

Newsletter
March 2010-May2010

Here we are again, newsletter time! That can only mean one thing, SPRING!!! Well, at least on the calendar. What an easy winter though, I sure enjoyed it! Lots of fun news ahead so take a few minutes and sit down with the newsletter to see what's ahead!

Marvyl Wilson is back. After a crazy year of moving and designing her new home, Marvyl is ready to teach another great basket class. Hooray! We have missed all you basket weavers and look forward to seeing your latest creations. Check the schedule for dates and times

Shop the Top Hop

Can you believe it's here again? April 30 - May 8 Get your driver and quilting companions lined up. 10 shops will be waiting to show you all there new fabrics and great ideas. This year each shop is giving away a free pattern using "charm squares". So for every shop you visit and get your passport stamped you will get a goodie bag, a free pattern and a chance to win a big gift basket. If you visit all 10 shops you might win the big prize of a \$50 gift certificate or a \$25 gift certificate back to each of the 10 shops.

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Spring Design Day

Okay, we are on the down side of winter now, lets think about sprucing things up around the house before all the summer company arrives. HGTV is coming to the quilt house. Well, not really, but the Portage Quilt House is teaming up with some of our friends to bring you a "day of design". Interior Designer, Julie Axford - Waara will be available to answer all the questions you might have. She will be doing a presentation on choosing the right colors for your space. Judy and Julie attended a "Color Trends" design seminar in Wisconsin this winter to catch up on all the hot new colors in home décor. We will be displaying these in the form of design boards around the shop pulling in the colors through fabric, paint and accessories. Judy will demo how to make perfect throw pillows. Sherwin Williams will have a display of all the hot new colors and some great faux painting techniques that look amazing! (Who knew paint could look like granite?) Ronda Bogan will add some of her floral arrangements to the mix so if you need a new accessory or just inspiration come down for this fun event. Bring photos of areas in your home you would like to change and Julie will help you re-design on a budget!

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Classes

As I was teaching a class with only one student this winter it occurred to me that she was really getting a great deal by taking that class. I spent 5 hours with her getting her sewing away on her quilt. She had my individual attention and after demonstrating how to cut properly I cut the rest of her quilt out for her while she continued to sew. I just wanted to stress that during rough economic times classes may seem like an extravagance you can do without, but what better way to get to those projects you have been sitting there waiting for you? We can't always teach classes with only one student, but during the slower months make sure you ask. We are happy to keep the Keweenaw quilting whenever we can!

Monday, March 1, 10:30am – 3pm, Fast & Furious Runner and/or Placemats, with Judy \$15

This comes from a great book of “quilt as you go” projects called “Fast & Furious.” I made a table runner and placemats in no time at all. You may try either one or both if you like. The runner is made with charm squares and really is a cute little design. I found it is small enough to use in a variety of places, even on the back of your toilet!

Tuesday, March 2, 10:30am – 4pm, Country Charm Table runner, with Joanne, \$20

If you would like to get a project done in a very short amount of time, a table runner is a great way to go. Joanne made her sample with a charm pack and border fabric. You should finish this one in class!

Wednesday, March 3, 10:30am – 3pm, Disappearing 9 Patch, with Judy \$15

This is the quilt we used as our first Stashblaster project. If you have lots of scraps you would like to get out of your life in a very short amount of time come check this out! All you need are squares of the same size. Makes a great charity quilt or a gift for graduation.

Thursday, March 4, 10:30am – 4:30pm, Turnabout Childs Jacket, with Joanne \$25

This cute little jacket is just the perfect weight for spring weather. Let Joanne take the mystery out of making clothing in this fun class.

Friday, March 5, 10:30am - 4pm, Sheep in the Meadow, with Judy \$20

This quilt makes a fun lap quilt or a wallhanging. I used more primitive colors to give the quilt a country look, but I think it would make a fantastic baby quilt in pastels or brights. Piece these little sheep and tree blocks and finish them off with a little appliqué too.

Saturday, March 13, 10 – 10:30am, STASHBLASTERS 2, with Judy \$5

Come see the next installment of “what to do with your stash! “ Your time will include a quick demo, a sample of the next quilt and a free pattern to make the quilt we show. Hope to see you there. **Please call ahead** so we have enough patterns available.

Monday, March 8, 10:30am – 4pm, Beginner Quilting, with Joanne \$40

This is a 3 part class designed for someone who would like all the basic info to get started in making quilts. Joanne will take you from fabric selection all the way through putting on the binding. Additional classes will be scheduled after your first session.

Tuesday, March 9, 10:30am-3pm, Happy Easter Wallhanging, with Judy \$15

This cute little hanging combines a little bit of piecing with wool applique and hand embroidery. Let me show you some really fun tricks I dreamed up to save you lots of hand work and give you the same great looking results.

