



THE RABBIT'S LAIR

January 1, 2009

Happy New Year to you and yours!

We want to wish you a Happy New Year from all of us at The Rabbit's Lair!! We know that 2008 would not have been a success if not for your efforts to shop here and your input on what we carry!

This year has brought many changes to our shop and many new to learn...but the best part of this year has been meeting new customers who have become friends!!

So what is planned for 2009? Here is a sneak peak!!

January is bringing us 3 wonderful trunk shows!



- Sue Spargo will have her trunk here during the first part of January. Her wool projects are wonderful and full of fun ideas on how to embellish!
- Indigo Junction is sending us some wonderful treats from their apparel and tote bag lines
- And to wrap up January Amy Butler will have her trunk show here and it is inspiring!



New Hours! We will be open until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays!

Fabrics & Fibers to Arrive in January!! Oh yes, just when I think I have seen the prettiest, more arrive!

- **Fairfax County by Jo Morton** will be here! Yes! She does it again!
- **Free Sprit the newest line from Anna Maria Horner!** Fun, bright, it makes me think of home décor and apparel! If you know someone wanting to fluff up their home, this is the fabric!
- **Brown Bear! Brown Bear! From Andover!** This is a delightful line that any young person in your life will enjoy a quilt from!
- **Maywood Woolies Flannels - Looks like wool, Feels like wool, but it sews and washes like cotton with no scratchy wool itch. Herringbones, plaids, tweeds and many more.**
- **DMC Thread** – the entire assortment! It was suppose to arrive in December, but we are told DMC works on their own time line!!
- **Weeks Pearl Cotton Sz 8** – the entire line will finish arriving this month! I have been using some for a punch needle project and wow! Now, I am going to play with it for a wool project!
- **Star Gazing will be back in stock from Jo Morton** --- the flannel flew out of here before we got our sample out! It is a wonderful manly print and oh so soft!

February is bringing....now do not get to excited, but these fabrics are a primitive persons delight!!!

- **Buggy Barn Yarn Dyes, Kansas Troubles has a new line of homespun's!, and Jan Patek has a new line! So February is very primitive!**
- Mary Englebright – **Baskets of Flowers and Soiree!**

March is bringing....yes, you will need to wear your sun glasses! Over 200++ bolts of Princes Mira Batiks! We do not know where we are putting them all! But they are coming!! Then if that is not enough to keep you out of trouble we have:

- **Beach House from Blackbird Designs** --- oh, this I want to wallpaper my house in!
- **Cure for a Cause by Moda – Legacy**--- oh my! Elegance and romance and I can't imagine what beautiful appliqué pieces will be made with this line!
- **Vintage Homesteads by Whimsical** – all of the cat lovers will want this line!
- The **Jo Morton brings in her new shirting** line!
- And of course many others!

Blocks of the Month for 2009! All details and photos are on our web – or call the shop for more info!

- And it wouldn't be the first of the year if Kay Harmon did not take one of **Jan Patek's patterns, "Baskets, Berries and Leaves"** and convert it to her color way! We will begin monthly needle turn times for anyone to come and learn from each other!
- February kicks off a new **BOM "A Country Quilt" by Waltzing with Bears** - this is a sweet wool project! Each month Paula will take you through the process of making you BOM or you can participate without the class! **The class will meet on the 4th Saturday from 9 to 11!**
- February - Sue Spargo's BOM called **"Flowerbed"** for those who like to work with wool and to embellish it!
- Jo Ann Collier is finishing up block #3 of **"A Kitten's Tale"**, a wonderful appliqué, patchwork, and embroidery block of the month! We have kicked it off, but come in and see what the purring is about and join us for a wonderful quilt!
- March kicks off a BOM by **Piece o Cake "Aunt Millie's Garden"** ... this will be a fun bright floral appliqué project on a cream background (the photo has it on red). Donna Thomas will have a kickoff for this BOM on March 7th from 2—4 and will be lead by Donna Thomas!
- **Autumn House by Bunny Hill Designs** will be ready to begin in May!! It is a wonderfully charming BOM!
- **Donna Thomas** will be bringing in June with an original BOM she has created called **"Oh Say Can You See the Stars and the Sea!"**
- Kay is currently working on a beautiful, all Jo Morton fabric, BOM for Christmas 2009! Think of Santa, Reindeer, and Penguins and you will want to join in!
- And of course there are more in the secret hiding places of Kay's mind that will be appearing to surprise us all!!

