



Spring / Summer 2011

The Sewing Circle

I was waiting for a hint of spring before I started writing this letter ...a month passed while I was waiting... then on the one sunny day I was too stunned to write. So here I am, 49° and raining again—okay, it is spring!

What makes me happy is sewing with these new spring fabrics from Clothworks, **Sweet Caroline**, and our new Block of the Month starting in June, **Wildflower Rhapsody**, by Timeless Treasures. The soft and peaceful colors are a delight to work with.

I'm flying down to hopefully sunny L.A. in a couple of weeks to retrieve our summer employee—yippie! Emily will be home for the summer and back at work. Wendy and I have saved up lots of projects for her.

On Saturday, July 30th, we're having a yard sale—of course more Longaberger baskets and lots of fun stuff from the shop, plus the crew's treasures we're willing to part with.

Another fun night in July will be a potluck, with sewing and a "Quiltropoly" tournament. It's like Monopoly only more fun of course because your playing for fabric.

We have a few more fun things in the works, so keep checking out our website.

Have a fun, sunny, sew-filled summer.

Debbie

NEW! NEW! NEW!

Fabric Frolic - is getting a facelift. New times—first Thursday of the month @ 5:30 pm through first Friday until 5:30 pm. See the Summer Class Schedule newsletter for all the details.

Spring/Summer

Teacher's Open House

Sunday, May 1, 1:00—3:00 pm

Events

Shop Hop Yard Sale
Quiltropoly New Fabric Frolic

Carriage Country Quilts
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Classes

New Classes to check out

Quilts on Canvas Frame it Up!
Sweet Caroline Rug Hooking

Returning Favorites

Wool Crazy Club Thimbleberries
Pieceful Foundations Jo's Little Women #10
Square Dance Machine Quilting
Make & Take

And of course all of the Clubs

Shop Hours

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 7:00pm · Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm · Sunday 11:00am - 4:00pm

Summer 2011 Class Schedule

Wool

Wool Crazy Club

Instructor: Sue Bir

This class is designed to explore wool appliqué techniques based on the book "Wool Crazy" by JoAnn Mullaly. We will be working on one block (24" x 24") to learn various embroidery stitches and embellishing appliqué designs. You will be encouraged to personalize your quilt block by color and appliqué design choices that inspire you. Enjoy the freedom of folk art and working with wool. Book required for class.

**Four Sessions - Wednesdays, May 4, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, OR 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 3, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm**

Class Fee: \$35.00 (Kits available)

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Virgin Wool Club

Instructor: Gerry Schmidt

There are many reasons why people like to work with wool. One is "It just feels good, and two "It's so forgiving" to appliqué. You can work on BOM (Block of the Month), a kit, or what-ever wool project pleases you. This is a great club to get expert instruction, tips and down right fun. Join our flock and feel . . . the wool . . .

Four Sessions - Tuesdays, May 24, Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug 23, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Class Fee: \$30.00 (Kits available)

Wool - Wool - Wool

Carriage Country is your local headquarters for wool! Whether you want it by the yard or by the piece, we have what you want. We carry an abundant supply of wool kits. We also carry a large selection of books with wool designs, and a great selection of patterns that would work in wool also. Stop by and see what we have. Our staff would be happy to help with your selections if you need it. We have chosen a few more vendors to buy our wool from, this enables us to have a larger variety to fit everyone's taste. We have wool kits for every occasion. We have candle mats for every holiday. Christmas is a great theme. Look for these great table mats – "The Santa's Helper", "Santa's Coming", "Winter in the Valley" and "Seven Santa's". On a larger note we have "The Sunflower Quilt", "Flower Baskets" and "Folk Art Album" a block of the month, and many more.

Clubs

The "A" Team (Appliqué Team)

Instructor: Gerry Schmidt

Join us in the "A" Team Class. Join us as we continue with "Piece and Plenty." Appliqué a different basket each month. Gerry is your pro instructor when it comes to appliqué and she knows her stuff.