Thursday, March 11 10:30am – 4pm, Happy Holidays Table Topper with Joanne, \$20

I know we hate to even think about the holidays, but it's just the name of the pattern. Joanne made up 2 of the 3 sizes of this hexagonal table topper in wonderful spring fabrics so you don't even have to think holiday. Use a 60 degree ruler to get this fabulous result.

Friday, March 12, 10:30am – 4pm, Strip Quilt with Joanne, \$25

It's back.... We have had some requests to do our “quilt as you go” super easy strip quilt again. Here it is. Use any wonderful backing that you like to create a lap or baby size strip quilt. Use flannel or cotton. This quilt is a great snuggler that you can get done in a few hours.

Monday, March 15, 10:30am – 3pm, Machine Applique with Judy, \$15

If you like the look of appliqué, but don't have or want to take the time to do it all by hand, this class is for you. Let Judy show you how to use your machine to get the same effect in much less time. Your machine must be able to do a blanket stitch to take this class. If it doesn't you may borrow one of ours.

Tuesday, March 16, 10:30am – 4pm, Strip Quilt with Joanne \$25

Wednesday, March 17, 10:30am – 3pm, Happy Easter Wallhanging, with Judy \$15

Thursday, March 18, 10am – Noon, Janome 6500/6600 Club, with Lil \$12.50

Learn more exciting techniques your machine can do. This month's focus will be decorative stitches to create an embroidered block.

Friday, March 19, 6:30pm GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, March 20, Spring Design Day, 10:30am throughout the day 3pm

Demos available upon request. Bring in photos of any space in your home you might like advice on changing. Free of charge.

Monday, March 22, 10:30am – 4pm, One Block Wonder with Joanne, \$20

A new twist on an old block. Take a pinwheel block and create this fantastic quilt in the way you square it up. Let Joanne show you how to use Linda Kopish ruler or do it without. Great fat quarter quilt.

Tuesday, March 23, 10:30am – 4pm, Totally Trendy Tote with Judy \$20

This pattern comes in 3 sizes. Our sample is made in the large with the intent of keeping it as a diaper bag, well it will fit everything for the baby and quite possibly the baby too! This is a great pattern for using border fabrics if you don't know what to do with them.

Wednesday, March 24, 10:30am – 4pm, Maisy with Joanne, \$20

Maisy is here. The cute little mouse from TV and children's books. This quilt is so bright and happy. It is designed with book like pages that open and close on the quilt with Velcro. What little one wouldn't love this quilt?

Thursday, March 25, 10:30am – 3pm, Disappearing 9 Patch with Judy, \$15

Friday, March 26, 10:30am – 12:30pm, Pillowcase Party with Joanne, \$5

Need a gift or lots of gift that you would like to make yourself? It doesn't get any easier than our 3 fabric pillowcase. Customize the fabrics with the person you are making it for and you will have a great gift in about an hour. Joanne will show you all the tricks. Great first sewing project.

Saturday, March 26, 9am - ?, Trellis Basket with Marvyl, \$35 includes kit

This is an actual basket weaving class, not a quilt. Marvyl Wilson is an incredible weaver. She will help you finish all in one class.

Monday, March 29, 10:30am – 3, Happy Easter Wallhanging with Judy,

Tuesday, March 30, 10:30am 4:30pm, Strips & Stripes Batik Beauty with Joanne, \$25

If you love Batiks this is a beautiful way to showcase them. Of course this quilt can be made with any fabrics, but make sure you check out Joanne's sample!

Wednesday, March 31, 9am - ?, Trellis Basket with Marvyl, \$35 includes kit

A pretty round basket with round, wooden base, decorative lashing around center and a pair of oak side handles.

APRIL

Tuesday, April 6, 10:30am – 3pm, Baby Doll Dress with Judy, \$35

Wednesday, April 7, 10:30am – 3pm, Hand Quilting with Joanne, \$25 includes kit

Learn how to quilt your own quilts with a simple needle, thread, thimble and hoop. Joanne will show you all her best tips and tricks.

Ashwaubenon Quilt Show, April 10 – 11

Wednesday, April 14, 10:30am – 4pm, Beginner Paper Piecing with Joanne, \$25

Foundation piecing and paper piecing basically the same thing, but the best method for getting accuracy! Have you ever wondered how those itty bitty miniature quilts are made? Well, if it weren't for paper piecing I doubt you would ever see one. Joanne will show you how this simple technique of sewing on the lines will give you perfectly sharp points on every star. Make enough blocks to complete a table runner, wall hanging or just make pot holders out of your blocks. It's a great method for using up scraps.

Thursday, April 15, 10am – noon, Janome 6500/6600 Club with Lil \$12.50

This month's focus will be on elongation. Stretching out your stitches for beautiful results.

