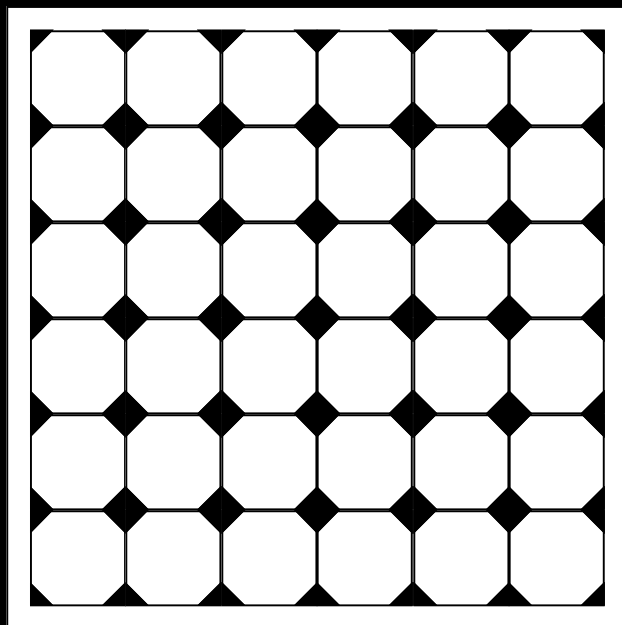


PIECEFUL HEART FABRICS



Winter 2010

Jan.-Apr.

Year's End Clean Sweep Sale

Sat. Dec.26 - Thurs. Dec. 31

Time to clean out the shop for inventory and make way for the OODLES of new goodies that will arrive in January! Shop your heart out before your new year's resolution kicks in! (You know, that one about finishing things before you buy more...)

Selected Close-Out Fabrics \$2-\$5 per yard, one yard minimum cut.

Selected Books, 50% Off • Selected Kits, 20% Off • Selected Patterns \$3 each

Fat Quarters, 10 for \$20, minimum 10, thereafter \$2 each. Thousands available!

Baby Bolts, 20% off first, 25% off two or more

1lb Scrap Bundles, \$5 each (reg. \$9.95)

American Beauty BOM Sign-up!

Sign up now for our new Block-of-the-Month! This "American Beauty" quilt is gorgeous.

- We have a sample completed for you to see, so come on in! For the first time we are offering a choice of two quilts that appear to be in two different colors, but all the blocks are exactly the same, using the same fabrics. Only the borders and setting triangles change, offering you either a striking Black quilt or a soft romantic White quilt. These twelve blocks look difficult but are made simple by Marti Michell's unique instructions and tools. This provides the beginner quilter with an exciting, successful, learning experience, but will also satisfy and hold the interest of a practiced piecer. More details available in the shop. We are offering an optional Start-up class (see Confident Beginner section) for those who desire live instruction, but your BOM can be done on your own time table. Later in the year, there will be another mini class for those who want assistance with the sashing stars. We will also take special orders for additional fabric in case anyone wants to make curtains, dust ruffles, pillow shams and more. Block One will be available in January, so sign up now!

Come to a trunk show! Two special shows this season. See page 17.

Western Suburban Shop Hop - Mardi Gras Party!

Thurs. Feb. 25-Sun. Feb. 28

- Visit 8 great quilt shops, each hosting a "Mardi Gras Party." If you wear a Mardi Gras Mask or Beads to a shop during the hop, you will receive a coupon from that shop for use at a future visit. When you visit all 8 shops you'll have a chance to win the Grand Prize of 200 Fat Quarters, or one of 8 1st Prizes of \$250 gift baskets. 2nd Prizes (16 in all) are \$25 Gift Certificates. PLUS, get a FREE Block Pattern at each shop! Collect all 8 to make your own sampler quilt! Pick up a free passport at any of the shops participating: Pieceful Heart Fabrics, Lisle; Prairie Shop Quilts, Batavia; Prairie Stitches, Oswego; quiltfabric.com, Willowbrook; Roberts Sewing Center, Joliet; Stitches 'N Stuffing, Naperville; The Quilt Basket, Downers Grove; Thimbles, Lockport. Show us your Beads!



Dear Pieceful Heart Friends:

It's a new year, with new beginnings...lots of options and possibilities swirl around in our heads during this time of self-imposed hibernation. It's high quilting season once again and I welcome you to it.

Sometimes, especially right after the holidays and also after any large project, I walk into my sewing room and it's such a mess that I feel a bit overwhelmed...I don't know where things are, I can't find that stack of fabric that I had chosen for the next project, and I'm disgusted with myself. Has that ever happened to you? I have found someone who has come up with many ingenious solutions to head off that scenario entirely.

I love organization, and though you can't tell that from looking at my office, I find that whenever I can set up simple systems that really work to manage the 'stuff' it takes to get something done, it makes my heart sing.

It is with the anticipation of that song in my heart that I invite you to come to "Get Your Stash Together" here at PHF on January 9th. If you take even one of the ideas and implement it, I think you'll see a positive difference in your sewing/quilting life

Also within the pages of this newsletter are many more opportunities to join with kindred spirits to expand your skills and knowledge as well as to be of service to others. There are lots of ways to be in contact with people these days, but none better than real live, face-to-face, in the flesh, sitting down and stitching together. So we invite you to consider some of the options we offer for clubs, bees, meetings, and classes.