Four Sessions - Tuesdays May 24, Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug 23, 10:30am - 1:30 pm

Class Fee: \$40.00 (Kits available)

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Farmer's Wife

Instructor: Debbie Elhard

Do you love making sampler quilts with traditional blocks? We will sew and share "form" stories in class every month. Join us as we work our way through "The Farmer's Wife". Based on the question put to farmers' wives "Would you want your daughter to marry a farmer?" We will provide the templates for the blocks. Book purchase required. Choose daytime or evening.

Four Sessions - Mondays, May 9, Jun 6, Jul 11, Aug 8, 6:00 - 9:00 pm,

Or Tuesdays, May 10, Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 9, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Class Fee: \$35.00 (Kits available)

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Girl Gang

Instructor: Debbie Elhard

This year the new Girl Gang quilt and class is called "Wisdom House." This quilt captures what is important to all of us - our lives centered around our homes and family. You all know how I love wool, so our touches to Jan Patek's houses will be lots of hand dyed wool in our kits. So girls, let's make an heirloom for our family.

Four Sessions - Thursdays, May 26, Jun 16, Jul 21, Aug 18, 10:30am - 1:30 pm

Class Fee: \$35.00 (Kits available)

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Handy Girls

Instructor: Debbie Elhard

The word is getting out, this class is FUN! Attendance is growing. Come do your "Hand Work" with us. Whether it is knitting, hand appliqué, embroider, do wool penny rugs or just like to sit and chat with a group of fun "Handy Girls", this evening class is sure to satisfy. Feel free to bring any project you want to work on. If you didn't sign up last session, you really missed out. Don't miss out again! There will be cookies!

Four Sessions - Mondays, May 2, Jun 13, Jul 18, Aug 15, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Class Fee: \$30.00

Clubs (Continued)

Hands to Heart

Instructor: Gerry Schmidt

Busy hands, lively conversation, great food, what more could a girl want? This is a gaggle of gals who enjoy needle fun (embroidery, appliqué, knitting, or any other needle art) and sharing their talents with each other. Join our family of gals who love the needle arts.

Four Sessions - Thursdays, May 5, Jun 2, Jul 7, Aug 4, 10:30am - 1:30 pm

Class Fee: \$40.00

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Jo's Little Women

Instructor: Gerry Schmidt & Debbie Elhard

Jo's Club 10 continues - join this club anytime and sew small vintage looking quilts. We will continue on with the projects Jo has created especially for club members!!

Four Sessions - Mondays, May 9, Jun 13, Jul 18, Aug 15, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Class Fee: \$35.00 (Kits available)

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Thimbleberries

Instructor: Debbie Elhard & Dee Eliason

Continuing for 2011 - We will continue with "Border Blast" - a pieced quilt, using creative blocks and borders. Quilt measures 96 x 112 - plus a bonus quilt (optional). This class is lots of fun. Lynette Jensen has a whole new line of fabric for this quilt project. You choose your own color way~ "Northern Lights" or "Southern Skies"!

**Four Sessions - Wednesdays, May 11, Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 10, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm,
OR 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Class Fee: \$5.00 per session (Kits available)

Pieced Quilts

Pieceful Foundations

Instructor: Bobette Weimer

Foundation piecers unite - or wanna be foundation piecers - or wanna know what foundation piecing is? We'll be meeting once a month to learn and practice together. We will continue on with blocks from a book called, "Roaring Through the 20's" that is full of wonderful blocks you use in small individual projects or in a large quilt. You can make this as challenging as you want - the block patterns come in a 4" size (yes, the whole block finishes to only 4"!) or 10" size. We have a lot of fun, so come and join us! Book purchase is required for this class.

Four Sessions - Thursdays, May 19, Jun 9, Jul 21, Aug 18, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Class Fee: \$40.00

Pieced Quilts (continued)

Farm Fresh

Instructor: Kathleen Higgins

Have fun creating this darling new block of the month project from the newest Buggy Barn book. If you have always admired appliqué, but don't have the time to master hand appliqué, come and learn a new method using your sewing machine. (Kits available)

Four Sessions - Sundays, May 22, Jun 12, Jul 31, Aug 14, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Class Fee: \$35.00

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Square Dance

Instructor: Terri Nussbaum

Use up your charm packs, leftover charm squares (5" squares) or any of your many scraps that you may have hanging around for this great little wall hanging, crib quilt, or make it larger if you wish! Sew all your squares together, re-cut, re-sew and then we have these cute little pinwheels!! Kind of like a Do-Si-Do.