Friday, April 16, 10:30am – 3pm, Fast & Furious Runner and/or placemats with Judy \$15

Saturday, April 17, 10:30am – 3pm, Beginner Quilting with Joanne, \$40

Monday, April 19, 10:30am – 1pm, Slipcovers for sofa pillows with Judy, \$10

Do you ever get sick of the same drab pillows in your house? This is a quick and simple way to breathe new life into your space. A little fabric and some batting go a long with this technique.

Tuesday, April 20, 10:30am – 4pm, Happy Holidays Table Topper with Joanne \$20

Thursday, April 22, 6:30pm, GIRLS NIGHT OUT Don't forget your show and tell!!!

Friday, April 23, 10:30am – 4pm, Country Charm Table Runner with Joanne \$20

Saturday, April 24, 10:30am – 4pm, Totally Trendy Tote with Judy \$20

Monday, April 26, 10:30am – 4pm, Slide Show with Joanne, \$20

This quilt can be made in any size and it's fat quarter friendly. It looks fantastic in any fabrics. It is a great way to contain crazy busy fabrics too if you don't like all that chaos! Advanced Beginner level project.

Tuesday, April 27, 10:30am – 3pm, Baby Doll Dress with Judy, \$15

Wednesday, April 28, 10:30am-4:30pm, Strips & Stripes Batik Beauty with Joanne, \$25

Thursday, April 29, 10:30am – 3pm, Fast & Furious Runner/Placemats with Judy \$15

Friday, April 30, 10:30am – 4pm, Happy Holidays Table Topper with Joanne, \$20

MAY

Monday, May 10, 10:30am – 4pm Sheep In The Meadow with Judy, \$20

Tuesday, May 11, 10:30am – 4pm, Country Charm Table Runner with Joanne, \$20

Wednesday, May 12, 10:30am – 3pm, Shop Hop Welcome Banner with Judy, \$15

If you went on the shop hop and got our free pattern we gave out you may want to take this class. Our little project using charm squares is a welcome banner to hang inside or out, but we recommend out of the sun. Learn basic piecing, appliqué and prairie points.

Thursday, May 13, 10:30am – 4pm, 4 Corners Apron with Joanne, \$20

This fun apron can be made in adult sizes or for kids. What a great idea for Father's Day. We just got in a cute fabric with beer mugs that might fit that occasion just right. Let Joanne show you how simple this pattern really is.

Friday, May 14, 10:30am-3pm, Side Pocket Purse with Joan, \$15

A few fat quarters, some fusible fleece and a piece of plexiglass (optional) is all you need to make this great looking purse with built in side pockets. See the sample at the shop!

Saturday, May 15, 10 – 10:30am, STASHBLASTERS 3

Monday, May 17, 10:30am – 3pm, Baby Doll Dress with Judy, \$15

Girls sundress sizes 3-5 or 6-8. A cute new pattern from Maw-Bell Designs.

Thursday, May 20, 10am-Noon 6500/6600 Club with Lil, \$12.50

May 19 – 23 Judy and Joanne are off to Quilt Market!!!!

Wednesday, May 26, 6:30pm, GIRLS NIGHT OUT, Quilt Market Review.

Saturday, May 29, 10:30 – 3pm, Disappearing 9 Patch with Judy, \$15

Stashblasters

We had a huge crowd at the first Stashblasters event. If you missed it the next one will be in March, Saturday the 6th. We will take a half hour before the shop opens and show you a technique or block designed to blast through all that stash fabric you have been saving and just can't seem to get rid of! If you were at the last one and made a quilt, make sure you bring it for show and tell. We would love to see that stash move. We are also planning another event for May 15 from 10am – 10:30am \$5 gets you the lesson and a free pattern, not too mention a great cup of coffee if you need one!

Quilt Shows.


Ashwaubenon, Wi (Green Bay) at the Ashwaubenon High School, April 10th, 10am-5pm CST and Sunday, April 11th, 10am-4pm CST.

Girls Night Out

Our first scheduled GNO will be Friday night, March 19, 6:30pm. Julie Waara will be here to give you a taste of what is to come on Design Day March 20. Judy and Joanne will introduce any new samples and of course, we will have something on sale.

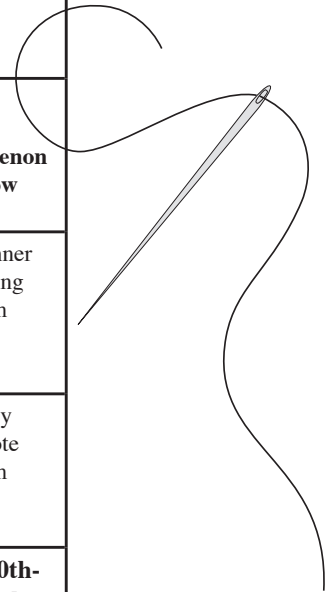
Other GNO dates are Thursday, April 22, 6:30pm and our favorite GNO of the year, Wednesday, May 22, 6:30pm for our "Quilt Market Review"! You won't want to miss that one. The market is in Minneapolis so we won't have the restrictions we normally do flying to market. We might really have to rent a van to bring it all back!