Even as we go to press with this newsletter, our teachers and staff are working on what we'll be offering to you this Spring and beyond. When new trends, fabrics, notions, patterns, books and techniques show up there are literally dozens of us here experimenting, testing, practicing, reading and making the various projects that find their way to these pages. We think there's something here for everyone! And we feel that you won't find anything better anywhere. Period.

We remain committed to our service work, and invite you to join us at the various opportunities we offer to do service projects. Most are listed in the "Special Events" section. There are lots of good things going on here!

So, gather up your hot cocoa, a lap quilt and this booklet, and peruse to your heart's content. Then come in to see the real live samples of these terrific classes, which are all hanging in the classroom. We'd love to have you join us on this journey of piecing bits together to make hearts (and toes) warm. Here's to a bright new year, filled with warmth, love, time to do the things we love, and time to spend with the people we love.

Piecefully yours, Gina, Nancy, Dottye, Joanne, Debbie, Loraine, Celeste, Kelly, Lenore, Meg, Ann, BethAnne, Mary Jo, Emily, Monica, Linda and our fantastic teachers.

P.S. My son Taylor's wedding took place on October 10th, it was a beautiful and very happy occasion. My younger son, Tom, who's in the Army, got to come home for it just days before he deployed to Iraq, where he is currently serving. Thanks to all for the well wishes, I really appreciate it.

"Creating quilts and friendships, piece by piece"



CLASSES



Kids' Classes

Start your child or grandchild on the wonderful path of quiltmaking. They're never too young to begin acquiring quilting skills and gaining confidence in this rewarding pastime.

Give It A Try

Connie Pomeroy

See "Beginner" section for information on this FREE class. Okay for ages 12+.

Quilter & Child--Poster Quilt

Catherine Redford

Pass on your love of quilting to a special child in your life as you enjoy a fun afternoon together making this fused wall hanging. With the gentle guidance of Miss Catherine you will go home with a fun, seasonal quilt to be proud of. (Child should be at least 7 years old to ensure success with this project).

Sun. Feb. 7

\$31/couple

12:30-3:30pm

Quilter & Child—Tote Bag

Catherine Redford

Help the child in your life choose from the delicious range of fabrics available and start sewing together under the watchful eye of "Miss Catherine". Come with pre-cut pieces and spend the afternoon making a fun and useful tote to be proud of. The original pattern for this project will be provided during the class. Child should be at least 7 years old to ensure success with this project.

Sat. Mar. 27

\$31/couple

10am-1pm

ALL Levels

These classes are appropriate for all levels, beginner through advanced. Expand your horizons and your skills!

Aunt Philly's Toothbrush Rugs

Bobbie Butler

Join us to learn how to make these super easy and fast oval or circular "braided" rugs. Cotton fabric is used throughout. You can make them totally scrappy or plan your design with coordinated fabrics. The rugs are machine washable and dryable. This is a wonderful TV project!

Sat. Feb. 20

\$33

9:30am-1:30pm

Bag Ladies Club

Meg Forster & Debbie Moarn

Purses and totes of all shapes and sizes can be seen everywhere you look. Join us on the 3rd Friday of each month (Jan – April) to learn tips and tricks covering lots of inside information for making any bag from the tiniest coin purse to the largest tote. You will learn what you need to know to pick and make the pattern of your choice into a bag that expresses your individuality.

Fri. Jan. 29, Feb. 19, Mar. 19, Apr. 16

\$32

6:30-7:30pm

Beading Basics and Beyond**Catherine Redford**

Take one packet of Bead Soup and add pizzazz to your quilts! This class will include the techniques that form the basics of beading on fabric, including straight and curved line beading, lazy stitch, scatter stitches and then several beaded edge treatments, dangles and fringes. Take your quilts and clothing to the next level!

Fri. Apr. 9**\$25****10am-1pm****Beginning Hand Appliqué****Debby Obriecht**

Learn the basics of needle turn hand appliqué. In this class you will work on a simple wall hanging. You'll learn curves, points, stems and circles done the invisible stitch way. You're going to love the world of creativity and portability this technique offers.

Sun. Apr. 18, (skip 25th) May 2**\$33****1-3pm****Club EQ6****Cj Spensley**

Your laptop computer can become an incredible quilt design tool with "Electric Quilt6"(EQ6) software and a little practice and coaching. Learn to use this fabulous program in a fun, friendly atmosphere. Each month we'll have a lesson on a specific skill, investigate new ideas, and share our work during "show and tell." After a short break you'll be given a homework assignment, along with some play time to begin it and ask questions. No sewing machine needed for this class, but you will need a laptop with the software installed (USB mouse required), or if necessary 2 friends can share one computer. Please note, EQ6 (available at PHF) is a PC program and is not available for Macs. Previous members of Club EQ6 will continue to learn new skills here. New members are welcome, but must take Intro to EQ before attending Club.

Fri. Jan. 15, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9**\$49****7-9pm****Color For Quilters Workshop****Connie Pomeroy**

Take the mystery out of using color in your quilts. Create a fabric color wheel with today's colors; learn about harmony, contrast, adding dimension, using proportion and scale, and more. You will develop your own color style and learn to recognize it. This is a cut and paste class. No sewing required. Bring your lunch or plan to order out.