One Session - Thursdays, Jul 14, 28, 6:00 - 9:00pm OR

Saturday May 28, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

Class Fee: \$45.00

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Quilts on Canvas

Instructor: Terri Nussbaum

Do you have the desire to make a quilt, but really don't have the time or the need for another big quilt? Well, here is something fun and a little bit different. We will make a terrific small quilt more like a piece of art, stretch it over canvas, no need for binding (my favorite part!!) and there you have it. Quilts on Canvas!

This will satisfy all of your needs. A need to work with your hands, be creative, complete something in a relatively short amount of time and show the results to the admiration of others with a finished project! As Country Living Magazine said in the March issue, "quilted art is what is hot in the country design."

Two Sessions - Monday, Jul 25, Aug 1, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Class Fee: \$45.00

Pieced Quilts (Continued)

Frame it Up!

Instructor: Terri Nussbaum

There is a great way to frame up some of those special pictures, fussy cut fabrics, sayings, or anything else you want to bring some attention to. We will work with some photo transfer, teach you how to do a fussy cut, and then we will frame it up. Learn this great quilt, you can make it with as many frames as you would like, maybe 1, or 2, or even 9. Other frame size options available.

One Session - Saturday, Jun 11, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

Class Fee: \$45.00

NEW! Sweet Caroline

Instructor: Debbie Elhard

This quilt looks very intriguing with making just three familiar blocks – a four patch, the snowball, and a flying geese block. The colors are so cheerful and fun. There's a kit available.

One Session - Saturday, Jun 4, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Class Fee: \$30.00

Appliqué Society Meetings

Welcome to the Appliqué Society. They will now be holding a meeting in our classroom monthly. Their meeting is the first Friday of each month from 6:00—9:00pm. Please stop by and attend a meeting.

The Basics of Quilting

Machine Quilting

Instructor: Bobette Weimer

Now is the time to finish up all those "UFO's" you have sitting in the closet! There's no secret to machine quilting your own quilts. I'll show you the tips and techniques you need to be a successful machine quilter. With a little practice, anyone can do it! Book purchase required.

One Session-Monday, May 16, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Class Fee: \$30.00

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Basic Beginning Quilting

Instructor: Terri Nussbaum

This quilt seems like a game, one we use to plan when we were young. We'll be hopping around from square to square. Well that describes this quilt that is full of blocks!! This is a great class for the beginner. We will explore starter techniques, such as the log cabin, a rail fence, the bow tie, and the fast flying geese. All the basics that you will need to get you going for many quilts to come. The center diagonal row of stars really pulls you in and then the hunt begins to find all of the other blocks. What a fun game, and easy too!! Sample is done very scrappy, but could be done in a simple three or four fabric color plan.

**Eight Sessions - Tuesdays, Jun 7, 14, Jul 5, 12, 19, Aug 2, 9, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
and Saturday Aug 27, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm**

Class Fee: \$120.00

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NEW! NEW! NEW!

Fabric Frolic - which has always been the first Friday of the month is getting a facelift. It will now start on the first Thursday of the month @ 5:30 pm and continue through the first Friday until 5:30 pm. And, you ask why? We are accommodating the Appliqué Society. They will meet on the first Friday of the month in our classroom from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. So - **Welcome Appliqué Society**. Actually you now have two days to shop. You can come back on Friday to pick up what you didn't get on Thursday evening.

Yard Sale . . . Yard Sale . . . Yard Sale

Yes we are having a "Yard Sale". This is always a favorite. It's time again to come on over to the quilt shop and see what treasures you can pick up. There will be lots to choose from, everything from used samples to furniture to old display items. Who knows Debbie may even bring treasures from her home. So mark your calendar for **JULY 30**. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Favorites

Around the Block

Instructor: Terri Nussbaum

“Hovering Hawks” Join us again – or for the very first time – for a new and exciting quilt, “Hovering Hawks.” Done in rich earth tones, reds, browns, blues, blacks and creams, this kit is one you will love.

Terri will demo the directions each month and you will be off to piece together your “hawks.” Soon this quilt will be “hovering” all around you!!