Monthly Classes & Events - All details and photos are on our web – or call the shop for more info!

Beginning Quilting Class

- If you have never used a rotary cutter or machine pieced this is the class for you. We will discuss color, scale, and fabric design as we work on the project. At the end of the 2 part class you will be well on your way to having a completed quilt top! January 3rd & 17th 8:45 to 1:00
- **The class meets most months on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month!** You must know how to use your sewing machine and it needs to be in good working order! We have someone that can teach you how to use your

sewing machine! Just call and ask us!!

- Class comes with a great book that will help you once you are not in the shop!
- Supply list: Sewing Machine (in good working order, and you must know how to use it!) Thread, Scissors, Rotary cutter, Cutting Mat, Quilting Ruler (12.5 or 16.5 preferably)

Pattern Supplied \$60.00 8:45 a.m. 1 p.m. Teacher: Darlene Szabo

1st Sat. Sitting & Stitching

- On the First Saturday of each month Kay Harmon will be your hostess in working on your cotton appliqué projects! This is a time to come together with others who want to appliqué on cotton and learn from them and share your secrets!

Free 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Hostess: Kay Harmon/Kathleen Myers

1st Wed Sitting & Stitching

Jan. 7, 2009

- On the First Wednesday of each month Kay Harmon will be your hostess in working on your cotton appliqué projects! This is a time to come together with others who want to appliqué on cotton and learn from them and share your secrets!

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Beginning Sewing - 6 sessions

Jan. 5, 2009

- Learning the Basics - Sewing 101 for Those Who Think They Can't Sew A Straight Line! Whenever you are learning something new, it seems that the whole world knows more than you do and even knowing what to search for is a major challenge. Sewing is simple if you can find the information you need and take things one step at a time. This class is geared for the first time sewer or someone who has perhaps has not sewn since high school. As you make your pillow case, tote bag and skirt you will learn fundamental sewing skills that are applicable to all facets of sewing. This class focuses on how to take proper measurements, pattern fitting, fabric and notion selection. Basic fitting techniques, pattern layout, how to fully operate a sewing machine, garment construction and finishing techniques. You will make a pillow case, pajama bottoms, and a tote bag!
- All students should bring their machine. If you don't own a sewing machine arrangements can be made upon registration.
- Thursdays 5:30-7pm 1/15,21,29 2/5,12,19 \$120 (patterns provided) All students are given a 10% discount on any purchases made for the class or during the class time

\$120.00 5:30 p.m. 7 p.m. Teacher: Lela Gaither

Voices of the Past Study Group

Jan. 9, 2009

- Meets each month on the 2nd Friday at the Tea Room!

\$5.00 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. Hostesses: Rheba & Alice

Beginning Rug Hooking Class

Jan. 10, 2009

- Beginning Rug Hooking Kathleen will help you shine when it comes to hooking! We start you off with a small star rug. Whether you're a beginner or just need a refresher course, this is the class!