Fri. Jan. 29**\$45****9:30am-2:30pm****Cotton Strip Rugs****Bobbie Butler**

Besides being a terrific way to bulldoze through your stash of fabrics you wonder why you ever bought, these great "rag" rugs are colorful and work well in many different rooms and decors. No two are ever alike, and Bobbie will get you started on your very own version. Yes! This is the technique you saw demonstrated at Salt Creek Quilt Guild's Quilt Show! It's a great project to take -along or work on in front of TV, too!

Thurs. Feb. 25, (skip Mar. 4) Mar. 11**\$33****6-8pm**

Fabric Origami Ribbon Box**Catherine Redford**

Take your chosen fabric, stiffen it with fabric stiffener and follow Catherine's folding instructions to make this traditional origami-style box. The box would be a treasured gift in it's own right, or make a special gift even more wonderful when you have a handmade box to put it in!

Thurs. Feb. 11**\$25****6-9pm****Fuse Like McKenna****Catherine Redford**

Whether you are a seasoned fusing fan or completely new to fusible appliqué join in the fun as you put together your choice of McKenna Ryan's amazing range of pictorial quilts. Learn simple tricks to stay organized and quickly finish your project. Kits are available at PHF for many of her beautiful wall quilts or choose from a different series and put together your own fabrics. Bring a lunch or plan to order out.

Sat. Feb. 13**\$41****10am-3pm****Get Your Stash Together****Carol Wilhoit**

Is your fabric stash so overwhelming that you can't find the piece you want? Recently you bought a wonderful new tool...can you remember where you put it? You know you have a book on machine quilting, but can't recall the exact title. Would you be able to retrieve it from your bookshelf? You're ready to start quilting your pieced top – do you know where that perfect spool of variegated thread is that you know you have? If you can relate to any of these questions, you'll want to start the new year with some great (and practical) ideas on how to organize and store your fabric, tools, thread, books, patterns and magazines so that they are readily accessible. Knowing how to approach the task of organization is a major leap towards getting it done! Carol will show you how to fold and store your fabric so that it's easy to view and locate, she'll cover labeling tips, give you ideas on shelves, cabinets, racks, drawers and boxes, and include how to use your computer as a tool. She'll even give you some ideas for actually using your stash. You may want to bring some fabric (a 1-2 yard long piece and a quarter yard or fat quarter) so that you can take home samples of folded fabric. Door prizes and special discounts will be given to attendees.

Sat. Jan. 9**\$10****10am-12n****Hand Quilting****Debby Obriecht**

Turn back the hands of time and learn the art of hand quilting while making a mini wholecloth quilt. We will cover how to choose a thimble, what needles to use, marking the design, and "the stitch." Kit required (\$15--pick up on your class day).

Sun. Jan. 17**\$21****1-3:30pm**

Intro to EQ6**Cj Spensley**

Join us for a fun evening of learning computer skills to improve your quiltmaking. We'll cover the basics of using this incredible quilt design tool as we learn to draw blocks, create and color a quilt, choose fabrics and work with print options. This one-time session will give you the basics for using the program, and is also the prerequisite for participation in our monthly "Club EQ6."

Fri. Jan. 8**\$17****7-9pm****It's A Wrap!****Catherine Redford**

Beautiful coil pots without a potter's wheel, these great pots are made from fabric and cord on your sewing machine! We'll start with the basic technique and then the only problem will be which project to choose. Finishing ideas and more advanced techniques will also be covered. Bring a lunch or order out.

Sat. Jan. 2**\$41****10am-3pm*****Beginners***

No experience necessary. You will need to bring a machine that you are comfortable operating, along with your other supplies.

Basic Quiltmaking Techniques**Cj Spensley**

For those just beginning as well as anyone who wants to fill in the gaps or refine certain skills, this is the class you've been waiting for! It's an 11-week comprehensive course covering all the basics from start to finish. You'll learn a new technique and construct a new block each week, plus learn how to apply what you've learned by combining the "building blocks" to create additional blocks at home. You will create your own custom-designed sampler quilt by combining your blocks in your own style. No quilting or sewing experience is necessary, but you must be familiar with the operation of your sewing machine.

A. Tues. Jan. 12,19,26, Feb. 2,9,16,23, Mar. 2,9,16,23 \$177 7-9pm

B. Wed. Jan. 13,20,27, Feb. 3,10,17,24, Mar. 3,10,17,24 \$177 9:30-11:30am

C. Tues. Apr. 13,20,27, May 4,11,18,25, Jun. 1,8,15,22 \$177 7-9pm

D. Wed. Apr. 14,21,28, May 5,12,19,26, Jun. 2,9,16,23 \$177 9:30-11:30am

Give It A Try—FREE Classes for Beginners**Connie Pomeroy**

No need to spend a lot of money initially to learn how to quilt! We're here to help! If you know someone (maybe even yourself) who has toyed with the idea of making a quilt but didn't want to make the investment required on tools and equipment before knowing whether they could have success and enjoyment, read on. We will supply the instruction and tools and classroom machines necessary for making an easy lap-sized quilt. During Class 1 we'll cover rotary cutting and basic piecing. In Class 2 we'll continue piecing and practice assembly techniques for the quilt top. In Class 3 we'll layer, stitch and tie the quilt! Voila! A free introduction to quilting for new quilters. Quilt kits will be

Bag Ladies Break-Out**Meg Forster & Debbie Moarn**

If you've been coming to our Bag Ladies Club and want to SEW one of the two pre-selected bags, here's your chance! Space is limited and you know those Bag Lady Leaders are loads of fun, so sign up quickly so you don't miss out!

