

Gathering with Friends

EPP Club

June 23, July 21 and August 18
Friday ~ 10:30am

English Paper Piecing is enjoying a huge revival. The traditional technique, involving folding fabric over sturdy paper shapes and then stitching the pieces together along the edges by hand, allows for very precise piecing. Because each fabric piece is cut individually, fabric motifs can easily be repeated making for spectacular kaleidoscope-like designs. With practice this becomes a very relaxing method - very addictive some would say! Learn the technique and enjoy happily stitching with this group.

Fee: \$6.00 per session

New - Block Club

August 7
Saturday ~ 12:00pm

This club is inspired by the presentation Barb did at Trax in March. Her talk, and the club, feature the quilts shared by Jenny Doan in the Missouri Star Block magazines. Each magazine presents ten stunning projects worked with modern construction techniques. At the meeting several patterns from the current issue will be reviewed. You will see samples, learn how the techniques work and even learn tips for more efficiently working on other projects with these methods. The quilts can usually be made quickly, and the shapes often appear from the starting pieces as if by magic - different and intriguing - don't miss it!

Fee: \$5.00 per session

Stitches for Survival

August 20 and September 10
Sunday ~ 1:00pm - 4:00pm

After a discussion between Maureen and her husband, Dan, about the significance and purpose of a handmade quilt, Dan realized we have the tools to create something incredibly meaningful and useful for those in need. Stitches for Survival began as a small group creating simple quilts to donate to homeless shelters in the Pittsburgh area. It has since grown to a collaborative effort, which provides quilts and other needed items (socks, hygiene items, small non-perishables, water,...) to shelters and directly to those who do not make it to the shelters. At our meetings we piece the tops that become the finished quilts. We would love to have you join us to stitch, but if you are unable to attend and would still like to help, let us know! We can always use your binding skills, or we can give you fabric to stitch at home. This is truly an awesome group, and a rewarding experience for everyone involved - we can't thank everyone enough for all you have contributed!

Fabric Fanatics

June 22, July 20, August 17 and September 21
Thursday ~ 7:00pm

Join us on Thursdays to learn new techniques, be inspired, and be challenged in our Fabric Fanatics club! Our first "semester" was a huge success. Members spent time drooling over the newest fabrics, patterns and books, chatting about their current creative roadblocks and successes, and diving into techniques they wanted to study. A favorite demo during the "term" was Jill's presentation on stuffing the adorable creatures she shares in the shop - her secrets are going to be so helpful! The challenge each month stems from the fat quarter members receive as a gift at the meeting. If the fat quarter is used in a project to share at the next meeting another is given - free fabric - sounds good to me! This group is an incredible inspiration and great fun - they can't wait for you to join!

Fee: \$5.00

Barb and Friends

July 6, Friday, August 11, September 17
Thursday ~ 7:00pm

The members of Barb & Friends are four months into construction of "Mid Winter Blues" by Whirligig Designs. The stunning quilt, offered in three different sizes, is constructed from ten different fabrics. Members have picked fabrics, and begun constructing blocks, with the help of the meeting construction demos. The blocks are not difficult (you could definitely catch up if you care to join!) and meetings are great fun (lots of laughter and snacks always included!). They would love to include you!

Fee: \$8.00 per session (**plus a one time \$16.00 registration fee - includes pattern and instruction**)

Featherweight Fans

June 17 and August 19
Saturday ~ 11:00am

If you own a vintage Singer Featherweight sewing machine you know it is a true treasure. You've found the tiny powerhouse can stitch the best straight seam ever. If you would like to see other things the machine can do (what are all those attachments for anyway?!) and would like to share stories about the precious sewing wonders, this group is for you. Each meeting we share history, stories, techniques and a free pattern handout to hone your Featherweight skills. You will be tempted to spend every free minute sewing after the session, and what could be wrong with that?!

Fee: \$8.00 per session