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| January — March, 2021





"Quilters never grow old, they just go to pieces!"

As we started the new year, 2020, we looked forward to having a great year in the quilting world with lots of new classes, new ideas and so much more. Little did we know on January 1st what lay ahead of us. To say the least, we as so many other businesses, faced a very challenging year. We know all of you did as well, both in your employment and your personal lives. Words we had never heard before, Covid 19, Coronavirus, social distancing and work from home, were not in our vocabulary on January 1st but quickly became the news headline on a daily basis.

We closed our doors on March 17<sup>th</sup> by the Governor's orders and went to phone and mail orders and then curbside pickup. All of you helped us get through the hard days of March, April and May! We came out on the other side and reopened to customers two days after the order was lifted. Boy, how you all responded to our shop reopening! Everyone wore their masks (and continue to do so), sanitized hands before shopping and kept the social distance we requested. We wiped down counters, sanitized bathrooms after use, wiped down door handles and we continue to do the regimen to help keep our customers safe. We are so grateful for the cooperation of all of you!

Also this year, we've experienced retirements of some of our most longtime staff members. First came Sharon Rambo, our dedicated little gal who had the most energy of all of us, even being older than all of us! Next up Sue Swanson left us to spend more time in Minnesota with her baby grands. Who can say no to that? Then Sandy announced she also wanted to retire! We have asked her to continue with writing our newsletter and she's agreed so you will see her in and out of the shop periodically, just not working the floor on Thursdays. Finally, Kathy Sanders decided to move to Portugal and have a new life adventure so we bid goodbye to her as well. We are so grateful for the dedicated work these gals did for us and the success they shared with us. Yes, we've had changes but we've forged ahead and continue with our successes.

The best news for us this year was that we were able to expand the shop by another 1200 square feet and we are loving the additional space for both store and the huge classroom we now have. Once again we are able to hold classes while social distancing because of our 900 square foot classroom. We now have more cutting stations, ironing stations and extra power cables. To say the least, out classroom is awesome!

Now we look forward to 2021 and hopefully a pandemic that is under control and our lives can return to what we had before it struck. Some of you have had the virus, know someone who had it and may have also lost a relative or friend to it. We have been greatly challenged this year in many ways. We sincerely hope that our shop helped everyone get through lonely, hard times as we sheltered in place.

We look forward to the day when we can see your smiling faces once again without a mask. We'll all be doing a happy dance. In the meantime, we want to say a huge thank you for your wonderful support of our shop. We just can't express our thanks enough. You are all just so wonderful.

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# YOUR INSPIRATION DESTINATION QUILT SHOP

Over 5000 bolts of traditional to bright fabrics! Over 2000 patterns! More notions every day! Classes! Ideas! 250+ Samples!

# SHOP HOURS

Sunday (Oct-Mar) 12-3:00 Sunday (Apr-Sept) Closed Monday 9:00-5:30 PM Tuesday 9:00-5:30 PM Wednesday 9:00-5:30 PM Thursday 9:00-5:30 PM Friday 9:00-5:30 PM Saturday 9:00-3:00 PM

# E-mail:

goingtopiecesquiltcompanyayahoo.com

#### Website:

goingtopiecesquiltco.com

#### FACEBOOK:

Like us on Facebook to receive the latest shop information and view pictures of our latest projects!



If you recall, in our last newsletter, we mentioned that newsletters would no longer be emailed out and would only be available on our website. Well, in keeping with this crazy year, we decided to email this newsletter.

Watch for newsletters at the end of March, June, September and December.



# Who are the Gals That Work at GTP?

Everyone knows the owners of Going to Pieces Quilt Co,

Mary Klein and Joanne Mjos,

the brains and backbone of Going to Pieces Quilt Co. But there are many others who help make our "well oiled machine" run so smoothly and efficiently. THANK YOU TO ...

Theresa Bronk - Heidi Bork - Lisa Dohr - Sandy Huiting - Lori Miron Linda Murray - Kim Teigen - Marsha Van Hout - Wendy Widi

# **HELLO** to Barb Kempen

Barb just joined our team and she's a perfect fit! When you see her, make sure to welcome Barb.