Sat. Apr. 3**\$33****10am-2pm****Betsy's Closet****Sue Pawlowski**

Rediscover the joy of paper dolls in fabric! With fusible appliqué and some simple hand embellishments we will create 9 sweet outfits to complete this must-have quilt. The first class will be spent getting organized and creating the outfit blocks. During the second class we will work on putting the blocks together and cover finishing techniques that will make your quilt a success!

Wed. Jan. 6, (skip 13th) 20**\$49****6-9pm****Beyond Basic Binding****Connie Pomeroy**

If you've mastered the basics of binding and are ready to conquer some more advanced techniques, we have the class for you! In this class we will explore fusible binding, two fabric reversible binding, flanges and piping. We will sew samples that include rick rack and lace, and also will try a variety of prairie points. Come join us and learn some great new techniques for finishing the edges of your next quilt.

Fri. Mar. 5**\$25****9:30am-12:30pm****Binding Basics****Connie Pomeroy**

The quilting is done, now how do you finish the edges? Join us as we explore the basic techniques of applying quilt binding using either straight grain or bias strips. Learn the easy way to create continuous binding and how to miter your corners. Also explored will be a crisp tailored strip tucked in under the binding. You will leave eager to bind your quilts!

Sun. Jan. 3**\$25****12:30-3:30pm****Club Jane****Cj Spensley**

More than just a quilt, this incredible sampler is a quilting journey. Based on Jane A. Stickle's 1863 quilt, Dear Jane, it has a large following in today's quilting world and is a fabulous treasure chest of block designs and quiltmaking techniques. Whether you're just starting out or have a few blocks finished, you'll enjoy the camaraderie of other "Janiacs" as we learn new techniques, celebrate milestones, and challenge each other to expand our quilting horizons. Meets once a month, registration by trimester, on-going.

Fri. Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 26, Apr. 23**\$65/ 4 classes****7-9pm****Collector's Quilt****Schley Brandt**

Quilters are famous for their favorite fabric collections. We all have at least one just waiting to come out of hiding. If you have stacks of Asian prints, or African prints, or 1930's or Civil War era reproductions, or kids colorful prints or food fabric, or Valentine/Christmas/Halloween prints etc. you can put them

to use! Learn to machine appliqué invisibly AND create a one of a kind quilt which features your treasured collection. Circles are easy shapes to appliqué – no clipping required. All you need is a background fabric and a collection (you know who you are!). Let's put your collection to work!

Sat. Feb. 6 **\$41** **9:30am-2:30pm**

Crazy Ladies Meeting

Catherine Redford

Must love textiles/fibers. More than just crazy quilting, join this group of like-minded fiber enthusiasts to combine the arts of quilting, embroidery and embellishment. We'll meet once a month to learn new techniques and work on our own unique pieces inspired by Judith Baker Montano's new book "Fibre Art Montage". There will be an opportunity to shop in PHF's own Crazy Ladies Trim Boutique for original embellishments. Come along for a fun-filled journey in fiber exploration, we're only a wee bit crazy!

Sun. Jan. 31, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, Apr. 25 **\$65** **1-3pm**

Day & Night

Connie Pomeroy

Day and Night is a traditional pattern made much simpler with the use of strip piecing combined with rotary cutting around acrylic templates (included with the book). In addition, the quilt may be made in two or three fabric variations and a wide variety of fabrics. This is a magical, dramatic quilt that would be perfect for lots of occasions. It could be a very masculine quilt or a very contemporary quilt depending on the fabrics you choose. Come join us to create your own Day and Night quilt! Bring a lunch or plan to order out.

Sat. Feb. 27 **\$49** **9:30am-3:30pm**

Fast Trip Around the World

Connie Pomeroy

This is great class for almost any skill level. Choosing between eight and twenty-five fabrics, you will sew a terrific quilt top that can take on a variety of looks. This is the perfect class for color exploration. In the first class you will learn the technique and complete your fabric selection. During the second class you will slice the strip sets and view your quilt on the design wall. In the third class you will choose borders and we will discuss finishing techniques. This is one of Connie's favorite quilts-everyone's quilt is a success!

Thurs. Feb 18, (skip 25th) Mar.4, (skip 11th) 18 **\$61** **6-8:30pm**

Flower Show

Connie Pomeroy

Would you like to play with large floral prints or make roses out of beautiful batiks as an antidote to the long Chicago winter? Using a fusible web product and raw edge appliqué, this quilt is easier to make than you might think. We'll cover the basics of using fusible web and buttonhole appliqué by machine both with and without fancy threads. It'll be summertime before you know it.

Fri. Feb. 19 **\$49** **9:30am-3:30pm**

Flowing Lines Skinny Quilt**Catherine Redford**

Skinny quilt or table runner? Choose something a little bit different to work with: silk dupioni, velveteen, satin...it's up to you, or quilter's cotton is fine too. We'll construct our curves using Elizabeth Rosenberg's improvisational method. As she says, "There's no need for patterns, no need for pins, no need to clip or mark curves, and definitely no need to feel afraid!" Bring a lunch or plan to order out.

