the members has put together for the group. If you are interested in getting to know fellow quilters in the area while learning more about quilting, you should give this group a try. All are welcome.

## **Web Site Update**

For those of you who have taken a look at the shop web site, [www.dragonflyquiltshop.com](http://www.dragonflyquiltshop.com), you know there isn't much there yet to look at. I've been working on that and hope that you'll have much more to see in the next month, so keep checking every week or so to see how it's coming along.



## **Event for March – Pajama Day**

We're working on something interesting for March. You do like to quilt in your pajamas, don't you? More details coming soon!



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## **Class Information**

### **Be a Fabric Buyer for a Day**

Join one of Westminster Fiber's best, Jeff Prescott, for a whirlwind tour of fabric buying. Learn about the life cycle of a new fabric release, the designers behind the fabric, and how buying decisions are made. Enjoy a trunk show of Westminster's quilts as well as viewing all of Westminster's current fabric offerings. Each participant will choose one bolt of fabric for the shop, and will be eligible for a drawing at the end of class for one free yard of fabric.

**Schedule:** One three-hour session

Saturday, February 10 10-1

**Instructors:** Jeff Prescott and Debora Exum

**Fee:** \$5 (receive \$5 off a purchase of \$20 or more on class day)

### **Hand Appliqué Techniques**

Learn all the basics for needle turn appliqué including preparation, points, inside curves, and outside curves. Practice all these techniques and find out some of the inside secrets for creating beautiful appliqué pieces.

**Schedule:** One three-hour session

Friday, March 9 10-1 OR Saturday, March 31 10-1

**Instructor:** Jeanne Lindberg

**Fee:** \$25, includes all supplies

### **Sit N Sew**

Join us once a week for open sewing. Bring your project and supplies. This is a good time for getting a second opinion or help if you are stuck on some aspect of your project. It will also be a good time to be inspired by the work of others. It's always more fun to quilt together!

**Schedule:** Every Wednesday from 2-5

**Hostess:** Deb Henderson

**Fee:** FREE

### **The Three T's of Quilting – Techniques, Terms, and Tools**

If you are new to quilting, this is the place to start. Do the terms fat quarter, on the bias, and rotary cutter make your head spin with confusion? This class will cover that and much more. We will talk about the process of quilting from start to finish and will try out some of the tools just for fun. This is the first in a series of classes for beginners.

**Schedule:** One two-hour session

Saturday, February 17 10-12 OR Tuesday, February 27 10-12

**Instructor:** Debora Exum

**Fee:** \$15, no supplies needed

### **Wonky Squares – A Stack and Slash Technique**

If you want to break away from some of the precision in piecing and quilting, then this is the class for you. Learn how to create new and interesting block designs using this technique. Students will be well on their way to completing a small wall hanging at the end of the second session.

**Schedule:** Two three-hour sessions

Saturday, February 24 10-1 AND Saturday, March 10 10-1

OR

Thursday, March 8 6-9pm AND Thursday, March 22 6-9pm

**Instructor:** Deb Henderson

**Fee:** \$30

**Supplies:** Supply list will be provided at time of registration.



To register for any of our classes, please call or stop by the shop. Classes must be paid for at the time of registration. If you sign up by phone, you can either drop your payment in the mail or drop it by the shop to reserve your spot. No refunds for no-shows.



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# Calendar February – March 2007



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<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Sit N Sew 2-5	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Be a Fabric Buyer for a Day 10-1
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<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Fat Tuesday Fat Quarter Frenzy 10-7	<b>21</b> Sit N Sew 2-5	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Wonky Squares Part 1 10-1
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> The Three T's of Quilting 10-12	<b>28</b> Sit N Sew 2-5			

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				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Quilt Show - Extended Hours 10-7	<b>3</b> Big Springs Quilt Guild 10am Quilt Show - Extended Hours 10-7
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