# **GOOD BYE to Kathy Sanders**

Quilting has been the glue that held my life together for the last 15 years. When Mary and Joanne asked me to be a part of their dream, I never expected to be there 10 years! I have made friends of so many of you; bosses, customers, co-workers and even found an older twin I didn't know I needed! Thank you for the wonderful friendships that I hope will continue into the next phase of my life.

Now the journey to Portugal begins (I hope!). If you would like to follow along with me vicariously, please email me at kaskwiltz@gmail.com and ask that I add you to my Polarsteps account. The Polarsteps APP is like a daily photo journal. Beware, many of my photos are of food 🚭! Also, use that email just to keep in touch. I'd love to know what's going on in your lives.

So until I see you again (Ate' eu te ver de novo), thanks (obrigada). I'll miss all of you (Vou sentir saudades de todos voces). The Portuguese language and I have yet to become friends ! Kathy



7th Annual Snowman Dash!

February 17-20, 2021

Going to Pieces Quilt Co – Appleton Quilting Divas – Green Bay Primitive Gathering - Menasha Silver Thimble – Green Bay





Pick up a stamp card at any of the shops above to take part in this quick and fun dash! Your stamp card will include addresses, phone numbers and directions to each shop and you will receive a pattern from each shop. When your stamp card is filled, simply leave it at the last shop you visit and your name will be included in the drawings for gift cards!!

# Classes

### **MAKING HEXAGONS THE EASY WAY!**

Wednesday, March 10 - 5:30-8:00 pm

Join Mary as you learn the easy method of making and joining hexies. No basting! We use Missie Carpenter's starch method. Making hexies into flowers and more is a great pastime for the long winter evenings. We will begin with 1 ¼ inch hexies to make learning fun and easy.

When signing up, you will be given a list of required supplies. We have them all in stock for you. Come join in the fun!
Pattern not required but suggested.

Class: \$20.00 (hexie freezer paper supplied by Mary)



### **JELLY ROLL RUG CLASS**

(This is a two evening class – 5-8:00 pm) Monday, February 8 Monday, February 22

Join Wendy and make a rug!! Your rug will be made of 42 2 ½" fabric strips (this is called a JELLY ROLL) and 100% cotton batting. You will be using "Bosal Strip Batting". This is sure to be a fun class that fills up fast!

Class: \$25.00









#### **MITERED CORNERS**

Thursday, March 25 - 5-8:00 pm

Join Joanne to see just how simple those mitered corners can be! Look at the sample above to see what a difference the mitered corner on the right can make! Supply list upon sign up.

Class: \$15.00

# WOOL HAND APPLIQUE

Thursdays, February 4 & 18 - 5-8:00 pm

In this 2 evening class. You will learn how to do wool applique by hand with Kim. You will be making an 8 ½ inch mat called "Addison" by Granny's Legacy. Several stitches will be taught including the blanket stitch, chain stitch, colonial knots and lazy daisy. Kit is available for purchase.

Class: \$30.00

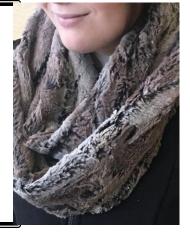
# Classes

# **INFINITY SCARF**

Sunday, January 24 - 1-3:00 pm

Either join the ZOOM class at the shop or attend the ZOOM class online from your home. You will learn lots of tips and tricks as the instructor is Laura, a Shannon educator! Supply list available upon sign up. Limit 6 at the shop.

Class: \$5.00



# <u>BEGINNING MACHINE</u> QUILTING

Wednesday, February 24 – 10-2:00

Join Joanne for this VERY beginner machine quilting class. This class will include "Stitch-in-the-ditch" and crosshatching. No free motion. Pick up supply list upon sign up. Limit 6 people at the shop.

Class: \$20.00

# CUDDLE THROW

Sunday, February 7 – 1-3:00 pm

Either join the ZOOM class at the shop or attend the ZOOM class online from your home. Tips and tricks abound because the instructor is a Shannon educator! You must purchase cuddle for throw prior to class. Supply list available upon sign up. Limit 6 at the shop. Unlimited from home.

Class: \$10.00









### **January TUCKER UNIV**

Saturday, January 9 - 9-1:00

We will cover the

#### **LIBERTY LEMOYNE STAR**

during this class. This is an advanced technique class and you must have taken the *Lemoyne Star Class* to enroll. All eligible students have been contacted. Supply list should be picked up prior to class.

