

I took a few days off to recharge my batteries, spending time at our house in the U.P. with my Husband to celebrate our 18th wedding anniversary. We took walks, and we took naps. We barbequed and shared a bonfire with wonderful friends. Then, on Sunday morning, we were privileged to see a bull moose in the field down below our house. What a wonderful anniversary gift and a wonderful weekend.

We're getting ready to rearrange again!

In order to make space for our growing yarn selection and the wool that's now coming in, we are discontinuing the Miche Bags. (Clearance prices make this a good time to pick up an extra base in another color.) Soon, we will begin moving the yarn into that cozy corner by the fireplace. We are now offering some single session knitting classes, taught by Amy Tyler of Stone Sock Fibers, on alternate Wednesdays at 6pm. Each class focuses on a specific technique: "Simple Slip Stitches" on July 28th; "The Basic Brioche Stitch" on August 11th; and "Cable Stitches" on August 25th. Hopefully, we will be able to offer a beginner knitting class starting in September.

Woolly Wooly

Our wool appliqué classes have begun, and the beautiful hand over-dyed wool is starting to come in a little at a time. We'll soon be choosing a new, intermediate level project for the next class, and suggestions are definitely welcome! We are so very lucky to have Marjorie Nelson teaching for us! She recently learned that not one, but two of her quilts have been accepted for the International Quilt Festival in Houston! This is an extreme honor, since there were many, many entries competing for a small number of slots in this particular division. Stop in and see some of Marjorie's other quilts, now on display at InterQuilten.

New stuff

Harvest Reflections, from Benartex brings the outdoors in with autumn color and textures of leaves, ferns, and wood grain. Giselle, from Red Rooster, is a lovely contemporary group of pinks and grays. We have some cute Christmas Apron panels and a coordinating 60" print. ... Fleur Graphique is wildly purple, modern and bold! ... Come try the Gypsy Sit Upon! It's just what you need when you sit for long periods of time. ... Lots of new books = lots of inspiration! New twists on traditional quilts, new techniques for quilting and embellishing, kaleidoscopes and stack-n-whacks, baby quilts, and a Dresden Plate like you've never seen! ... We've been cutting kits! We have table runners, Holiday projects, Bags, Baby quilts, Pillowcases and more!

Class Updates

Thread Painting has been moved to July 27th - in this class, we will learn to build a dimensional leaf on a wash away stabilizer. On August 4th we will be presenting Photos on Fabric – printing your photos on

fabric and using them in memory quilts, commemorative pieces and more. Kaleidoscope Quilts, an amazingly beautiful technique, begins August 9th. Paper Piecing the Majestic Fir begins August 10th. We will be offering the Purse-Nickity on August 25, and our next Beginning Quilt Making class begins August 26. And finally, Needle Turn Applique resumes on August 28th and 30th. Impressionist Style Landscapes is a class that we are going to try to fit in soon, but I don't yet have a date. Check the website next week for more information if you are interested in that class.

Free, no registration needed!

We have a free Open Knit and Crochet every Thursday afternoon, from 1-4pm. It's not a class, it's just a nice way to spend the afternoon with other yarn enthusiasts. Whether you're a beginner or a master, please drop in and knit or crochet with us on Thursday afternoons. Sometimes Amy brings her spinning wheel, if you're interested in seeing how those gorgeous hand spun yarns are created! And on Wednesday mornings from 10am to noon, we offer a free open sew. Bring your machine, or your handwork, and enjoy a little "sew and tell".

Hope to see you soon at InterQuilten!

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