



Stitcher's Crossing



Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe, I purchased *Stitcher's Crossing* ten years ago July 1st! Wow, it's been a magical ride. We are celebrating with a "cupcake" theme throughout the store.

We have knitted, cross stitched, sewn and quilted cupcakes! Great ideas for you to use in your own celebrations in whatever craft you enjoy. We have our annual July sales, trunk shows and a new club..."Creative Sewing & Quilt Club" led by Rose Mary Huber Pauls (former manager of Walcotts).

See you soon,



Sharon

DESIGNING YOUR OWN LANDSCAPE QUILT

a three day workshop with Natalie Sewell

This workshop requires no measuring, templates or patterns. Natalie shows you how to create a **unique landscape** that reflects your own **artistic interpretation** of a favorite scene.

Starting with a favorite photo, you will learn how to use fabric and scissors as your canvas and paintbrush. This is a creative experience with almost no rules. So plan to **have fun** and learn how to **let yourself go artistically**.

Thursday, August 13, 9:30AM-4:30PM
Friday, August 14, 9:30AM-4:30PM
Saturday, August 15, 9:30-4:00PM

Workshop fee \$200.00
(one hour lunch on your own)

*****IMPORTANT!*****

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING REGARDING YOUR NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

As part of our web site development, we are offering our newsletter either by email or snail mail. One of the advantages of email is that you will receive the newsletter before snail mail recipients which may be significant if classes are important to you.

Here's what you need to do...

- To receive by email, send an email to info@stitcherscrossing.com with "Newsletter" in the subject line and your name and snail mail address in the body.

or

- To receive by snail mail, send or bring in to the store your newsletter address label.

We'll have more information regarding our web development in the next newsletter.

Natalie has **co-authored three books** on her techniques and has appeared numerous times on PBS's "Sewing With Nancy". Her books, **Landscape Quilting** and **The Art Of Landscape Quilting**, co-authored with **Nancy Zieman** are available at Stitcher's Crossing.

ITTY-BITTY NURSERY TRUNK SHOW

Come see the adorable pieces from Madison knitter and author **Susan B. Anderson's** book *Itty-Bitty Nursery*.

She is known for such **whimsical designs** as her **Cupcake Tea Set** and **Peas & Carrots stuffed toys** which will be on display as well as layette items, a mobile and pacifier clips. Susan's cute and creative spin on knitting for baby is sure to make you smile.

Show will run through July and Susan's books, *Itty-Bitty Nursery* and *Itty-Bitty Hats* will be available. Watch for her new book, *Itty-Bitty Toys*, coming out in November.

"where traditional meets contemporary"



BEGINNING SEWING

Make an A-line skirt using Amy Butler's *Barcelona Skirt* pattern. Choose exciting fabric for this project and learn pattern instruction, how to take basic body measurements and how to insert a zipper! Students must know how to use their sewing machines. Pattern required.



1 session ★
Sat. Sep 19 12:30-4:00
Trish Pulvermacher \$30.00

BEGINNING KNITTING

If you have never knitted before or need a refresher course, this is the class for you. You will learn the basics: how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. Your project will be a beautiful basket weave scarf! Pattern included.

3 sessions ★
Tue. Aug 4, 11 & 18 6:00-8:00
Terry Rutlin \$45.00

CROCHET FOR KNITTERS

Simple crochet will add a professional look to your finished knitting project! Here are just a few of the tips we will be covering:

- Crochet cast on (so that your bind-off matches your cast on)
- Crochet an even knit selvage to pick up stitches; crochet seams
- Crochet a lettuce edge on knitted scarves, socks and sweaters
- Crochet buttonholes on a crochet border on a knitted garment plus loop buttonholes

You will be asked to bring knit patches to class...one in stockinette stitch and one in garter stitch.

1 session ★★
Sun. Aug 2 12:30-3:30
Michele Anderson \$30.00

KNIT LOG CABIN BLANKET

A colorful knit version of the traditional quilt block. Make a fun baby blanket that is fast to learn and quick to knit. With seven different color changes in every block, there's no chance of getting bored. Easily made into a bigger throw size for grown-ups by adding more blocks. Pattern required.



1 session ★★★
Fri. Aug 21 10:00-2:00
Gael Boyd \$35.00

CROCHET 101

Learn basic crochet stitches, plus how to read a pattern...including the new "picture" patterns. In class we will make patches to illustrate the individual stitches. Learn to increase and decrease, change colors and do seams. You will be provided with a pattern for hand towels, dishcloths and a potholder to take home and turn into a first project.

