Dear Quilting Friends,

Autumn has arrived, the trees are beginning to show off their beautiful fall colors and at Threads of Tradition we are stitching up new samples to celebrate the season. Two of our most recent samples are smaller, quick projects that you could have finished and ready to use in a day. **Meadow Stars Wall quilt** starts with a panel. You just split it into sections, add sashings and borders, layer and quilt. **Flannel Essentials 8** by Buggy Barn uses pre-printed blocks and border panels, fussy cut cornerstones and a simple setting for a warm and cozy quilt of any size. We chose to sew the wall quilt size, but just add more blocks and any size is possible!

Continuing with the fall and coming winter theme, if you enjoy using the Twister tool, or even if you haven’t tried it yet, three new seasonal patterns may be your next perfect
project. **Twister Jack, Twister Owl and Twister Frosty** all use the original size Twister tool to create fun decorative wall quilts that will add a unique seasonal touch to your home décor.

Our **Fall Quilting Retreat** is happening as I write this newsletter. Everyone seems to be having a great time and the creative buzz in the room along with the quilt show of finished projects is inspiring indeed! We would love to have you join us in either January or March (or both) for our upcoming quilt retreats. Online registration is quick and easy and we are already making plans for two great weekends dedicated to stitching up all the projects on your “I can’t wait to make” list. Plan now to make time for yourself and your quilting passion and let us take care of all the details!
Door Prize Drawing

Lorraine and I attended Checker Distributors Open House and while we were there, we spent some time talking with Edyta Sitar. She has a beautiful, brand new book called *Handfuls of Scraps* and she signed a copy for our shop. We’ve decided to use that copy of the book as a door prize. For the month of October, every time you spend $50.00 or more at Threads of Tradition, you are entitled to an entry into the drawing which will be held at the end of the day on November 1st. We’re wishing you the best of luck in the drawing, but if you want to be sure to get this book, we have additional copies for sale in the shop!

Fall Sale—October 20 - 26

The Historic Sauder Village will be closing for the season on Sunday, October 28. To celebrate the end of the season, the retail stores, including Threads of Tradition, will be hosting our annual Fall Sale. Selected items will be on sale so come in early for the best selection. I can’t tell you exactly what will be on sale because we have not yet selected those items, but I’m sure there will be lots of great deals on things you would enjoy having and using in your upcoming quilts. Be sure to stop and shop during the Fall Sale Event!

Post Card Party Coming To Threads of Tradition!

Many of you participated in the Row By Row Experience this past summer. While Threads of Tradition missed out on that event, we are participating in a new, related event called Post Card Party. Since winter is not a great time for travel, Post Card Party is not a shop hop, but an international post card swap. Throughout the fall and winter months, we will offer a variety of mini workshops, each teaching a new technique. In each of these workshops, you will make a postcard to swap, using the technique taught in class. At the end of the workshop, you will write a message about yourself on the back of the postcard which will be a screen printed special design for the state of Ohio. All completed post cards will remain at Threads of Tradition and we will send them into Post Card Central for you. At our Mail Call Party in March, for each postcard you made you will receive a postcard from a quilter in some other state in the USA or Ontario Canada. So the more workshops you attend and postcards you stitch, the more postcards you will receive. If you choose, you will be able to contact the quilter who made the postcard(s) you receive and make new quilting friends. So watch our website and in store signage for mini workshops designated as Post Card Party events and join in the fun!
Noteworthy Notions

Steam A Seam 2 is back in stock and is new and improved! We have 18” rolls of both the regular and lite versions. The paper on one side is now gridded for easier design drawing and also so that you know which paper to remove first. Other improvements include a better adhesive so that shelf life is no longer a concern. We’re glad this great product is back and even better than before!

The Iron Slide Ironing Board Cover from BoNash is self adhesive and has no strings or elastic. It is made of Luminex to reflect 300% more heat than a regular cotton cover. This cover cuts ironing time in half because the heat reflection allows you to iron both sides at once. The Iron Slide comes in two sizes, the smaller one fits standard ironing boards and the giant size fits any Big Board.

