



News
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A Word from the Owner - What a Fabulous First Week

Thank you all for making Dragonfly Quilt Shop's first week a success! I enjoyed meeting and talking with you. I love show and tell, too, so I hope you'll come back and bring your projects in so we can see all the fun and beautiful creations you are making with our fabric and supplies.

One of the more popular questions this week was "Where did you come up with the shop name?" The name resulted from a family brainstorming night. There was a list of about a dozen names that we pondered over the course of a week. I have always loved dragonflies. They are creatures of contrast, with elegant, intricately designed wings attached to a well armored body. The Dragonfly name stayed at or near the top of the list the entire time we were thinking about it. It was a name that we all liked, so by unanimous decision, Dragonfly Quilt Shop came into being.

Thank you again. Hope to see you soon!
Debra

Quilt Show News

The Cotton Patch Quilt Guild presents its 7th biennial quilt 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. I have attended this show several times over the years and highly recommend it. There are many talented members in this guild and you will be pleased with both the quantity and quality of quilts in the show.



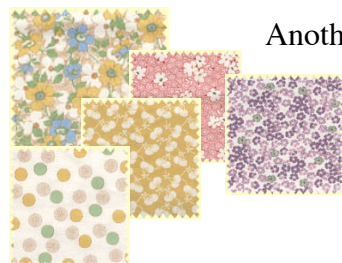
Monthly gift drawing

Visit the shop and sign up on our mailing list and you will automatically be registered for a chance to win a free gift. The gift for January is a Gingher gift set which includes 4-inch embroidery scissors and 8-inch dressmaker's shears.

Just Arrived

We received over 100 bolts of fabric this week, so there will be lots of new things for you to see next time you stop in. Spirals by Henry Glass, Leapin' Lizards by Quilting Treasures, Tatou by Quilting Treasures, and a few other pieces arrived as well.

Our Lake House collection expanded this week. Their bright florals, dots, and stripes make me think of jellybeans and ice cream every time I look at them. They are perfect for those projects to welcome spring and summer. How time flies when you are quilting. Spring is practically around the corner!



Another collection that came in this week is Maywood's Vintage Flower Garden III. These authentic 1930s floral prints come in beautiful soft spring colors.

Grand Opening

Our grand opening celebration will be held Thursday, January 25 – Saturday, January 27. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00 on Thursday morning with refreshments after the ceremony. There will be freebies and a different sale every hour throughout celebration. Please join us as we formally celebrate the opening of the shop.



A Special Visitor

One of the most exciting things to happen during the first week of business was a visit from one of our more famous community members. The funny thing is that I didn't even recognize him. He has been in the shop three times. The first was before I opened. He wanted a spool of thread. I wasn't open yet, and I didn't have any thread anyway. I assumed he was shopping for his wife. On his second visit, he was looking for a needle threader. Well, I didn't have any of those in yet either. I offered him a cup of coffee. He declined. He browsed for a while and asked me a lot of questions, more than the typical man in the shop would ask. He wanted to see some of my work, and he studied it closely when I showed him. Thankfully, his comments were complimentary. He told me that maybe next time he was in I would have more than a cup of coffee and a bathroom for him. I told him to keep coming back to test me. On his third visit, I was not there. I had stepped next door to say hello to some friends who had stopped in and were next door eating lunch. He left a book for me. Deb Henderson was working that day and asked him if she should tell me anything. He told her it would be self-explanatory.



The book is [An Extra Eye](#) by Roy Ward. It had been hand delivered by the author himself. Dr. Roy Ward is a retired physician, and an extremely talented photographer, painter, and quilter. I could not believe I hadn't known who he was. I have admired his paintings and photographs for a long time, but did not know he was a quilter as well. I cannot wait for him to stop by the shop again. I hope I have whatever it is he is looking for next time.

Magazines

The new issue of Quilter's Home and Designer's Quarters just arrived. We have two of the fabric lines featured in Designer's Quarters, Tatou by Quilting Treasures, and the Porcelain Collection by Timeless Treasures. Quilter's Home features a good article about adapting dish patterns into your quilts.

Our First Class

Come be a part of our very first class! The class is **Be a Fabric Buyer for a Day**. Jeff Prescott, from Westminster Fibers, and I will co-teach this fun class that is all about fabric. Learn about how often new lines are released, when you should look for them in the shop, how buying decisions are made, and get a peek at all the fabulous fabrics available from Westminster Fibers. Jeff will talk about Westminster's designers such as Kaffe Fassett, Amy Butler, and Carla Miller. He will also bring along some beautiful quilts from Westminster for a fun trunk show. Each person attending the class will have the opportunity to select one bolt of fabric for the shop, which will be specially labeled for them.

Receive \$5 off purchases of \$20 or more on class day.

Special drawing among class attendees for one free yard of Westminster fabric.

When: Saturday, February 10, 10:00am-1:00pm

Cost: \$5.00

Registration Deadline: February 7

To Register: Stop by the shop or call (706)769-0070 to reserve a spot.

More About Classes

Another popular question was, "Are you going to have classes?" You better believe we are! Our classroom is equipped to comfortably hold eight to ten for a hands-on class and can accommodate even more for lectures and demonstrations. We're working on the details for the following classes:

- The Three T's of Quilting – Techniques, Terms, and Tools
Saturday, February 17 10-12 or Tuesday, February 27 10-12
Cost: \$15.00
Teacher: Debora Exum
- Wonky Squares – A Stack and Slash Technique
Saturday, February 24 10-1 and Saturday, March 10 10-1
OR
Thursday, March 8 6-9pm and Thursday, March 22 6-9pm
Cost: \$30.00
Teacher: Deb Henderson

If you and a friend sign up for a class together, you will both receive a 20% discount off your class registration fee. Full class descriptions and supply lists will be available by the end of January. Please stop by or call with any questions.

We have many other class ideas in mind, from appliqué to tessellations to using photos in your quilts, as well as thoughts about several on-going beginner level classes. If there are specific classes you would like for us to offer, please let us know.



Next Month

Look for a fun Fat Tuesday event on February 20...details coming soon!!!