Fri. Feb. 5**\$41****10am-3pm****I Spy Quilt****Connie Pomeroy**

This is a marvelous way to show off lots of conversation prints and PHF has an enticing assortment to choose from. You can make this quilt any size you would like from wall size for an office or kitchen, to crib size for a new baby, to lap size for anyone you love and want to keep warm. It's also great done as a bed sized quilt for someone heading off to college. You can feature foods, animals, sports or any activities you choose. The shop sample is done as a game with two hexagons of each fabric featured so older siblings can make it an "I Spy/Concentration" game and find the pairs.

Sat. Mar. 20**\$49****9:30am-3:30pm****Machine Applique-Invisibly!****Connie Pomeroy**

Love the look of applique but not the time required for all that intricate handwork? This class will teach you a simple machine method using freezer paper, glue and invisible thread to attain results that rival perfect hand applique. Never say never! This technique class will include Drunkard's Path and a simple Flower block. You'll love it! Bring a lunch (refrigerator available) or plan to order out.

Fri. Feb. 12**\$41****9:30am-2:30pm****Machine Quilting 1****Catherine Redford**

Let's get started! Lots of quilt tops and no quilts? This class will get you going with the basics of machine quilting. We'll talk about needles, threads, battings and basting. You'll find you can achieve all manner of effects using your walking foot and your imagination. Catherine will have you relaxed and seeing how fast and easy it can be to have finished quilts! Bring a lunch or plan to order out.

Sat. Jan. 30**\$41****10am-3pm****Machine Quilting 2****Catherine Redford**

Squiggles, stippling and swirls... Discover the magic of machine quilting as we move on together to the joys of free motion no mark quilting designs. We will produce a sampler of different designs in this one day class. Bring a sack lunch or plan to order out. Pre-requisite: Machine Quilting 1.

Sat. Mar. 6**\$41****10am-3pm**

New York Beauty**Connie Pomeroy**

The New York Beauty block makes a dramatic quilt. We'll use strip piecing and appliqué to make the paper piecing and curved seams both much more manageable. Choose a couple of your favorite colors, or a color combination you have been eager to try, and gather an assortment of fabrics to make a rich quilt. You may make the quilt in any size you would like. The paper pieced border adds some extra pizzazz!

Mon. Jan. 11, (skip 18th) 25**\$49****6-9pm****Paintstiks Fun****Catherine Redford**

What in the world are Paintstiks? And where and how do you use them? Come to this lecture/demo/hands-on opportunity to find out all the scoop about Shiva paintsticks. Catherine will have lots of samples to show and a whole slew of techniques to share. No need to buy any supplies before the class, but you'll be raring to go after it!

Thurs. Apr. 1**\$17****6-8pm****Paradise Stitched****Schley Brandt**

The innovative quilts in Sylvia Pippen's new book, "Paradise Stitched" combine the beauty of traditional hand-stitched sashiko and modern invisible machine or fusible appliqué. In this two-part class you will learn both techniques and we will put them together into a piece of art for your home. Choose Plumeria Floating on Water (page 40) Honey Creeper in Bamboo (page 69) or use Schley's collection of Sashiko stencils and the author's tropical appliqué patterns to create a one of a kind design of your own. In Pippen's words, "Remember, it is not how perfect your stitches are but how much you enjoy the journey along the way."

Tues. Mar. 30, Apr. 6**\$49****6-9pm****Peek-A-Boo Redwork****Sue Pawlowski**

Go back in time to learn the joys of redwork! This cute baby/child's quilt is made with simple redwork designs set with 4 patches and half-square triangles. You'll learn the basics of redwork embroidery by hand. The class will also cover 4 different methods of making half-square triangles and how to determine which method is right for you and your project. This is a perfect quilt for newer quilters, or anyone who wants to brush up on some basics.

Wed. Jan. 27, Feb. 3**\$49****6-9pm****Pieced Applique****Connie Pomeroy**

Are you ready to learn a new technique? This beautiful quilt is made by combining easily pieced blocks with basic machine appliqué to create complicated looking blocks with ease! Using Penny Haren's "Pieced Applique" book, you will find a wide variety of blocks from which to choose. It's lots of fun to play with the fabrics as you create your own one-of-a-kind blocks.

Mon. Feb. 1, (skip 8th) 15, (skip 22nd) Mar. 1**\$61****6-8:30pm**

Really Remarkable Roman Stripes**Connie Pomeroy**

Have a collection of fabrics and no idea what to do with them? Have scraps leftover from other projects looking for a home? Just want to play with your sewing machine and some beautiful fabrics and not have to work too hard or think too much? This is your opportunity! Connie loves this quilt and the amazing variety of possible layouts and variations. Your quilt will be unique...no one else's will be quite like it. This is such a great technique she's made eight "Really Remarkable Roman Stripes" quilts. It's great for a group quilt as well, because the blocks are trimmed after they are sewn...meaning many seamstresses and machines can come up with the same size blocks. Come join the fun!