Kit and Class are \$49 1 p.m. 4 p.m. Teacher: Kathleen Myers

Girl Gang

Jan. 10, 2009

- The 2nd Saturday of each month Kathleen and Kay take you through the new block and inspire you to keep on stitching on Jan Patek's 2008-2009 Girl Gang Patterns! The rest of the dates are 02/14; 03/14; 04/11; 05/09; 06/13; 07/11; 08/08; 09/12; 10/10; 11/14; 12/12

Free 9:30 a.m. Noon Hostesses : Kay & Kathleen

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07/08; 08/12; 09/09; 10/14; 11/11; 12/09

Free

9:30 a.m. Noon

Hostesses : Kay & Kathleen

Primitive Hookers

Jan. 15, 2009

- Come in and learn new techniques from each other and share some laughs and fun! Bring your rug hooking, or if you just want to see what the ladies are doing - come and chat!

Free

9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Kathleen Myers

Knot-y Girls Stitching Club

Feb. 12, 2009

- Are you ready to spend some time learning embroidery and wool appliqué! And yes, from Paula Stoddard! We will meet each month and encourage you to bring in your ufo's and enjoy the fellowship of other knot-y girls!
- This club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning in Feb! 02/12; 03/12; 04/09; 05/14; 06/11; 07/09; 08/13; 09/10; 10/08; 11/12; 12/10

Free

9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Paula Stoddard

Jo Morton Little Women's Club #8 Feb. 14, 2009

- Jo's Little Women Club Part 8. I know you will love the gorgeous medallion-style quilt that will be made over 4 months' time, and the 2 small projects for the other 2 months. The group will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 7/11 8/8 will be the celebration of everyone who has participated in JLW Club at the Tea Room

\$6.00

9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Teacher: Chris Clardy

Jo Morton Little Women's Club #8 Feb. 17, 2009

- Jo's Little Women Club Part 8. I know you will love the gorgeous medallion-style quilt that will be made over 4 months' time, and the 2 small projects for the other 2 months. The group will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21 8/8 will be the celebration of everyone who has participated in JLW Club at the Tea Room

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Teacher: Rheba Ford

Back Home Again Club

Feb. 24, 2009

- The Back Home Again Club will begin February 24th, 9 to 10:30 and 5:45 to 7:00! This will be the beginning meeting and we will go through Blocks 1 & 2! We plan on having fun and teaching you techniques since the blocks become more complex each month. This is a fun and challenging project. This is a 6 month club that will help you through each block and encourage you to get it finished! Finished Size 81" by 85". Join Rheba Ford as she gives you precision piecing techniques as well as block finishing techniques. She will teach you about specialty rulers as well as other tools that will improve your precision. Mary will be your hostess and the comedy relief for when we get to serious! 6 Month Club exclusives are: Kit comes in a wonderful suitcase Includes 3 patterns to use the remainder of your fabric not used in the kit Drawings for door prizes each month Notebook for you to keep your notes in! Made just for you! 10% off that days purchases and your buyers club card punched! Choice of Blue or Brown borders...and yes, we will gladly make the kit to your liking!! We will have a party on August 29th from 9—11 to celebrate what you have learned and finished! Yes, we will hang your quilts all over the shop!
- Cost for the kit is \$149.00 for club members only! This includes everything for the top and the binding! You may purchase the suitcase of 28 FQ for \$80.00.

\$5.00

9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. & 5:45 to 7:00

Rheba & Mary Elizabeth

Block Party Club

Feb. 26, 2009

- This club will meet the 4th Thursday each month beginning in February! 02/26; 03/26; 04/30; 05/28; 06/25; 07/23; 08/27; 09/24; 10/22 - Blocks like ... Aunt Mary's Double Irish Chain, Brasstown Star ,Crayon Box ,Depression Era Block ,Easter Lilly ,Fanny's Favorite ,Gaggle of Geese

\$7.00 (includes pattern)

9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Hostess: Paula Stoddard

Wool Club with Paula Stoddard Feb. 28, 2009

- Paula will take you through the "A Country Quilt" BOM and also some fun projects each month! 02/28 Leaning Tree Block 03/28 Cat Block 04/25 Star Block 05/23 Brown Basket Block 06/27 Sunflower Block 07/25 Chicken Block 08/27 Pineapple Block September - no club meeting 10/24 Watermelon Block 11/14 Heart & Daisy Block
- \$5.00 9 a.m. 11 a.m. Teacher: Paula Stoddard

Special Events! All details and photos are on our web – or call the shop for more info!

