

I have the nicest UPS man. His name is Terry and he's been visiting the shop a lot lately, bringing us lots of goodies! With a whopping 244 new bolts of fabric just since we moved in January, we are poised for our First Anniversary Sale and Celebration this weekend, Friday and Saturday, March 12th and 13th.

What's "In Store" for you

InterQuilten is currently hosting the England Designs trunk show. Come and see the amazing pieces on loan to us, showcasing Cynthia England's "Picture Piecing" technique. This shouldn't be confused with paper piecing, because it's quite different. The results are gorgeous detailed landscapes, birds, animals and holiday items. We'll be offering a class on the technique March 17th.

The most recent of the new fabric to arrive includes 38 new Bali Batiks – so rich and colorful; Nancy Halvorsen's Garden Song – soft, charming and springy; Avlyn's Catch of the Day - guy friendly colors with fish, lures, and some wonderful birch bark; Cat Crazy – happy kitties in purple, green yellow and blue... Meow! And there's more, but you should just come in and see for yourself.

A nice batch of new patterns have come in, and of course we have many picture piecing patterns in coordination with the England Designs trunk show. New notions include elastic and zippers. We now carry "Make a Zipper", so you can get a zipper as long or short as you need rather than having to choose from just a few stock sizes.

Changes to the Class Schedule

The Wrapped Purses and Bowls class in February was filled and people that waited to register until just a few days before had to be turned away. So we've added another class for Wrapped Purses and Bowls on Saturday, March 27 at 11am. They are so beautiful! My recommendation is that you register early if you want to learn this technique! * Dates for Free Motion Machine Quilting have changed. The class now begins on Tuesday, March 30 and remains at 6-8pm.

There are still seats available for other classes in March: Photos on Fabric (Thurs. March 11), Picture Piecing (Wed. March 17), Learn to Knit with Amy (Wed. March 17), Watercolor Quilt Design (Sat. March 20), Rapid Fire Hunter Star (Thurs. March 25), Japanese Circles (Fri. March 26), and Appliqué Block of the Month (Sat. March 27 or Mon. March 29).

Our First Anniversary Sale & Celebration

To commemorate our first year in business we have specials, a Treasure Chest of markdowns, demonstrations, prizes, and refreshments planned. Eleanor, our favorite hand quilting expert, will be joining us on Saturday, March 13. If you're at all interested in hand quilting or learning more about it, you'll want to come to chat with her and see her work. She is a real treat! Check the website on Friday or Saturday before you come out. For our loyal newsletter readers only, there will be a coupon *hidden* somewhere on the site, on Friday and Saturday only. Find it and print it out to bring with you.

OK, I've gone on long enough. I have lots to do to get ready for the sale. I hope we'll see you this weekend at InterQuilten!

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