Sew You'll Know

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UFQ Trunk Show

In January 2008 I offered the first UFQ Club. The participants could register up to 6 UFQs - UnFinished Quilts. They had to set a goal for each UFQ and at the end of 2008 each UFQ with a completed goal receives a ticket for the Grand Prize drawing to be held on Sat, **Jan 31** from 1:00-3:00. The winner need not be present to win, but I thought it would be fun for the members of the club to bring in their completed UFQs for a celebratory Trunk Show. These ladies have worked hard all year to meet their goals and deserve to brag a bit. **Dec 23** is the last day to notify me of a completed UFQ. For details on the 2009 UFQ Club see page 2.

"Sew You'll Know" Renewal

It is time again to renew your "subscription" to the newsletter. This year most of you chose the email option. If you want to keep getting the newsletter by email you don't need to contact me. If you are currently having the newsletter mailed you will need to pay the $5 yearly fee by **Jan 17**. If you want to switch to the free email option for 2009 let me know by that date also.

Heritage Half Dollars

Starting in January Heritage will have its very own half dollars! You can earn these coins with every purchase you make that totals $20 or more. One coin per day is the only limit. They apply to everything you purchase, including club kits and fees. But $19.99 doesn't count! This will be an ongoing program; they will never expire.

Open Sewing At Heritage

Beginning Sat, **Jan 10** Open Sewing at Heritage will be offered the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 11:00 - 3:00 in addition to Wednesdays from 11:00-4:00. Space is limited so please call to reserve a spot.

Opportunity Quilt Raffle

The Main Street Strippers Quilt Club is selling raffle tickets for their Opportunity quilt on display at Heritage. The proceeds benefit the Belton Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund and other local programs. One yard of tickets (18) is $5, half yard (9) is $3 and $1 for a single ticket.

Christmas Sale

Beginning Dec 2 all Christmas fabrics (bolts, fat ¼ s, panels, charms, jelly rolls and layer cakes) will be discounted. Christmas patterns and books will also be on sale (see discount details below).

January "Lights" Sale

Quilters are drawn first to medium and then dark value fabrics. Last are the lights because they are boring. Just check your stash. Lights aren't fun or beautiful, yet they are vital to your quilts. They provide contrast to allow the other fabrics to pop. To help your stash stay balanced Heritage is having a Lights Sale **Jan 6-17**. Lights include the pastels and will be 20% off, with a 1 yd min,

Upcoming Specials

Dec 2-6	Books 20% off & Christmas 30% off
Dec 9-13	Notions 20% off & Christmas 40% off
Dec 16-23	Patterns 20% off, Christmas 50% off
Dec 23	Make Your Own Deal **40%** off 1 reg price item; fees & club kits excluded
Jan 6-17	Lights Sale 20% off, 1yd min cuts
Jan 20-24	Panels 30% off
Jan 27-31	Pre-cuts 20% off (Fat 1/4s, Charms, Jelly Rolls and Layer Cakes

No January Issue of "Sew You'll Know"

Upcoming Classes

Class fees are non-refundable unless the class is cancelled by the teacher/shop or if the student cancels at least 1 week prior to the registration deadline. Students receive a class discount of **20%** on fabrics and supplies used for class. It is customary to purchase class fabrics and supplies from the shop offering the class. Heritage thanks you for following this policy so we can continue offering you classes. Preferably, children should not attend the club meetings or classes (unless the child is a student of the class or club member)

"Sunset" Quilt Class

This "stripy" quilt pattern works well with the new Jelly Rolls for a coordinated look or you can cut strips from your scraps. The sample on display at Heritage was made using the new "Woodland Bloom" jelly roll. Some cutting needs to be done prior to class, especially if using scraps. The pattern (20% discount applies) is required. Class date is Thu, **Jan 22** at 11:00-2:00 or 6:00-9:00. Class fee is $20. Instructor: Bobbie Broockmann. Please register by Jan 10. A sewing machine and basic sewing supplies are needed.

Monthly Quilt Clubs

These Clubs are open quilting clubs that meet at Heritage, but are independent of the shop. Members range from beginner to advanced and there are no dues. Members receive a 10% discount at Heritage on meeting day/evening. Visitors are always welcome.

Main Street Strippers - the December meeting will be on the first Tue, **Dec 2** at 6:00, with a short meeting at Heritage and proceeding to dinner afterwards. Please remember to bring the items you signed-up for the adopted family to the meeting. If you have forgotten what you were to bring you may contact Connie Hubbard at 816-331-7667. Also call Connie H if you were not at the Nov meeting but want to contribute. It can be dropped off at the shop by Dec 2. The January meeting will be back to the regularly scheduled time on the second Tue, **Jan 13** at 7:00.