Four Sessions - Wednesdays, May 18, Jun 15, Jul 20, Aug 24, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Class Fee: \$38.00 per session

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Sunday Sew with Terri

Instructor: Terri Nussbaum

Join Terri for a fun filled afternoon of sewing. Make Sunday a special day for yourself, come and sew at the shop. If you have a project you just want to sew on, or if you have a project that is challenging you, Terri will be here to help.

Three Sessions - Sundays Jun 5, Jul 10, Aug 7, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Class Fee: \$20.00 per session

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Scrap Bag Buddies

Instructor: Terri Nussbaum

The summers are busy and so are we – so a fabric exchange will fit in nicely for our little buddie group. Here is the plan – using a focus fabric, we will exchange 6” fabric squares throughout the summer. Then, after gathering all of our squares, we will challenge ourselves to make a quilt by the winter quarter. We will have a little “show and tell,” and the winner will win a gift certificate. Join in now for all the fun!!

Four Sessions - Fridays, May 20, Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Class Fee: \$40.00

Girls Night Out

Instructor: Terri Nussbaum

Fun, fellowship and sewing . . . That's what this class is about. If you need help, our instructor is here to give it. If you want to sew without the interruptions of home this is the class for you. Bring your own project and sew away. Everyone is welcome. First come, first served, so sign up.

Four Sessions - Fridays, May 27, Jun 10, Jul 22, Aug 26, 6:00 pm - midnight

Class Fee: \$20.00

Favorites (Continued)

Quiltropoly

Instructor: Debbie Elhard

This is sure to be a favorite. Join us for a game of Quiltropoly, pot luck and sewing. Not to mention the fun you will have! This is a one time only class, bring your favorite pot luck dish, something to stitch on and be prepared to laugh and have a good time. There is no fee, but you must sign up.

One Session - Friday, Jul 8, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Class Fee: No Fee, but you must sign up!

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Make 'n Take

Instructor: Wendy Hendricks

Join this class each quarter throughout the year. Each month we will do a small project suitable for a gift, a decoration, or even a collectible. We will make a different item each month for a year. Kit required each month.

Four Sessions - Saturdays, May 21, Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Class Fee: \$25.00

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Returning - Rug Hooking

Instructor: Michele Wise

Join Michele – Learn the art of Rug Hooking from a real master. Let Michele show you how to be creative with wool. Kits will be available

One Session - Saturday, Jul 9, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Class fee: \$35.00

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>July</h1>				June 30	1 App Society 6:00–9:00	2
				Fabric Frolic Th 5:30 pm–F 5:30 pm		
3	4 Store Closed Independence Day	5 Farmer's Wife 11:00–2:00 Beginning Quilting 6:00–9:00	6 Wool Crazy 10:30–1:30	7 Hands to Heart 10:30–1:30	8 Quiltopoly & Pot Luck & Sew 6:00–10:00	9 Rug Hooking 11:00–4:00
10 Sunday Sew 11:00–4:00	11 Farmer's Wife 6:00–9:00	12 Beginning Quilting 6:00–9:00	13 Thimbleberries 11:00–1:00 Or 6:30–8:30	14 Square Dance 1/2 6:00–9:00	15 Scrap Bag Buddies 6:00–9:00	16 Make 'n Take 11:00–2:00
17	18 Jo's Little Women 10:30–1:30 Handy Girls 6:00–9:00	19 Beginning Quilting 6:00–9:00	20 Around the Block 6:30–7:30	21 Girls Gang 10:30–1:30 Pieceful Foundations 6:00–9:00	22 Girls Night Out 6:00–Midnight	23
24 31 Farm Fresh 12:00– 3:00	25 Quilts on Canvas 6:00–9:00	26 "A" Team 10:30–1:30 Wool Club 6:00–9:00	27	28 Square Dance 2/2 6:00–9:00	29	30 Yard Sale 10:00–4:00

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<h1>August</h1>						
	1 Quilts on Canvas 6:00–9:00	2 Beginning Quilting 6:00–9:00	3 Wool Crazy 10:30–1:30	4 Hands to Heart 10:30–1:30	5 App Society 6:00–9:00	6
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