

How did it get to be the end of June already? Another holiday and Cherry Festival is just around the corner. Summer Arts Camp is in full swing just down the road, and the campground is enjoying its usual popularity. The ice cream stand seems to be a popular attraction, especially on the very warm days we've been having. It's so easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of these busy summer days. But taking a lesson from my grandson Jason, I'm reminded that it's good to take time to smell the flowers. Two year olds possess a simple, natural wisdom don't they?



So, the count of new fabrics that have arrived since June 1st is 164...that is if nothing more comes before Thursday! There are new batiks, a new Halloween collection, frogs, airplanes, butterflies, flowers, polka dots and more polka dots, horses, dragonflies, birds, tea pots, hearts, crayons, bears, spiders, pumpkins, stars, snowflakes, lemons, more cherries, chickens, wolves... OK, I think you've got the idea.

The schedule of classes in July is ready to roll and much of August is mapped out, too. A class is a great way to slow down and do something for yourself. Greg Barner brings us his "Crazy Village" class on July 13th; Cindy K-K presents Thread Painting on July 15th. Wool Appliqué, with Marjorie Nelson, is a two week class beginning July 21. On July 23 we have a workshop on discharge dyeing. Scrapper's afternoon continues to be offered at 2pm every other Tuesday afternoon: July 6 and 20, August 3. Advanced Piecing has been moved to 6pm on the alternate Tuesdays: July 13 and 27, August 10. There will be no Applique Block of the Month Club in July, but it will resume in August. Also in August we'll be offering Photos on Fabric, Kaleidoscope Quilts; Paper Piecing the Majestic Fir; and Purse-nickity. Be sure to check our website for details and updates.

Buck-a-Block block of the month kits for July are ready to go. We hope that the rest of the fabric for sashing and border kits will arrive in 2-3 weeks. There are a couple different sashing options, one coming in the form of strips and the other as a collection of fat quarters. I'll keep you posted.

Wednesday mornings from 10-noon is our weekly Open Sew. Whether it's handwork or you come with your machine, we'd love to see you.

We've also begun having Open Knitting on Thursday afternoons from 1-4. On Thursday, July 1st, Amy Tyler from Stone Sock Fibers will be here with her spinning wheel! I cannot wait to see how she creates those wonderful yarns. Open Sew and Open Knit are not classes, just a chance to sit down and share some time doing things we love to do. No need to sign up, no fee to participate in open sew or open knit. Just come and enjoy, maybe meet some new friends!

Passports for The Amazing Quilt Race Shop Hop are still available at InterQuilten. Get yours before the collectible pins run out!

Hope to see you soon at *InterQuilten!*

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