1 session ★
Sun. Jul 26 12:30-3:30
Michele Anderson \$30.00

BASIC QUILTMaking

Make a quilt from beginning to end. You will learn the basics of rotary cutting, speed piecing, and machine quilting. You must know how to sew and use your sewing machine. Book required.

3 sessions ★
Wed. Jul 8, 15 & 22 9:30-12:30 or 5:30-8:30
Anne Smith \$50.00

NO FEAR TRIANGLES

This is a great next step for beginners. We will learn how to make half square triangles and flying geese, while piecing a quick and easy table runner or add more blocks and make a lap quilt.. Most quilt patterns incorporate strip piecing, squares, half square triangles and flying geese units. Once you are done with your table runner, you will be ready to piece almost any quilt. Pattern included for tablerunner and lap quilt.

2 sessions ★★
Thu. Aug 20 & 27 5:30-8:30 or
Anne Smith \$45.00

MORE FUN AND DONE

This new Fun & Done pattern is a great stash buster. All you need are 2.5 inch strips, backing fabric and batting. The blocks go together quickly and when you are done piecing, you are done quilting. What could be better? Pattern required.



2 sessions ★★
Thu. Jul 30 & Aug 6 5:30-8:30
Anne Smith \$45.00

**Christmas fabric
has arrived
at Stitcher's Crossing**



BENT PIECES QUILT OR TABLERUNNER



Tired of squares and matching points? Organic curves rule!! Come play with a new technique...a free form block that requires no templates and leaves almost no scraps. You're sure to get addicted. Pattern required.

1 session ★★
Tue. Jul 21 10:00-3:00
Gael Boyd \$45.00

GARDEN OF EDEN

Learn how to use Laura Wasilowski's fusing and free cutting techniques to create this small art quilt. You will build your own unique blooming garden filled with colorful flowers, wavy grasses and curly ferns. Sue will show you how she made her own creation unique using treasures from a scrapbook store. No sewing machine is required to bring to class. Pattern and kit required.

1 session ★
Sat. Aug 8 12:30-4:30
Sue Vollbrecht \$35.00

FABRIC POSTCARDS, ETC...



Learn to use all manner of fibers and embellishments to make trading cards, postcards and scrapbook or journal quilt pages. These little works of self-expression are composed and created in no time...instant artistic gratification! Pieces make great personal gifts from the heart for yourself, family or friends. \$5.00 materials fee paid to teacher the day of class.

1 session ★
Sat. Aug 22 10:00-2:00
Gael Boyd \$35.00

POT LUCK LOG CABIN



Marilyn and Kristie will guide you to being spontaneous and playful while making a collaborative log cabin quilt. Use up those leftover strips of bright, black and white or your own color combo...sharing is encouraged. Marilyn and Kristie will share four of their quilts inspired by the book *Collaborative Quilting*. Book required.

1 session ★★
Tue. Jul 28 10:00-3:00
Marilyn Boyle & Kristie Christy \$45.00

NEW YORK BEAUTY

A dramatic block of spikes and curves, this design was only for those of strong will and experience. Paper piecing has revolutionized its creation and now anyone can achieve it. Includes pattern.

1 session ★★★
Thu. Jul 16 5:30-8:30
Judy Hasheider \$30.00

IT'S OK

Get hooked on quilting and the methods of Mary Ellen Hopkins. Included will be choosing fabric, proper cutting, block assembly, borders, layering and simple machine quilting and binding. Good for beginners and advanced beginners. Further classes will be offered building upon these techniques. This is a lecture class...we recommend you know the basics of quilting or take Basic Quiltmaking prior to class. Includes pattern.

3 sessions ★★
Mon. Jul 20, 27 & Aug 3 5:30-8:30
Judy Hasheider \$50.00

MOCK PINEAPPLE

A classic quilt done with the ease of Mary Ellen Hopkins "connector" method. Intricate and delightfully simple. Includes pattern.

1 session ★★
Wed. Jul 29 5:30-9:00
Judy Hasheider \$30.00

SORT N' RELEASE...