The Quilt Detectives

Feb. 18, 2009

The Quilt Detectives are Coming!!! Do you have quilts that you wonder what is the name of the pattern, how old is it, how should I take care of this, and about how much is this treasure worth? These are the questions that can be answered by the quilt detectives. ----- The quilt detectives are quilt and textile history enthusiasts. They study fabrics, techniques, patterns and anything related to quilt and textile history. The place is to be determined! But it will be close by the shop!! Much more info to come!

\$10.00 1 p.m. -5 p.m. Hosted by :NWA Antique Study Group

Terry Clothier Thompson Fabric Camp!

April 23-25, 2009

Terry's FabriCamp's are relaxed, all day sessions. Evenings are free study time, looking thru her historical quilt books, interesting conversations with each other, studying fabric and notebooks with good advice about collecting vintage fabric and photographs for your own study. What will you see at FabriCamp? Vintage quilts, tops, and blocks dating from c. 1790-1945. Notebooks of collected cotton and delaine (wool and cotton,) fabrics. Women and children's clothing that help you make the connection between clothing and quilts. Terry also has an interesting collection of crocheted, knitted and needlework embroidery you might find interesting and amusing. What do classes cost? Classes are now \$250 for each 3-day camp - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Cost includes lunches, snacks and some great surprises! Terry welcomes quilt shop owners, appraisers, dealers, collectors and anyone who loves old fabrics, quilts and clothes. You are invited to bring your own quilts to share and learn how to date them. Space allows 30 people. Pictures are allowed. Come join in the fun while increasing your knowledge of this great heritage of English and American quilts and fabrics. After you register for a class you will receive a SIMPLE supply list as well as hotel and transportation information. Camp will be held at 114 S Walnut (the old Stroud's Building!)

\$250.00 9 a.m. 4 a.m. Teacher: Terry Clothier Thompson

Just Bearly

June 19, 2009

Candy Hargrove will take us through this wonderfully fun quilt that will be in Jo Morton's next book! Yes, you get to see it first!! Candy Hargrove's original design, Just Bearly is a lap/wall quilt made with Jo Morton fabrics. Hone your piecing skills and make perfect 1" finished half-square triangles for the Bear Paw blocks.

\$45.00 9:30 a.m. 4 a.m. Teacher: Candy Hargrove

Back Basting Appliqué

June 19, 2009

Back Basting Appliqué -- Template Free Technique -- Block from "Prairie Flowers" by Jo Morton I like to call this "back stitching" as the stitches you use are small and not basting stitches. This is an excellent technique for beginners or appliqué who would like to learn a new technique. Several years ago, Jo Morton and I were shown this technique by Jeanna Kimball, and it has changed my life! I now love appliqué, and would like to share how easy it is with others. It allows you to stitch without pins and achieve accurate placement without drawing on the front of the block. In the class, you will make one 6 1/2" block from Jo's book. Finish as a darling pincushion, frame it, or make the other 11 blocks; Jo shows 3 versions in her book.

\$45.00 9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Teacher: Julie Kiffin

"Liberty Eagle" Wool Appliqué June 20, 2009

"Liberty Eagle" Wool Appliqué [This design by Jo Morton](#) is featured in her latest book, "Yesterday's Charm." As an alternative to fabric appliqué, learn the joy of combining wool appliqué with fabric! In class we will discuss the qualities of wool, as well as cut and stitch the center of this quilt. You will complete the 37 1/2" square quilt on your own -- just in time for July 4th! The center block with appliqué measures 15 1/2" x 15 1/2".

\$45.00

9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.