Mon. Feb. 8, (skip 15th) 22**\$49****6-9pm****Reversible Quilts****Catherine Redford**

It's like making twice the quilt in half the time! A different design and colorway on each side, this project is quilted at the same time it is pieced. Each block is made and quilted separately then joined with simple sashing strips. You'll even learn to put on a reversible two-color binding for the finishing touch! This is a technique you'll want to use again and again.

Wed. Mar. 17, 24, 31**\$49****6pm-8pm****Runaway Runners****Dotty Luttrell**

Come join us for a fun day of creating beautiful table runners from Terry Atkinson's latest book. Table runners are a welcome gift, quick and inexpensive to make, and can be individually designed to complement a specific decor, or to highlight a particular season or holiday. And - they are quick to complete! (Think of all those bridal showers coming up...) In this one-day workshop, you should be able to finish two or more table runner tops. We will discuss quilting and binding so that they may be easily finished at home. Please bring a lunch or plan to order out. You will have an uninterrupted day of sewing as we make these attractive and useful table linens!

Sat. Apr. 10**\$41****9:30am-2:30pm****Seasons of the Moon Skinny Quilt****Catherine Redford**

In any season you'll be over the moon with pride when unfurling this quilt in your home. Choose a color scheme to fit your décor and in no time at all you'll have this fused and machine embellished skinny quilt (or table runner) finished. Bring a lunch or plan to order out.

Mon. Mar. 22**\$49****10am-3pm****Simply Sensational Blended Borders****Catherine Redford**

This technique is simple but the results are amazing! It's a simple-to-do border treatment that will take your quilts from ordinary to extraordinary. We'll construct a basic square-in-a-square one-block quilt and then step it up a notch as we blend both the borders and center square with raw edge appliqué motifs.

Once you've made one you'll be never look at those luscious large scale prints the same way again.

Mon. Mar. 8, 15 **\$49** **6-9pm**

Sit & Sew with Connie **Connie Pomeroy**

Do you need some uninterrupted time to complete a project? Are you stumped on a project you put aside some time ago that you'd like to finish? Are you eager to start a new project with a chunk of designated time? Schedule your "mini vacation" day and come join us! Connie will be happy to help with guidance and suggestions about your quilt projects during this five hour class.

A. Fri. Jan. 15 **\$41** **9:30am-2:30pm**

B. Fri. Feb. 26 **\$41** **9:30am-2:30pm**

C. Fri. Mar. 26 **\$41** **9:30am-2:30pm**

D. Fri. Apr. 23 **\$41** **9:30am-2:30pm**

Two Up, Two Down **Catherine Redford**

Two rooms downstairs, two rooms upstairs makes for a cozy cottage home, and is the traditional way to describe such in Britain. Play with your own happy color palette to make this Brandon Mably/Kaffe Fassett design quilt. The piecing is simple so you can concentrate on choosing your fabrics and soon have your own village under construction.

Thurs. Jan. 28, Feb. 4 **\$49** **6-9pm**

You Did What??? With My T-Shirts??! **Meg Forster**

Grab all those precious t-shirts that you have hidden away and get ready to turn them into a memorable keepsake. Using from 3 to 24 shirts, you will learn how to prepare your shirts, cut them to proper sizes, and lay them out into a creative design, resulting in a one-of-a-kind quilt. Now is the time to transform those memories into something beautiful and usable. BASIC SEWING SKILLS NECESSARY!

Prep Demo: Mon. Mar. 29, 6:30-7:30pm; Class Meets: Wed. Apr. 7, 21 \$49 6:30-8:30pm

Intermediate

Previous experience in quilting necessary; these classes are perfect for those who have a few quilts under their presser foot.

Fractured Quilts **Connie Pomeroy**

These were first featured in a Threads magazine in 1999 but only recently have directions been published that make it possible to strip piece these intriguing quilts instead of cutting individual squares. This is a huge step forward! We will start with identical repeats of big prints, selecting fabrics that would be suitable for Stack 'n Whack quilts. It is possible to fracture two repeats, four repeats, or nine repeats. It is also possible to cut the fractures with 90 degree angles, 45 degree angles or 60 degree angles. Are you beginning to imagine the

possibilities?! Please come join us for an eye opening class! Please note: Intermediate skill level is because of the 1/8" seam allowance and the amount of material we need to cover in one day!

Sat. Mar. 13 **\$49** **9:30am-3:30pm**

New Light on Storm at Sea

Schley Brandt

If you have loved the Storm at Sea design forever, but have avoided trying it because the block seems difficult to piece accurately, you will be as thrilled as Schley was with Wendy Mathson's technique. She uses specially designed rulers to assure that your blocks are simply perfect! You will not use templates or paper piecing – just rotary cutting and trimming to make each section of this wonderful block fit perfectly together with perfect points. (This block also makes a great 12 inch border on an existing quilt top!) As Wendy says in her book, "You can piece this!"

Sat. Jan. 16, 23 **\$49** **10am-1pm**

One Block Wonders

Connie Pomeroy

The title says it all...these complicated looking blocks are easy to piece and designed to wow your friends! Much like the popular Stack 'n Whack technique, the wonder starts after you have layered and cut your chosen fabric. The kaleidoscopic effects appear as if by magic. Come join the fun...you'll be amazed what you can do!