...In Your Art/Craft Room

This is a great time to organize your creative space! Mary Fisher, a professional organizer, will introduce you to her "TACKLE" method of organizing. Mary will share with you some of her "Before" and "After" pictures of clients craft rooms and will get you started tackling your own space.

1 session ★
Thu. Jul 23 1:00-3:00 or 6:00-8:00
Mary Fisher \$25.00

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SKILL LEVEL KEY

★ **Beginner:** Easy projects. Little or no knowledge of quilting, cross stitch, or knitting. You must know how to use your sewing machine if one is needed for class

★★ **Advanced Beginner:** Quilters must know basics of quilting and use of rotary cutter. We recommend Basic Quiltmaking class before taking advanced beginner level. Knitters must know how to cast on, knit, purl and bind off.

★★★ **Intermediate:** Fully comfortable with rotary cutting, basic quiltmaking techniques and piecing using 1/2 and 1/4 triangles. Knitters must be comfortable with more advanced concepts, eg, gauge changing and stitch patterns.

★★★★ **Advanced:** More challenging quilts and/or more complicated techniques.

IMPORTANT CLASS INFORMATION

- Pre-registration is a must! Stop in, send check or call with Visa, Mastercard or Discover card number.
- For most classes, there is a **supply list** and/or special instructions. **Please pick one up** when registering for a class or send self-addressed stamped envelope when registering by mail.
- We offer a **10% discount** on all your class supplies and are happy to help in the selection of fabric and supplies needed for classes.
- Stitcher's Crossing respects **copyright laws**. If a pattern or book is required for your class, you must have your own copy.
- Know how to operate your sewing machine** for classes that involve one and be sure it is in good working order *before* you come to class.
- It's best to have your own equipment (rulers, rotary cutter, etc...) in order to accomplish what is necessary to feel success.
- Our quilting workshops are for piecing the top only.
- Cancellations** must be made at least **one week prior to class** in order to receive a refund. If we have to cancel a class, you will receive a full refund or credit can be applied to another class or merchandise.
- All day or evening classes, we have a refrigerator if you bring your lunch.

CROSS STITCH CLUB

Cross Stitch Club is off for the summer but will meet again September-December. The meetings are on the **first Wednesday** of the month from **1:00-2:00PM** or **6:00-7:00PM**.

Sign up will be in the Sep/Oct newsletter.

FANTASY FRIENDS DOLL CLUB

Fantasy Friends Doll Club meets the **first Sunday** of the **odd months** of the year from **1:00-3:00PM**.

Mary Peetz leads the group in doll making techniques. Share in **great show and tell** and be inspired. Membership is \$40.00 for the year.

The club will continue working on "**The Queen Maureen**" by elinor peace bailey.

CREATIVE SEWING & QUILT CLUB

This **new monthly club** led by **Rose Mary Huber Pauls** will explore the many unique and creative techniques to enhance your quilts, craft projects and wearable art.

This **demo/lecture** class is open to **all skill levels** with basic to complex sewing machines. We will meet the first Tuesday of the month, July—December from 1:00-3:00 or 6:00-8:00.

Membership is \$60.00 or single visit \$15.00. "Sew & Tell" is encouraged.

July 7th: Decorative Stitching Made Easy
August 4th: Embellished Prairie Points

QUILT SITTER'S CIRCLE PICNIC

Monday, July 13th
12:30PM or 6:00PM
at the shop

We look forward to our annual **QSC picnic**...lots of good food and fabulous show 'n tell. If you are not a member of QSC, you are welcome to join us...a guest fee of \$12.00 will be charged.

Remember to bring **table service, a dish to pass, beverage, lawn chair and show 'n tell**.

Judy will feature a "**lottery block challenge**". Those wishing to participate will use a specific fabric chosen by her.

To receive your **feature fabric free, bring in a food pantry item** from the list below or pay \$1.50 (monies to be given to Community Action Coalition for area food pantries).

Note: Food pantries have difficult time keeping up with food needs during the summer months because children are not getting lunch at school. Please help out by bringing one or more of the following: peanut butter, cereal, canned soup, fruit or spaghetti to QSC picnic and feature fabric is free.



STITCHER'S RETREAT

Treat yourself to a few hours of working on those unfinished projects packed away or start something new. Coffee will be provided!

