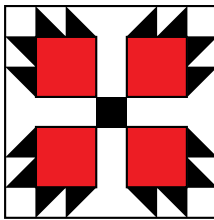


BEAR'S PAW QUILTS



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NEWSLETTER

Spring / Summer 2011

Welcome to the North and especially Welcome to Bear's Paw Quilts in Whitehorse

We have been expecting you and look forward to your visit.

We have had a great year quilting up a storm and now most of the locals are enjoying the great outdoors, camping, at the lake, or at the cabin.

At the shop we are still stitching, organizing for the fall and talking to you about quilt projects. I am sure you will like our shop and our city. We just celebrated our 8th year of business and we still love doing what we do, making quilts and helping others to make them. As always we have a selection of quilts for sale, all locally made and a good cross section of sizes, from bed quilts to place mats. It gives us a real buzz to sell them and think of them traveling all over the world. Our quilts have found homes in England, the USA, Hong Kong and all across Canada.

We hope you enjoy browsing through the shop and that you can find a little something to take home with you to remind you of your time in the Yukon.

~ Happy Stitching

Ruth & the staff of BPQ

Local Designers

We are blessed with a very talented group of artists here in Whitehorse and their skills embrace textile and fabric art. Here at BPQ we like to showcase as many of these artists as possible and encourage them as much as possible.

This year **Karen Mills** has branched out. She is an amazing fabric dyer and we have stocked her gradated hand dyes for the past few years. Last year she produced some fabulous "one of a kind" fat 1/4's and this year she has started screen printing. Her images are very Northern and we are looking forward to stitching some interesting samples using them. We also have a couple of kits featuring her hand dyes in small Northern wall hangings.

We still have been prints from **Megan**

man and have a large number of samples and pattern sheets to support them. The samples are placed prominently for you to enjoy.

Every year we add more BPQ patterns to our inventory, with new quilts this



What's new at BPQ?

year by **Lori Hampton** who is on her third fabulous modern scrap quilt pattern and **Ruth Headley** who designs all sorts of patterns to showcase our fabrics.

Lise Merchant has produced a new mini stained glass pattern and we have it as a kit, as well as all her previous patterns and kits.



Retreat Update

We are all booked up for the Longest Day Retreat. Only crazy quilters would choose to spend the longest day in a basement stitching!!, but the chairs are full and there is a waiting list.

As I write this we are getting organized for the April retreat in Haines Junction, which is living up to it's name of **Melted Snow Retreat**. Again we are starting on Thursday morning and quilting through to Sunday. Oh bliss! 4 days of uninterrupted (well, sort of) stitching. We will be watching the Royal Wedding in the hotel room.

Remember that we have a fairly strict sign-up schedule for the retreats. The September **No Snow Retreat** sign-up is in mid-June. Please see the info on the next page for dates.

We will be looking for a replacement caterer for our Haines Junction retreats next year so if anyone has a name or an idea, let me know.

Dates to note

Quilt Sale

All Summer Long

Fall Classes

Watch for our class newsletter available in late August.

Sign up for classes will be on **Saturday, August 27th.**

Classes start September 6th

Fall Fabric Sale

Friday, September 2 -

Saturday, September 3



New kits at BPQ - "Bear's Paw Walking" in hot new plaids & stripes; "Fireweed" to take home as a memory of your trip.



New printed panel from designer Barbara Lavalee.

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 choices, 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.

All About BPQ Retreats

It has evolved over the years that we do early sign-up for our Quilt Retreats. Rather than waiting for class sign-up days in January and September, we begin the sign-up for these coveted getaways earlier. Don't despair, we have a board up in the shop to let you know when sign-up will begin.

Keep your eyes open for registration.

Location	Sign-up begins	Retreat Date
Haines Junction	mid-October	April
Haines Junction	mid-June	September
Inn on the Lake	June	mid-November
BPQ Birthday	January	late-February
Longest Day	April	late-June

Saturday Savers

"plan" for great savings

May		
May 7th	Batik	15%
May 14th	Flannels	10%
May 21st	Books	15%
May 28th	Patterns	15%
June		
June 4th	green & yellow	15%
June 11th	black & white	15%
June 18th	red & pink	15%
June 25th	blue & purple	15%

It's still light out-keep stitching!

July		
July 2nd	neutrals brown, cream, white	15%
July 9th	Fat 1/4's	4 for the price of 3
July 16th	Notions	15%
July 23rd	Blenders	15%
July 30th	Batik	15%
August		
August 6th	Threads	15%
August 13th	Oriental & African	15%
August 20th	Kits	15%
August 27th	Books & Patterns	15%