Let the Iron Slide Iron Shoe make your life easier. This Iron Shoe fits over the base of your iron and makes the sole plate of your iron new again! Nothing sticks because it is made of fiberglass with a non-stick surface. Starch and fusibles wipe right off. Nothing burns or scorches. Iron from cotton to silk or denim to lace without waiting for the iron to cool. Iron over sequins, puff paint, glitter, motifs without damage. Easy for use on seams, darts and pleats and eliminates shine so there is no need for a press cloth. It fits all irons and is reversible and can be used on both sides.
**Ziggy Cuddle Kits**

Everyone loves the wonderfully soft feel of Shannon fabric’s Cuddle and it seems especially appropriate to make the world softer for the littlest ones in our lives. While you can create any quilt of your choice with Cuddle, we especially love these 30” x 36” Ziggy kits because they sew up quickly and are just so adorable! Each complete Cuddle kit includes fabric for the top, applique, pattern, backing, and binding. Two styles are shown here, stop in to see the other options as well!

**Perfectly Sized Precuts**

We are all familiar with charms, jelly rolls and layer cakes, but Robert Kaufman fabric has recently added Half Rolls and Charm Rolls to their precut options. Half rolls are 2½” strips just like jelly rolls but with only 20 strips in a roll. The smaller size is perfect for binding, sashing, inner borders, strippy quilts, strip piecing and more, but designed with smaller quilts in mind. We currently have Half Rolls in three color stories, Primary, Sorbet and Earth, of the Pointillist Palette which is a textured ombre fabric changing from light to dark across the width of the fabric.

Charm Rolls are cut at 5” by the width of the fabric and are chunky enough for a quick scrappy strip quilt or cut it up for more options. At 5” wide, Charm Rolls can be cut into charm squares or split down the middle for 2½” strips, or make a combination of both from one Charm Roll. The flexibility of this size roll makes it very attractive for multiple projects. At this moment we have Charm Rolls in Cornucopia 5 Collection of fall colored batiks.
Classes, Classes, Classes…

Basic Hand Appliqué

Master traditional hand appliqué techniques along with modern methods. This class will cover the appliqué stitch, circles, double face appliqué, glue techniques, working with bias pieces, making templates and much more. Learn to make tiny, invisible stitches while you enjoy this relaxing and portable way to create beautiful appliqué.

Saturday, November 1
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Instructor: Nancy Rosendaul
Skill Level: Beginner
Class Fee: $30.00 / $27.00 Members
Class Size: Minimum 4 / Maximum 10
Click here for the Basic Hand Appliqué Supply List.
(If you are not able to open the pdf file - download the free Adobe Reader software by clicking here.)

Beautiful Borders and Bindings

Do you have problems with borders that ripple and bindings that don’t lay flat? This class will give you tips on how to remedy these common problems. You will be able to try your hand at making bindings with perfect mitered corners.

Tuesday, November 4
6:30 p.m - 9:00 p.m.
Instructor: Glora Belle Yoder
Skill Level: Beginner
Class Fee: $15.00 / $13.50 members
Class Size: Minimum 4 / Maximum 10
Click here for the Beautiful Borders and Bindings Supply List. (If you are not able to open the pdf file - download the free Adobe Reader software by clicking here.)

Tree Lot

Just in time for your Christmas décor, Tree Lot combines star blocks with tree blocks for a cheery table topper or a small quilt to display.
Saturday, November 8
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Linda Stuckey
Skill Level: Advanced Beginner
Class Fee: $30.00 / $27.00 Member
Class Size: Minimum 4 / Maximum 10
Click here for the Tree Lot Supply List.
(If you are not able to open the pdf file - download the free Adobe Reader software by clicking here.)

Perfecting That Stitch

Learn the proper technique for hand quilting with small, even stitches. Tips will also be given on selecting batting, needles, thread and marking equipment. Small whole cloth quilt kits are included in the supply fee.

Monday, November 24
6:00 p.m - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Linda Rufenacht
Skill Level: All
Class Fee: $15.00 / $13.50 Member
Supply Fee: $10.00 / $9.00 Member Payable with registration fee
Class Size: Minimum 4 / Maximum 10
Click here for the Perfecting that Stitch Supply List.
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Before we know it, Lorraine and I will be off to the International Quilt Market in Houston, Texas. This trade show is always a fantastic time to see what is new in the quilting world, to make contacts with new vendors and instructors and to get a feel for what other shops around the world are doing. We go with the intention of finding new ideas which we believe you will enjoy and to keep Threads of Tradition on the cutting edge of all that is best in quilting. So we should have some fantastic new ideas when we return at the end of October!

Keep on Stitching,

Linda
Thank you for your interest in our newsletter, "Current Threads". If you no longer wish to receive this email click here.