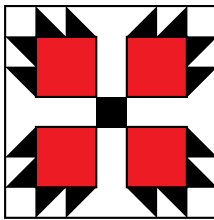


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NEWSLETTER

Spring / Summer 2009

>Welcome to Bear's Paw Quilts - Whitehorse, Yukon.

We had a fabulous snowy winter; the most snow that anyone can remember and the outdoor sports people were in their element. All that whiteness made us appreciate the colour even more and we had a great time. We were very busy with classes full and repeat classes organized. We even had several go to a third session. The staff love it when our customers are as enthusiastic as they are about the quilts they have chosen to teach. Well done all the teachers! There is still evidence around the shop of our winter classes, so enjoy browsing and finding all our hidden delights.

~ Happy quilting from Ruth
& the staff of BPQ



Bag Club

This year Sheila and Ruth ran a bag club which met once a month. The finished samples and the working samples are still in the classroom area and we can easily organize the fabric required for you.

They vary from small goody bags to full tote bags to giant Retreat bags. There is something for everyone.



Fabric Cuts

These special fabric cuts are here to stay and we have embraced them.

We have original samples and patterns for all the cuts we stock and many of our commercial patterns are using them too.

Afternoon demos

Usually one of our talented staff spends the afternoon stitching, (it's a hard life but someone must do it). Each day a different technique or idea that we have worked on during the year will be shown. A different member of staff is in each day, so if you are in town awhile please come in again to see another demonstration.

What's new at BPQ?

We always try to showcase our local designers, and we have

quite a few in town. **Lise Merchant** was a stained glass artist and has turned her talents to fabrics. She has a gorgeous line of reverse appliqué stained glass patterns, ranging from a 5 ft fireweed to a mini northern landscape. Check them out. We have printed panels from designers **Lynn Blaikie** and **Barbara Lavallee** along with samples and instructions for cute wall hangings.

Olivine Hand Dyes

This year **Karen Mills** has joined our teaching team and has proven to be a fabulous teacher. She also dyes fabric, and has produced some wonderful graduated rolls, in small amounts for appliqué. She has also designed a couple of small wall hangings, using these hand dyes. The first one to be made into a kit is the fireweed, more to follow. We love having locally designed patterns and kits, to support the local artists.

Sudoku

We have devised a fabulous way of using Fat Quarters that is quick, easy and dramatic. Look around and everywhere you will see Sudoku bundles. Only 9 Fat Quarters and some sashing and borders makes a 62" x 70" quilt.





Megan Waterman

This winter we have been coming up with new ideas for using the hand dyed, screen printed panels that Megan produces. We have the instruction sheets for the ones we had last year. Our new creations include the cutest apron, a place mat, a table runner, a bag and a machine cover. All the ones we made are interchangeable; the salmon apron could just as easily be the Can-Can girls apron. We have become the only supplier of these gorgeous Northern image panels. Check them out, in the shop or on the web site.

Quilty Gifts

Check out our locally made polymer quilt brooches and beautiful wooden sewing notions.

Quilt Show & Sale

All Summer Long

Fall Retreats

Dates will be fixed soon and sign up for these events will begin in mid-June, a non-refundable deposit is needed to secure a place. Haines Junction in September. Inn on the Lake in November.

Fall Classes

Watch for our class newsletter available in late August. Sign up for classes will be on **Saturday, August 29th.**

Quilters or Artists?

Historically women have often denigrated their own skills. We hear it all the time when a quilter is showing off her completed work. She often downgrades her own work saying, "there are a lot of mistakes", "my points aren't very good"...

Well let me tell you.....

We are artists. We create unique and original art every time we make a quilt.

We get inspired by a sample or a teacher and then we use our artistic judgement in the decision making and an art piece is in the process of being created.

No two quilts are the same. You have a model to work with in the pattern, but every one will be individual. The fabric choice, the slight alterations and adaptations and the quilting all combine to produce a piece that is worthy of the label "ART!"

We are artists, let's never forget it.

Saturday Savers



<i>May</i>		
May 2nd	Notions	15%
May 9th	Books	15%
May 16th	Patterns	15%
May 23rd	Bernina accessories	10%
May 30th	Fat 1/4's	4 for the price of 3
<i>June</i>		
June 6th	Northern theme fabric	15%
June 13th	Flannels	15%
June 20th	JR, LC, CP, Fat stacks	15%
June 27th	Fat 1/4's	4 for the price of 3

Capture summer colours on a quilt to hug all winter.

July is colour month choose from our colour wall

July 4th	green & yellow	15%
July 11th	black & white	15%
July 18th	red & pink	15%
July 25th	blue & purple	15%
<i>August</i>		
August 1st	neutrals (brown, cream, white)	15%
August 8th	Fat 1/4's	4 for the price of 3
August 15th	Kits	15%
August 22nd	Batiks	15%
August 29th	Patterns & Threads	15%