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Spring 2009 Newsletter

It must be spring in Michigan – the crocuses have come and gone and a snowfall came in overnight. We just got all the leaves cleaned up from the winter. I don't know where they keep coming from. They make great garden mulch, tho!

This year I'm taking time from my busy schedule to seriously "try" to raise some veggies in my postage stamp yard. It will look cluttered for a while but, maybe I'll have some veggies to share.

I want to try asparagus, horseradish and rhubarb. 'Course, I have to find horseradish and rhubarb root and then I'll need lots of patience as these plants take lots of time to mature and reproduce. Think these will go in the flower bed.

I saw a picture of a tomato plant growing upside down through the bottom of the container it was planted in. I'm going to try this idea.

I love fresh green beans and new potatoes. Found a way to grow potatoes above ground. Hope all these ideas work. Think of all the time I can spend quilting instead of grocery shopping.

'Course, herbs are fun and easy to grow. I always have some to share. Never have enough variety of perennials.

Talking about growing things, the mystery quilt is growing monthly. The mystery quilt "Class" seems to be a restful respite for the participants. They are doing great completing each step. Some are making 2 quilts! Wow! We will have a celebration class reunion in June with show and tell of their quilt tops or maybe even a finished quilt along with dinner. Dinner, of course.

I'm still offering Beginning Quilting classes for new quilters or for seasoned quilters needing a few reminders how to.

Appliqué Class 102. For those who took Appliqué 101 or with good basic appliqué skills. April 18th, 19th, 25th or 26th. 2 hour class. Call me if you'd be interested in this class.

Convertible Tote Class still available if you want or if you bought the pattern and are having bad luck. Give me a call and we'll schedule for you.

Jacket Class. Our teacher has had family medical problems so we moved the prospects of a reversible jacket class to August.

Tatting Class. I'm hoping to have some samples of what you can learn in our needle tatting class. This is really a dying art or maybe I just don't meet many tatters. If you tat, please let me know. If you want to learn, please let me know.

Braided Table Runner Class. Call to schedule.

Cathedral Window – need a boost? Class available. Lots of variable patterns for Cathedral Window.

Attic Window Class is available. See sample in the shop.

Basket Crazy Class. We are taking names for the Basket Crazy Class. Please let me know if you'd be interested.

Celtic Quilting Class.

Will offer a class in any process that you want to learn. Let me know. Do you need help with different kinds of border treatments? A class can be scheduled.

*See note about classes.

If you want to teach any process, please bring your samples in along with your calendar and we will get some classes scheduled.

Are there quilters out there who would love to try their hand at teaching, but are afraid to try or don't think you know enough or that your skills are not up to speed? Gather your courage, bring some samples and stop by and visit. I have been encouraging quilters to develop their teaching skills. You may become famous or just more confident.

As always I continue to special order notions, books or patterns. You don't need to buy the entire bolt of a special ordered fabric. I may want some.

*Note about Classes – when you register for a class, you will be expected to pay your class fee at that time to reserve your spot. Many teachers travel a distance and it's uncomfortable for me, the shopkeeper, to not have students show up. Refunds are possible. Please ask for details when you register as to refunds.

Remember, we welcome groups of 10 or more for your personal shop hop. Please contact me for details. We have fun!

New Fabrics: Bunnies Day Out; Autumn Frost; Male and Female Asian Prints. Paper Doll fabric will be coming in again.

Please have a blessed Easter. Give your loved ones a hug. Hope to see you soon.

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