Mon. Jan. 4, (skip 11th) 18 **\$49** **6-9pm**



Class Registration and Cancellation Policy

- Registration for classes may be done by phone with a credit card or in person with any of the usual forms of payment. To receive a full refund, your cancellation notice must be given at least one week before class. (Example: The 3rd would be the last day to cancel a class that started on the 10th). If you cancel with less than one week's notice and we are able to fill your spot we will issue a store credit. Otherwise, your fee will be forfeited.
- Class fee covers cost of instruction only unless otherwise noted.
- Supply lists for each class will be available upon registration. Every class has a supply list and it is your responsibility to get one. Please remember to pick up your supply lists as soon as possible.
- You will need to bring your own machine (in good working order) with you to class unless otherwise noted. We sometimes have a machine available to borrow, but please reserve it ahead of time to prevent any confusion.
- If a class is scheduled before or after regular store hours, the store will open 15 minutes before class time to accommodate students.
- Due to federal copyright laws, we cannot photocopy books or patterns. Thank you for your understanding.
- Please put your name on your supplies. Everyone's rulers, mats and cutters look the same and it will help us determine to whom they belong should they get left behind.
- We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Please refrain from wearing perfume to class so that those with allergies may attend comfortably, too.
- NO children or other guests are allowed in classes. We all learn better without distractions.
- Cell phones must be turned off during class or left at the front desk. Please be courteous to your teacher and classmates and plan on taking or making calls during breaks or outside the classroom.
- With so many variables to cover in regulating room temperature, you may want to consider bringing some layers which you can put on or take off to keep comfortable. We do our best to make everyone happy, but we're all on different "thermostats"!



HEARTWORK



Sharing the warmth and security that a quilt can provide is one of the important things we do at Pieceful Heart Fabrics. Our **Help-A-Baby** days, which take place once a month, produce over 200 quilts each year. PHF donates all materials for these quilts and after our wonderful quilters/ customers lovingly make them into cuddly quilts we make sure they get into the arms of needy babies and toddlers, via Sharing Connections in Lisle. We remain committed to this program and appreciate all the time and effort you donate.

Since our last newsletter in late August, we have delivered **48 Baby Quilts, 2 crocheted Throws, 2 Twin coverlets with pillowcases, 3 Full/Queen Quilts and 12 Knit Caps** to Sharing Connections in Downers Grove. We couldn't do this without you! Thanks to all who gave of themselves for this worthwhile, on-going project, working at the monthly Help-A-Baby sewing sessions and/or working on quilts at home: Anne Spiotta (long-arm quilter who is very generous in piecing/quilting many baby quilts each month), Jean Weeks, B.J. Staehlin, Ann Pasnick, Virginia Grenvich, Monica Johnson, Gail Heneghan, Charlotte Miller, Chris Schwarz, Peta Basell (also made knit caps), Judy Bernhard (also made knit caps too), Anne Christopher, Glenis Orłowski, Linda Wahlen, Sue Bridgman, Anonymous, Nancy Clark, Nan Marshall, Deb Nolen, Gloria Elliott, Mary Trowbridge, Rhoda Melnicoff, Jo Ann Radja, Jan Haine, Janine Burke, and Patty Wendell. To help with this service project, please see our Special Events section.

We continue to sponsor **ConKerr Cancer Pillowcase Days** once a month to make pillowcases for children hospitalized with cancer or other serious illnesses. Pillowcases made on those days and also dropped off in between times were **395!!** That's a lot of "Cases for Smiles"! Thank you to: Sue Abraham, area ConKerr Cancer Coordinator, Julie Guise and the Pride of the Prairie Quilters, Jean Hilderbrand, Jo Ann Radja, Roberta Hollonbeck, Barb Giger, Kim Wright, Joan Broz, Linda Rutkowski, LeeAnn Ladewig, Jean Blahnik, Ingrid VanDril, Jan Haine, Sue Bridgman, Ann Garvey, Sandra Hoover, Marsha Trosper, Kay Mendel, Shirley Williams, Peta Basell, Sharm Kelly, Gloria Elliott, Jane Stevens, Katherine Hegg, Jennifer Matkovich, Mary Bosco, Kathy Cunningham, Gina Juliano, Kathryn Byerwalter, Chris Hudson, and Carol Schneider. Great work, all! To help with this service project, please see our Special Events section under "ConKerr Cancer Pillowcase Days".

Operation Christmas Stocking met twice since the last newsletter and leader Fran Benson with Operation Care Package reports that PHF efforts gathered/made **2,023** stockings this year! Help me thank the following for making stockings, either here or at home: Carol Reinerio and Cress Creek Garden Club (contributed 752! of our total) (wow), Judy Bernhard, Anonymous, Vicki Keller, Karen Hull, Shirley Williams, Louise Gates, Jo Ann Radja, Edie Northfield, Mary Trowbridge, Katie and Carol VanHeynigen, Celeste Giles, Melanie Smith, Cathy Soohoo, Monica Johnson, Jan Haine, Anne Christopher, Sharon Neely, Jan Ryan, Deb Nolen, Sandy Hoover, Kate Sturges, Mairi Sturges, Kathy LaBarge, Beverly Garcia, Sally Daly, Kathy Cunningham, Claudia Moore, Helen Riggio, Dotty Vanderipe, Nancy Zapatosky, Tracey Moretti, Debbie Jansen, Judy Plum, Jane Tomlinson, Linda Franckowiak, Kathy Spinka, Terri Carlson, Mary Puch, Alice Sekol, Sally Evankoe, Sandy Bray, Cindy Koppelman, and Barbara Gibson. Future sewing dates to make Hygiene Bags, Cool Ties, and Stockings for next year will be announced at a later date. My heartfelt thanks go out to each and every one of you amazing women. Just think of all of the lives we've touched!