Cross Stitchers & Knitters:
Saturday, July 18, 9:30-2:00
Quilters:
Saturday, July 11, 9:30-2:00

Register early...spaces fill up fast. No fee

PIECES OF TIME CLUB

A two year long club...started February, 2008...will be meeting **Wednesday, August 19th, 1:30PM and 6:30PM**

"The Queen and Her Court" Block-of-the-Month

Our July and August meetings are:

Saturday, July 25th, 9:30AM
and
Saturday, August 29th, 9:30AM

On July 25th, members are welcome to stay and sew. The August 29th meeting will include **applique instruction by Kay Staskal** and members will again be welcome to stay and sew.

CAROL BUTZKE Quilt Appraiser

Many quilters wonder why it is important to have a quilt appraised. You may want to provide a **record** for your family, **determine value** for a donation or provide adequate **insurance coverage** before a loss.

Whatever your reason, be sure to sign up to have **Carol Butzke, AQS Certified Quilted Textile Appraiser** appraise your quilt.

Saturday
August 1st
9:30AM-4:30PM

Please call or stop into **register** for a half hour appointment (fee \$40.00) for one quilt.

QUILTS IN BLOOM Olbrich Botanical Gardens September 18-October 11

Enjoy the annual *Quilts In Bloom* show of beautiful botanic themed quilts and fall flowers at Olbrich Gardens, 3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison.

Olbrich's *Quilts In Bloom* has the added excitement of featuring **challenge quilts**. Quilters receive a piece of the same fabric and design their own small piece of quilt art, making for very different designs. **Vote** for your favorite challenge quilt!

SCISSOR SHARPENING

Bring your scissors to be sharpened to Stitcher's Crossing by **July 7th or August 18th**. **KB Sharpening** will sharpen your scissors and you will be able to **pick them up** on **July 9th or August 20th**.

8" shears-\$6.00
5" or smaller-\$3.00

Pinking shears-\$6.00 (these have to be evaluated as not all pinking shears can be sharpened.
No rotary blades

QUILT EXPO

Quilt Expo, a **three day quilting event** from some old hands in public television sewing circles—**Nancy Zieman**, executive producer and host of "Sewing With Nancy" and **Wisconsin Public Television**—will be held

Sept 10-12, 2009
Exhibition Hall, Alliant Energy Center.

Quilt Expo will feature a **juried and judged quilt contest**

Advanced ticket sales begin mid-July at Stitcher's Crossing.

BUYER'S CLUB

For \$50.00 per year, you may become a member of our Buyer's Club. This will entitle you to **20% off** throughout the year on **all fabric and fibers** excluding DMC floss and kits.

You will receive a card which must be presented each time you make a purchase. Stop in for more details.



MILL HILL BEADED ORNAMENT SHOW

You will be inspired by **over 30 beautiful beaded ornaments** made by our customer **Jill Nilsson** along with several of the **newest Mill Hill ornaments** from Needlework Market!

During the month of July, the ornaments will be on display and **kits** for each one will be **available** for you to purchase.

This is a great chance to see so many ornaments stitched and to be inspired to start your Christmas gifts.

Thank you Jill for sharing your beautiful work with us and thank you Mill Hill for loaning us the newest ornaments!!

NEW CROSS STITCH

- Mill Hill Artic Santas
 Winter Holiday Ornaments
 Winter Greeting Ornaments
- Blackbird Designs Monthly Stocking Patterns and Linen
- Lizzie Kate "Merry Christmas" Double Flip Series
 Quick-It Sampling Halloween
- Prairie Schooler 2009 Santa

NEW YARNS ARRIVING IN AUGUST

- Berroco Vintage Wool
 Comfort Sock
 Sox Metallic
- Plymouth Bungee
 Cappiccio
 Encore Tweed
 Heaven
 Mushishi
 Royal Llama Splash
- Peter Pan Tinkerbelle
- Manos Silk Blend
 Cotton Stria

NEW FABRICS ARRIVING

- Moda Morris
 September
 Pashmina
 Rise & Shine
- Quilting Treasures Golden Books
- Kaufman Aurora
 Elemental Batiks
 Amalie
 Fusion Basics
 Animal Party
- Island Batiks Batiks
- Windham Lincoln
 Cambridge Flannel
- Northcott Scary Night
 Winter Fun

NEW QUILT BOOKS

- *Applique Outside The Lines* by Piece O' Cake
- *Artistic Photo Quilts* by Ziebarth
- *Intuitive Color & Design* by Wells
- *Start Quilting With Alex Anderson* by Anderson
- *Little Lone Star Quilts* by Olsen
- *Charmed, I'm Sure* by Chaisson
- *Deck The Halls* by Taylor
- *Quilt Challenge* by Mostek/Craig