Scarlet Thread Quilters - the next meeting for this club will be Tue, **Dec 23** at 5:30. The first meeting in 2009 will be on the fourth Tue, **Jan 27** at 5:30.

2009 UFQ Club

Due to the popularity of the UFQ Club this year I am happy to offer it again in 2009. For those of you that didn't participate this year, this is how it works. Between now and Jan 31 make an appointment with me to register up to 6 UFQs. You will need to bring each UFQ with you to the appointment. Goals can be "ready to be quilted", "quilted and bound" or "bound". They cannot be a BOM that will not have ended in 2008, "Garden Walk" for instance. The cost for each UFQ registered will be $2.50. When a UFQ reaches the goal, bring it in and receive a small prize. At the end of 2009 each completed UFQ receives a Grand Prize Drawing ticket. Also, any product you buy for your UFQ through the year will be discounted at least 10%!

Block of the Month Clubs

Thimbleberries Lodge and Lakeside Club

The final meeting for this club will be Tue, **Dec 16** at 11:00 and again at 7:00. Both sessions will have a potluck meal. If you have forgotten what side dish you signed-up to bring just call the shop. Besides the meal, there will be a craft kit for each of you to make, prizes and presents! As always, don't forget your show & tell!

2009 Thimbleberries Club - "3's Company"

Meetings for this club are held the third Tuesday of each month, with the first meeting of the year on Tue, **Jan 20**. The daytime meeting is at 1:00 and the evening at 7:00. The monthly kits, including the pattern, are $17.50. At each meeting bring Show & Tell and the blocks made from the previous months' kits if possible. You will receive a pattern drawing ticket for bringing Show & Tell(s) and also for the completed previous month blocks. There will be tickets for wearing the color of the month, hidden somewhere in this newsletter, and tickets for other reasons. Club members also receive a 10% discount on regular priced items (BOM kits, club and class fees excluded) and 20% off regular priced Thimbleberries brand items at the monthly meetings. These discounts are also good the Wednesday following each month's meeting.

Garden Walk

"A Basket of Bright Flowers" is Block 5 found on page 25. It will be available on Wed, **Dec 17**. Block 6, "Garden Maze", on page 45 will be available for pick-up on Wed, **Jan 21**. Can you believe this BOM will be half-way over in January?

Kansas Spirit

We are skipping "Indian Hatchet" and using "Road To California", page 23, for the second block. The kit will be available on Wed, **Dec 17**. The block for January will be "Tonganoxie 9-Patch" on page 27. That kit will be ready for pick-up on Wed, **Jan 21**. I hope the color copies help. Remember, we are making the 12" blocks.

Paintbox Flowers

Earlier in 2008 Heritage hosted a Fabric Painting class. The students expressed interest in a block of the month using this technique. Ask and you shall receive! Paintbox Flowers will be held monthly beginning Sat, **Jan 17** from 11:00 - 3:00 . The patterns, brushes and paints will be provided by Sheryll. Participants will need to purchase background fabric for their blocks, which can be as small as 12" up to 18" square. White is the color of the month for Dec. Guidelines for selecting suitable fabric will be available at registration. The registration fee is $30 and includes the first 2 blocks. Blocks 3-12 will be $12 each. Club size is limited to 12 people.

Victory Garden

Eleanor Burns' book, "Victory Quilts" will be used for this new, 12 block BOM to begin Tue, **Feb 3**. There will be 4 quarterly meetings, both daytime and evening, which will include a demo of some of the blocks. Attending the meetings is not required, but that is the only time the blocks will be demonstrated. The book will be required and will be discounted 20% for members. I'm not sure yet the cost of the block kits or what the size will be of the finished quilt. Leona Ragsdale will provide the demos.

Recipe of the Month

Easy Chocolate Crinkle Cookies

Chocolate Crinkles are one of my favorite Christmas cookies. This version tastes really yummy and they are easy to make.

- 1 boxed chocolate cake mix
- ½ cup (1stick) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup powdered sugar

Mix together the dry cake mix, melted butter, vanilla and eggs in a medium-sized mixing bowl using a wooden spoon or electric mixer.

Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and chill in the refrigerator for one hour.

Preheat the oven to 375°. Spray cookie sheets with non-stick spray. Place the powdered sugar in a bowl. Shape teaspoonfuls of the dough into round balls and roll in the powdered sugar. Place about 2 inches apart on the prepared cookie sheets. Bake for 8-10 minutes. Cool on wire rack.