Teacher: Julie Kiffin

Turning Twenty's Tricia Cribbs July 16-18, 2009

We are working with Tricia to have a trunk show on Thursday, July 16th! Then on Friday and Saturday she will be teaching her newest pattern --- it will be released this weekend! And we will have her teach one of her stand alone patterns!

\$10.00 for the trunk show!

6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

Tricia Cribbs

Sue Spargo Trunk Show & Classes! Sept. 24-26, 2009

Sue Spargo is coming to town! We have not planned the classes, but they will involve wool appliqué, embellishing and have fun! I am estimating them to cost \$45 each!

Classes and More Events! All details and photos are on our web – or call the shop for more info!

Block Party Kickoff Party! by Paula Stoddard

Feb. 14, 2009 February blows "The Block Party Club" in with warm times by Paula Stoddard! She is creating a new pattern for each letter of the alphabet! In this class you will learn new techniques from Paula and have a great time meeting other quilters! The kickoff party will be February 14th for you to learn more!!

Free 11 a.m. 1 p.m. Paula Stoddard

Spinner Skirt Dress Class

Jan. 13, 2009 What do you get when you add a t-shirt and fun skirt together? You get an affordable and fun dress for that little girl in your life! This dress is fun to make and once Lela shows you how, you will be making them by the dozens! Supplies needed: Basic sewing notions Sewing machine in good working order and you need to know how to use it! washed t shirt (long or short sleeve) --- cotton shirt to add a skirt to 100% cotton fabric washed - 2 x the width of the t-shirt by the WOF

\$15.00 5 p.m. 7 p.m. Lela Gaither

Rug Binding Technique Class

Jan. 17, 2009 Kathleen will take you through how to bind your hooked rug! She has years of knowledge and is a wonderful teacher!\$

15.00 2 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Kathleen Myers

Charming Log Cabin - 2 Part Class

Jan. 19, 2009 CHARMING LOG CABIN – Prerequisite – Student must have made at least on entire quilt to take this class. If you want a quilt that allows you to take advantage of the beautiful large scale prints we have, this is the project for you. Part 1 of this class is a private, by appointment consultation during which you will choose fabrics for your quilt. During the 2nd session, you will cut and sew your fabrics to create a large log cabin. We will discuss how to scallop your quilt once it has been quilted.

\$20.00 9 a.m. 1 p.m. Kay Harmon

Need Turn Hand Appliqué Class

Jan. 24, 2009 1 to 3:30 or Jan 26th 9 to noon -- This is a technique class – we will practice using a variety of shapes but will not create a project. We will discuss different types of thread, needles, and marking tools. You will learn the basics of needle turn appliqué as you appliqué straight lines, right angles, stars, inside and outside curves both sharp and slightly rounded. Class fee includes kit Supply list: * scissors to cut paper * embroidery scissors with a sharp point \$20.00 Kay Harmon

Red work by Hand or Machine Class

Jan. 31, 2009 Do you admire the beautiful red or blue work you see in quilts but don't know how to do the stitches required? Come and take this class and we will explore red work by hand and machine. We'll discuss what patterns work best for machine red work and what needs to be done by hand. Red work squares add so much character to a quilt and are especially adorable in baby items. Today's thread selections offer many different textures and colors to choose from and we'll create a small sampler that uses many of them so you'll have a reference to look back on when starting a project. Supplies needed - Sewing machine in good working order and manual (your machine must have some sort of stretch stitch and you should know how to adjust your tension) Marking pen – I suggest red pigma pen (.01 or .05) Background fabric , Scrap fabric for testing threads on (1 fat quarter will be plenty – muslin will work well), Scissors ,Small mat and rotary cutter , Small rotary cutting ruler , 1 regular pen or pencil , Embroidery needles –size to your liking and eye-sight ,Thread – 1 spool 12-weight Sulky thread in color 713-1169 or any color you like , Thimble , Small embroidery hoop , Pins ,Jeans 90/14 or Top-Stitch 90-14 machine needle \$20.00 1 p.m. 5 p.m. Heidi Fisher

Superbowl Sale!