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Stitcher's Crossing Events

July

2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Christmas In July...1 st – 19 th Itty-Bitty Nursery Trunk Show through July			1	2	3	4 Store Closed Independence Day
5	6 Twilight Quilters Guild Meeting 6:30PM	7 Creative Sewing Club 1:00-3:00PM or 6:00-8:00PM	8 Scissor Sharpening Basic Quiltmaking 9:30AM-12:30PM or 5:30-8:30PM	9	10	11 Quilter's Retreat 9:30AM-2:00PM
12 Fantasy Friends Doll Club 1:00-3:00PM	13 QSC Picnic 12:30PM or 6:00PM	14 Tea Party 9:30AM-12:30PM	15 Basic Quiltmaking 9:30AM-12:30PM or 5:30-8:30PM	16 New York Beauty 5:30-8:30PM	17	18 Cross Stitch Retreat 9:30AM-2:00PM
19	20 It's OK 5:30-8:30PM	21 Bent Pieces 10:00AM-3:00PM	22 Basic Quiltmaking 9:30AM-12:30PM or 5:30-8:30PM	23 Sort 'N Release 1:00-3:00PM or 6:00-8:00PM	24	25 The Queen & Her Court 9:30AM
26 Crochet 101 12:30-3:30PM	27 It's OK 5:30-8:30PM	28 Pot Luck Log Cabin 10:00AM-3:00PM	29 Mock Pineapple 5:30-9:00PM	30 More Fun & Done 5:30-8:30PM	31	

August

2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	11 th Annual Quilter's Shop Hop July 22-26					1 Carol Butzke Quilt Appraisals 9:30AM-4:30PM
2 Crochet For Knitters 12:30-3:30PM	3 It's OK 5:30-8:30PM	4 Creative Sewing Club 1:00-3:00PM or 6:00-8:00PM Beginning Knitting 6:00-8:00PM	5	6 More Fun & Done 5:30-8:30PM	7	8 Garden Of Eden 12:30-4:30PM
9	10	11 Beginning Knitting 6:00-8:00PM	12	13	14	15 Design Your Own Landscape Thu & Fri 9:30AM-4:30PM; Sat 9:30AM-4:00PM
16	17	18 Beginning Knitting 6:00-8:00PM	19 Scissor Sharpening Pieces Of Times 1:30PM or 6:30PM	20 No Fears Triangles 5:30-8:30PM	21 Knit Log Cabin 10:00AM-2:00PM	22 Fabric Postcards 10:00AM-2:00PM
23	24	25	26	27 No Fears Triangles 5:30-8:30PM	28	29 The Queen & Her Court 9:30AM
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M-F: 9:30-6:00 Thu until 8:30
Sat: 9:30-5:00
Sun: 12:00-4:00

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We are offering our **annual weekly specials** in July. Most of our Christmas fabrics will be in stock by mid-July along with holiday books and patterns!

This is a great time to plan and stock up for your fall and Christmas projects.

July 1-19...Selected Yarn 30%-40% Off

July 5-12...15% off all books and patterns

July 13-19...15% off Quilt & Cross Stitch fabric (1/2 yd min on quilt fabric)

All sale pricing applies to in-stock merchandise only.

11th ANNUAL QUILTER'S SHOP HOP

the summer quilting event in South Central Wisconsin
July 22-26

South central Wisconsin has the good fortune to have many quilt shops each with their own flavor. Experience these shops during our **11th Annual Quilter's Shop Hop**:

- Attic Quilts
- Country Sampler
- Homespun Fabrics
- JJ Stitches
- Mill House Quilts
- Patches And Petals
- Quintessential Quilts
- Saving Thyme
- Stitcher's Crossing
- The Stitchery
- Uniquely Yours
- Village Creek
- Beloit
- Spring Green
- Endeavor
- Sun Prairie
- Wauwaukee
- Belleville
- Reedsburg
- Stoughton
- Madison
- Delavan
- Orangeville, IL
- Lodi

Mark your calendars and gather your friends and join us for fun and prizes.

Don't like driving to all twelve shops? Take our luxury bus, make new friends and travel in style!

Stop in for more information or go to wishophop.com.