"Color, like music, takes a shortcut to our senses and our emotions."

--Phillip Ball



SPECIAL EVENTS



It Doesn't Have To Be The "A" Word!

Cj Spensley

She loved making quilts but was never going to do appliqué. But all that changed one day.... Come enjoy a fun evening surrounded by beautiful quilts, hear her story and share yummy refreshments at an appliqué trunk show presented by award-winning quilter and PHF instructor, Cj Spensley. You may even decide to add applique to your New Year's Resolutions list. **Registered guests will receive store credit of their fee towards any applique book or pattern purchased that night.

Mon. Dec. 28

\$5**

6-7pm

Connie Pomeroy: How I See Color & Pattern

Connie Pomeroy

Connie will bring more than 80 quilts for this trunk show and will discuss her take on color, pattern and quick techniques. You will see all kinds of quilts: Trip Around the World, Tumbling Blocks, Kaleidoscope, Log Cabin, Lone Star and Illusory quilts, just to name a few. Bring a camera if you'd like, and come with lots of questions for this lively trunk show. It is our hope that you leave inspired! Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so register early.

Sat. Feb. 6

\$10

5pm

ConKerr Cancer Pillowcase Days

Sue Abraham

Please join us to make pillowcases for ConKerr Cancer, an organization that provides cheerful pillowcases for children with cancer and other life-changing illnesses. No special skills required! Come for the day or just a few hours and help us make quick cases in assembly line style from our wonderful assortment of conversation print fabrics. Please bring enough suitable fabric to make 2 pillowcases. Pre-registration is requested. Brochure and supply list are available at the front counter. For more information, go to www.ConKerrCancer.org. You may also make pillowcases on your own to drop off any time at Pieceful Heart Fabrics.

Tuesdays Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20

No fee

12n-4pm

Bring & Brag Reunion

Connie Pomeroy

Open to anyone who has ever taken a class from Connie Pomeroy, this is sure to be an evening of inspiration! Bring any or all quilts or quilt tops made in or inspired by a class you've taken with Connie for a lively show and tell session and a chance to see completed the works of fellow classmates. There's nothing like a deadline to help one finish up a project, so here's your notice. We'll serve light snacks. You are welcome to bring a camera. Reservations requested, but no charge. Hope to see you there!

Thurs. Apr. 8

Free

6pm-?

Help-A-Baby

Monica Johnson

Please join us for a day of fun with a purpose the last Monday of each month. The simple crib quilts we make are for needy babies and toddlers and will be distributed by Sharing Connections of Lisle. Pieceful Heart will provide the fabric and batting, you provide the hearts, hands and machines. Your participation for an hour or two (or the whole day!) makes it possible for many quilts to get done. Sign up in the shop for as many one-hour shifts as you can—we'll "blanket" those babies with love! We have a special treat for all participants, too.

Mondays, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 29, Apr. 26 Free 10am-4pm

“Pieceful Community, Peaceful World”

If you love quilts and quiltmaking and want to make a difference in the world, come and join this Bee and spend some time with other like-minded quilters. Explore ways to contribute your quilting talents in a Quilting Bee-type setting that meets here at PHF. We will get together once a month, usually on the First Friday. Come when you can, stay as long as you like, starting at 5pm and going until 10pm. In 2009 this Bee donated 28 Baby Quilts, 6 Throws, 4 Twin, and 6 Full/Queen Quilts to Sharing Connections, 29 Quilts to local Veterans' Hospitals, 1 Raffle Quilt to the Village of Woodridge for their 50th Anniversary, and 2 Quilts to the ALS Hopes and Dreams Quilt Challenge. Our upcoming projects will be to continue to make lap robes/throw quilts for veterans and/or seniors, baby quilts and pillowcases for children, as well as quilts for ALS patients. (For more information on this project please see: www.quiltersdreambatting.com and look for the "Hopes and Dreams" Quilt Challenge.) We decide as a group which project(s) to work on each month, frequently having several going at once. Join us for sharing, caring and fun! Please call to register if you are new so we may plan for set-up. Bring your machine and supplies like you would for a class! We welcome newcomers!

Saturday Jan. 9, Fridays Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2 5-10pm

International Quilt Festival, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
Preview Night, Thurs. Apr. 15 5-9pm; Show Open Fri. & Sat. Apr. 16 & 17
10am-7pm; and Sunday, Apr. 18 10am-3pm. For more details, visit
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- ♥ An Unbelievable Sale Section with hundreds of Fabrics 50% off, Year 'round
- ♥ Donations of 200-300 Baby Quilts Every Year
- ♥ Service Projects involving Donations of Quilts or other Sewn items or Cash to Deserving Recipients throughout the Year, such as Susan G. Komen For the Cure, Quilts of Valor, Quilts for Foster Children, Pillowcases for ConKerr Cancer/Hospitalized Children, ALS, and the Avon Three-Day Walk for Breast Cancer
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