March 2010

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	1. Fast & Furious Runner 10:30-3pm \$15	2. Country Charm Table Runner 10:30-4pm \$20	3. Disappearing 9 Patch 10:30-3pm \$15	4. Turnabout Child's Jacket 10:30-4:30pm \$25	5. Sheep in the Meadow 10:30-4pm \$20	6.
7.	8. Beginner Quiltmaking 10:30-4pm \$40	9. Happy Easter Wall-hanging 10:30-3pm \$15	10. Pin Day	11. Happy Holidays Table Runner 10:30-4pm \$20	12. Strip Quilt 10:30-4pm \$25	13.
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21.	22. One Block Wonder 10:30-4pm \$20	23. Totally Trendy Tote 10:30-4pm \$20	24. Maisy 10:30-4pm \$20	25. Disappearing 9 Patch 10:30-3pm \$15	26. Pillowcase Party 10:30-12:30pm \$5	27. Trellis Basket 9am-?? \$35 inc. kit
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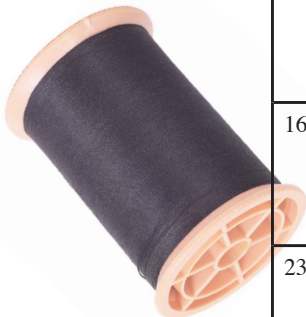
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May 2010

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9.	10. Sheep In The Meadow 10:30-4pm \$20	11. Country Charm Table Runner 10:30-4pm \$20	12. Shop Hop Welcome Banner 10:30-3pm \$15	13. 4 Corners Apron 10:30-4pm \$20	14.	15. Stashblasters 10-10:30am \$5
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Strawberry Festival Quilt Show

The Portage Quilt House and The Portage Quilters are once again proud to sponsor the Strawberry Festival Quilt Show with proceeds to benefit the Copper Country Humane Society. In the past four years this Quilt Show has raised over \$10,000 to help the animals cared for at the shelter. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has generously donated their building for displaying the quilts. It is amazing to see the variety and talent displayed by our local quilters.

The show won't be possible without your help! If you like to quilt, or if you have family heirloom quilts that you could show, please enter them in the 2010 show! It's so much fun to read the history, and reasons why quilts were made.

The dates are July 9th from 10:00-6:00pm and July 10th from 11:00-4:00pm. The church fellowship hall is air conditioned and the lighting is wonderful for viewing the quilts. The ladies of the church provide coffee and goodies and a place to sit and chat with family and friends.

The Portage Quilt House has also generously provided a beautiful batik king sized quilt for a raffle. It will be displayed at the Quilt House and at the Hilltop Restaurant between now and the show. Tickets are \$1.00 and all proceeds go to help the animals. You will want to buy many tickets as it is a beauty!

Attached below is the entry form for quilts with all of the necessary information for you to enter your quilt. The form must be returned to the Quilt House by June 4th so that we know how many quilts are entered. Please take note of this deadline.

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Chassell Quilt Show

Quilt Show to benefit the COPPER COUNTRY HUMANE SOCIETY

SHOW HOURS

Friday July 9 10 - 6 p.m. Saturday July 10 11- 4 p.m.th th

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – U.S. 41 Chassell

****ENTRY FORMS DUE: JUNE 4, 2010 - No Exceptions!!!**

RETURN OR MAIL ENTRY FORM TO: Portage Quilt House (Quilt Show)
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Drop off quilts from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Thursday July 8 at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chassell. Please make other arrangements, if necessary. All Quilts MUST BE PICKED UP on SATURDAY, JULY 10 from 4:45 P.M. - 5:15 P.M. AT THE CHURCH. NO EXCEPTIONS unless prior arrangements have been made!!

ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: Quilts must be clean and finished. Limit 3 items per person.

Entry forms due by June 4th

YOU MUST PRINT:

Owner: _____ Phone No. _____

Name of quilt: _____

Quilted by: _____ Machine _____ Hand _____

Check one (1) box only for the size of your project.

(A) 0 - 20" _____ (D) 60" - 79" _____ (G) 120" + _____

(B) 20" - 39" _____ (E) 80" - 99" _____ (H) Miscellaneous _____

(C) 40" - 59" _____ (F) 100" - 119" _____ (I) Challenge _____

Quilt History in 30 words or less. **YOU MUST PRINT!!!**

Please give credit to pattern, designer, magazine, book or yourself, if original design.