Class: \$20.00

Tucker University classes are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. The class is \$20.00 and those attending will receive 20% off the ruler.

# February TUCKER UNIV

*Saturday, February* 13 – 9-1:00

We will cover the

**CORNER POP RULER.** 

Class: \$20.00

# **April TUCKER UNIV**

Saturday, April 10 – 9-1:00

We will cover the

DIAMOND RECTS RULER.

Class: \$20.00

# **March TUCKER UNIV**

Saturday, March 13 – 9-1:00

We will cover the

SPLIT RECTS RULER.

Class: \$20.00

Give the 3'3' a' 5' 6 girl an inch and 6 she thinks she's a ruler!



# YELLOW BRICK ROAD

Wednesday evenings from 5:30 until 8:00 pm February 3, 10, 17, 24

## This is a quilting class for beginners

Grab a handful of fat quarters and you're on the road to a fun quilt! Don't know what a fat quarter is? Haven't learned the

correct way of squaring, measuring, cutting, piecing, and pressing your fabric?
Learn these techniques and more from
Mary in this beginner class!

Class: \$40.00

The fun thing about this pattern, "Yellow Brick Road", is every one of the finished quilts looks different. Fabric choice is the secret! Make one or many!!



## **BEGINNING PAPER PIECING**

Tuesday, March 2 - 5:30-8:30 pm

Paper piecing allows you to make fabulous blocks and patterns with expert results while using fabric and some paper templates.. Once you learn how, you can make them for all your friends!! Join Heidi for this fun technique.

Class: \$25.00 (includes kit)



# HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES using the "Tucker Trimmer"

Monday, January 18 – 5:30-8pm

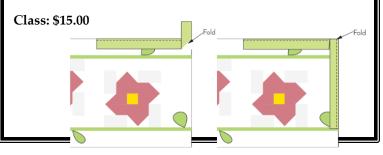
One of Mary's favorite rulers, the **Tucker Trimmer** tool, was designed to help quilter's quickly and easily trim down units that are made with **triangles**: **half square triangle squares**, quarter **square triangle squares** (hourglass units), and combinations of **half square** and **quarter square triangle squares** (combination units). It has multiple diagonals which allow you to align ruler guidelines with unit seam lines to create a PERFECT result. Join Mary and see why she loves this ruler!

Class: \$10.00

#### **ALL THINGS BINDING**

Tuesday, March 9 - 1-3:30 pm

Learn 2 techniques for binding your quilt or wall hanging. The traditional method will be taught using "The Binding Tool". A quick lesson on hand stitching this binding down will also be shown. Then we will use this traditional method, make a few changes, and our binding will have a flange with no hand sewing required. Join Sandy and start finishing those quilted pieces.



# BEGINNER FUSIBLE MACHINE APPLIQUE

Thursday, March 4 – 5:30-8:00

Machine applique is an "instant gratification" art. It's fast, impressive, and oh so much fun! Once you learn the trick, you can make many

beautiful projects, both large and small. Join Joanne and finish your project in one evening with Joanne. Pattern and kit will have a spring theme.

Class: \$30 (includes pattern & kit)





Our ever popular sewing retreats have been cancelled for this spring; however, we have high hopes to resume in the fall of 2021. The good news?? We have added Wednesdays to our OPEN SEW days! Social distancing is a breeze in our new space but sign up is a must.



# Simple Whatnots Club 10

Simple Whatnots Club 10 includes eight fun-to-stitch patchwork quilts. Small project sizes (typically 40" square or less) make these quilts approachable and easy to finish. Pattern handouts feature clear, concise project directions, and often include extra snippets of information providing sewing tips, recipes, occasional crafty things, and hints for living with quilts.

These patterns are not available to the public, and each one is more stunning than the next!

Cost will vary, depending on the month's project.

Sign up is now. This is a very popular club and fills up fast!

Simple Whatnots Club 10 begins in January, 2021.