Feb. 1, 2009 Yes, we are going to be open on February the first and we will have lots of fun, fabric, fiber, and ways to have great fellowship! Ok, yes, there will be a sale also!! 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Machine Appliqué Class

Feb. 9, 2009 This is a technique class – we will practice using a variety of shapes but will not create a project. Prerequisite – Knowledge of your machine including how to change stitch length and width. You will use the blanket stitch or zig zag stitch (if your machine doesn't have a blanket stitch) as you appliqué a variety of shapes. Cost of the class includes kit \$20.00 9:30 a.m. Noon Kay Harmon

Hand Appliqué Class

Feb. 21, 2009 HAND APPLIQUE: BEYOND THE BASICS – Prerequisite: A basic working knowledge of hand appliqué. We will cover 1) several methods of making bias stems and techniques of appliquéing bias, 2) circles (we have a fail proof method for making perfectly round circles), 3) stuffed circles, and 4) reverse appliqué. We will have a variety of tools for you to play with during class. Supply list: * scissors to cut paper * embroidery scissors with a sharp point \$25.00 1 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Kay Harmon

Basic Binding Class

Feb. 28th 1:30-2:30 or May 2nd 9:30-10:30 or Aug 15th 1:30-2:30

Learn how to finish your quilts, from trimming your quilts to making bias and straight binding to hand finishing your quilts. Darlene is going to teach you how to bind on a sample quilt she has made for you! Supplies needed: Sewing Machine in good working order (and know how to use it) Basic sewing supplies \$15.00 Darlene Szabo

Aunt Millie's Garden BOM Kickoff!

March 7, 2009 12 Flowering Blocks from Piece O Cake! This wonderful appliqué project will kick off with Donna Thomas taking you through the techniques she used to create our sample!

Free 2 p.m. 4 p.m. Donna Thomas

Machine Quilting Class

March 21st 1:30-5:30 or March 30th 9 to noon. After a discussion of marking tools, batting, thread, needles, and sandwiching methods, you will prepare and mark your practice piece. You will learn how to stitch in the ditch and how to create grids using your walking foot. Once you're comfortable with this traditional method of quilting, you'll learn the basics of free motion quilting. For Bernina owners - you may bring your BSR and use it in class; however, I will not provide instruction in the use of it. Contact the Rogers Sewing Center for instruction on the use of your BSR.

Prerequisite: Knowledge of your machine including how to remove and replace feet.

\$25.00 Kay Harmon

Buggy Barn Class Stars

March 25, 2009 Buggy Barn Classes are a fun way to learn the Buggy Barn stacking technique while working with beautiful fabrics of all textures! Stars from the book Gone Crazy

\$30.00 9 a.m. 3 p.m. Paula Stoddard

Other Buggy Barn Classes

Buggy Barn - Flag Day from Gone Crazy April 15, 2009

Buggy Barn - Heather from Gone Crazy May 20, 2009

Buggy Barn - Winter from Stir Crazy June 17, 2009

Buggy Barn - Bunny Trial from Stir Crazy July 15, 2009

Buggy Barn-Christmas Tree Skirt from Stir Crazy Aug. 19, 2009

Buggy Barn - Believe! From Stir Crazy Sept. 16, 2009

T Shirt & Memory Quilt Class

April 19, 2009 Capture the memories of your travels, favorite sayings, special sport teams, etc. in this easy quilt that you can create using your t-shirts and other clothes! Darlene will meet with you ahead of time to walk you through the cutting and preparation of your memories and then you will create the quilt in class! 2 Part Class Part 1 - April 19th and Part 2 May 3rd

\$40.00 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Darlene Szabo

New Hours! We will be open until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays!

If you want to receive updated info on all our classes – please sign up for our newsletter on line or call the shop and let them know that you need it mailed to you!

Thanks for your business and making our first year successful!

Only Because of His Grace,
Mary Elizabeth