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Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

Bible verse and recipe provided by Julie Bresette

Dear Recipe of the Month fans,

I hope those of you that signed up for my free monthly email newsletter are enjoying the recipes. The newsletter is titled Everyday Occasions. An Everyday Occasions recipe is simple enough for everyday, yet special enough for any occasion. Each newsletter will have several original recipes and ideas to create an everyday meal or special occasion meal. You may sign up anytime for the newsletter; simply email me your email address to **juliebresette@yahoo.com** and you will be added to the subscription list. If you have trouble sending the email to me, let Connie know at Heritage. Everyday Occasions is emailed on the 25th of most months. Thanks! Julie Bresette. ***I have had the great pleasure of taste testing these recipes and they are always awesome! Yes, Julie is my daughter, but I would say that even if she was not. Connie Read***

Quote of the Month

" There are some things one can only achieve by a deliberate leap in the opposite direction."
Franz Kafka

Back to Basics

by Pam Dooley

Ironing vs. Pressing

How well you press your quilt blocks can be just as important as accurate piecing. Please note that I said press, not iron. Ironing is the back and forth movement you do with the iron to remove wrinkles from clothing and large pieces of fabric. Pressing is an up and down movement and should be used on pieced blocks.

Ironing can stretch pieced blocks out of shape. Pressing allows you to get crisp seams without misaligning the grain of the fabric.

I recommend using a hot iron with steam. I keep my iron on the hottest setting (linen/cotton). After each seam is sewn you should press the unit just as you sewed it, in the closed position with the seam allowances extended. Gray is the color of the month for Jan. By pressing on the sewing line you help the stitches to "melt" into the fabric.

Then the unit should be flipped over with right side facing up and both seam allowances should be pressed in one direction, preferably toward the darker fabric. If you have to press toward the lighter fabric, trim the seam allowance of the darker fabric down to 1/8 inch to prevent it showing through. Pressing from the right side helps to eliminate "pleats" in the seam created where the fabric is not fully extended.

In garment construction seams are pressed open to prevent bulk. In quilting seam allowance are normally pressed to one side to create a stronger seam. There are instances when seam allowances will be pressed open to prevent bulk, such as the Lemoyne Star block where many seams meet together at the center of the block.

If you discover that a seam needs to be repressed to make piecing easier, press the unit with right sides together and the seam allowances flat as they were when the unit was sewn. Then repress the seam allowance in the correct direction.

When the block is completely pieced, press again, being sure all seam allowance lay flat.

Pressing on a lightly padded surface will make pressing easier.

Color of the Month

Don't forget, if you wear the color of the month to the shop on the **3rd Thursday**, you will get 10% off one regular priced item (excludes club & class kits/fees). New readers…the color of the month is hidden within the newsletter.

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Holiday Closing Schedule

Heritage will be closed for the Christmas Holiday and Inventory **Wed, Dec 24 - Mon, Jan 5**.

Inclement Weather Closing Policy

If the Belton School District is closed due to bad weather, please call the shop before coming by. Usually, I am able to make it up here, but if I am closing the shop, I will change the answering machine greeting to reflect that.

Calendar of Events

Dec 2	6:00	Main Street Strippers Quilt Club Meeting & Dinner	pg 2
Dec 16	11:00 & 7:00	Thimbleberries Lodge & Lakeside Club Christmas Party	pg 2
Dec 17		Garden Walk BOM pick-up	pg 3
Dec 17		Kansas Spirit BOM pick-up	pg 3
Dec 18		Color of the Month Day	pg 5
Dec 23	5:30-7:00	Scarlet Thread Quilt Club	pg 3
Dec 24-Jan 5		Heritage Closed for Christmas and Inventory	pg 6
Jan 13	7:00	Main Street Strippers Quilt Club	pg 2
Jan 17	11:00-3:00	Paintbox Flowers BOM Club	pg 3
Jan 20	1:30 & 6:30	Thimbleberries Club	pg 3
Jan 21		Garden Walk BOM pick-up	pg 3
Jan 21		Kansas Spirit BOM pick-up	pg 3
Jan 22	11:00 & 6:00	"Sunset" Class	pg 2
Jan 15		Color of the Month Day	pg 5
Jan 20	1:00 & 7:00	Thimbleberries Club	pg 3
Jan 27	5:30-7:00	Scarlet Thread Quilt Club	pg 3
Jan 29	10:00	Newsletter Work Day Donuts, Coffee, Fun	
Feb 3	2:00 & 6:30	Victory Garden BOM	pg 3

December/January Jumble

For an extra challenge, find the words where they appear within the newsletter

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Heritage's Fabric Showcase

RJR's "Bare Essentials" *

"Charisma" * by Chez Moi from Moda

"Fossil Fern" * from Benartex. 25 more colors came in

"Butterfly Fling" * by Me and My Sister from Moda

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