# Two Great Portable, Reliable Sewing Machines!

Want a machine that's a jack-of-all trades yet small enough to take on the road, to a class or even to a friend's house? Then it's time to celebrate, because you found it. The **BABY LOCK JUBILANT** sewing machine is ideal for a variety of sewing projects like quilt piecing, smaller home décor and even basic garments. It's a machine that gives you plenty of genuine opportunities to let your creativity shine and be jubilant! Top features include:

80 built-in stitches Automatic needle thread LCS screen Quick-set, drop in bobbi Free-arm sewing Drop feed for free motion

# \$499.99

(Can be serviced at KK Sew & Vac, located in Kaukauna, Darboy, and DePere)



We have had this machine, **SPARROW by EVER SEWN 30S**, in the shop for months and have found it to be a reliable little work horse which is quiet, precise, easy to operate, light to carry. Features include:

#### Thread cutter button

Many decorative stitches including numbers & script Needle up/down position button

Auto lock button
Mirror image button
Speed limiting
adjustment lever
Memory button
Stitch length & width
adjustment
LCD screen

Farrow 30

\$489.95

# Our Clubs

# Machine Embroidery Club

First Friday of Each Month – 9-3:00

Join Mary as we start a new club at GTP! Machine embroidery is fun and easy. Work on a project of your choice and get tips and tricks to make embroidery easy. You can do embroidery only or patterns with applique included on your CD.

You must know how to use your machine. Mary can help with Babylocks and Vikings or Brother machines but please remember your manual as we may need to refer to it for problems. There is a minimal charge of \$5 per month for this club, which is limited to 10 participants.

January 8 - February 5 - March 5

#### **RED BAG SATURDAYS**

On the third Saturday of each month, it's "Red Bag Saturday" at our shop. On these Saturdays, surprise discounts will be announced. If you have a GOING TO PIECES REUSABLE RED BAG you are eligible for the discount!

Get yours today! \$3.95

#### **OPEN SEW TUESDAYS**

9:00 until 4:30 pm

We will host OPEN SEW TUESDAYS for those that need to get projects done, those that have other projects, and those who just like to sew and meet new friends.

Jan 5 & 19 ~ Feb 2 & 16 ~ Mar 2 & 16 NOTE: Please see club rules listed above.

#### **UFO CLUB**

Tackle that quilting bucket list! This club meets the first Tues of the month. A \$5 membership fee gets you started.

Each month, members hand in a list of projects they hope to accomplish. Completed projects are brought in the next month for show and tell. If you didn't finish, you pay \$5 per unfinished project to the kitty. All money in the kitty will be turned into gift cards to be given to winners drawn at the Oct meeting. JOIN US!!

*Jan 5 ~ Feb 2 ~ Mar 2* 

NOTE: Please see club rules listed above.



~Must reserve your spot ~Must wear a mask ~Must use hand sanitizer

upon entry

"Must follow **6 ft social**"

**distancing** ~If you are feeling under the

weather, please stay home.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

# WEDNESDAY B.S. CLUB

Come to stitch with us and enjoy a little snack. Stay a couple of hours or all day long! Call us ahead of time to reserve your spot! Why don't you give it a try??

Jan 20 ~ Feb 10 ~ March 10 NOTE: Please see club rules listed above.

#### THIMBLE THURSDAYS

Grab your hand projects ... then head on over for a day of sewing, friendship and LOTS of laughs! You never know what tips you are going to pick up and what projects you just may complete. This is a popular event with embroidery and handwork groups, so come see what all the excitement is about!

NOTE: Please see club rules listed above.

# OPEN SEW WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS!!!

Join us for OPEN SEW during our open hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm) every WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY!! Relax with your friends and/or make new friends! Start those. new projects or finish those UFO's.

NOTE: Please see club rules listed above.

### Senior Quilters (60+ yrs)

First Monday of the month – Receive double punches for your purchase of regularly priced merchandise!!



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10 OPEN!	11	12	13 Open Sew ~BS Club	14 ~Thimble Thurs	Open Sew	ned bag Saturday
	~ Happy 10th Anniversary Event ~					
17 OPEN!	18 ~Half Square Triangle Class 5;30-8	19 ~ OPEN SEW TUES 10-4	20 Open Sew	21 ~Thimble Thurs	22 Open Sew	23
24 OPEN! -Infinity Scarf Class 1-3 OPEN! 31	25	26	27 Open Sew	28 ~Thimble Thurs	29 Open Sew	30 Happy Halloween

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7 OPEN! ~Cuddle Throw Class 1-3	8 Jelly Roll Rug Class 1 Of 2 5-8:00	9	Open Sew -Beginning Quilting 2 of 4 5:30-8	11 ~Thimble Thurs	12 Open Sew	13  Tucker  Corner Pops Ruler
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