



NEWSLETTER

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BPO Fall Classes 2006

Another brief but glorious Yukon summer has flashed by and it's time to tidy the sewing room and check on the status of unfinished and new projects. We have some great fabric collections already arriving in the shop: our **Christmas fabrics** are arriving, some wonderful **new design books** have come out during the spring and summer and we are now carrying the new Fons and Porter notions.

Judy Gibbons has taken a well-deserved break from teaching and staff duties and is being replaced by Carol Smith who has been working in the shop all summer. The rest of the staff are all on board with a new semester of projects and techniques. Check out how you can earn free classes and give some thought to the new "Quilt School" credit system when you sign up. We are offering the usual **Retreat** venues again and Power Quilting will resume on the last Saturday of each month. Joanne Love has lined up some great Bernina Club Projects. We extend a welcome to Judy Regan from Juneau who will be teaching a Celtic Knot quilt in September. We know you will love her thorough and lively teaching style. Class sign up day on September 9th will include refreshments, 10% off storewide sales, a 50% off table and 30% off on all batik fabrics. If a book is required for a class, it will be available to you at a special reduced price. Please check our website (www.bearspawquilts.com) for notice of new fabric collections, special price promotions and a schedule of classes. And last but not least, we want to report that **Quilters Without Borders** made two dozen beautiful quilts for charity last year. The Teen Parent Centre and a family whose home burned down were the recipients. Judy Gibbons will head up the Quilters Without Borders again this fall and you are invited to drop by their display on sign up day.

Ruth and Carol



Bear's Paw Quilt School



This year we are opening our Bear's Paw Quilt School. It is initially for the benefit of the beginners, to organize and encourage them to make as much progress as possible in their quilt skills. Begin with QuiltStart and aim for the BPQ freshman level. When you sign up for QuiltStart you automatically start on the route towards the freshman level. Upon completion of QuiltStart you will receive a certificate listing your new skills. Even if it takes a year to get your quilt finished for the completed quilt photo, that's ok .After that your portfolio has really started.

For each class you attend, that is marked with a BPQ freshman symbol, you will receive a certificate and a photo and you move another step towards the freshman level. There is no set sequence for attending the required classes. There is no time limit, go slow and take years, or speed ahead and try for a year. Later we will publish the BPQ sophomore and BPQ graduate level requirements.

Meanwhile, any quilt class marked at the sophomore level can be banked. We hope that past QuiltStarters will want to join in and get their certificates back dated.

To achieve BPQ freshman level you must fulfill these criteria:

- Attend QuiltStart class time of 10 hours
- Attend a class that uses triangles in the design
- Attend a class to learn paper piecing
- Attend a Level 1 colour class
- Attend a class that includes fusible web
- Attend a class that uses flannel fabric
- Attend at least one traditional piecing class
- Machine quilt a minimum of three small quilts (table runner, wall hanging, baby quilt)
- The Freshman level must total 52 hours of teaching, (QuiltStart plus 6 more classes.)
- Keep records of your quilt projects for your portfolio.

More details will be released as we go along. There will be a graduation party, of course.

Class credits

We are now offering you the opportunity to earn ½ price and even free classes. Each class you attend will give you points towards this goal. This is in addition to the free metres of fabric you can earn by using your BPQ fabric card.

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The points do not carry forward from one teaching session to the next, but your free class can be used or saved.

What the symbols mean.

= freshman level class
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Skills Yukon

This is an organization that runs clubs to promote trades and technology. Competitions are held in the Yukon and the winners then compete within the Skills Canada group. Two years ago Ruth Headley and Cathy Miller started Skills Quilting for students at the secondary level. The club is held once a week at BPQ from 3:30pm to closing time. Feel free to visit and provide encouragement if you see us stitching away in the shop.

September

1. QuiltStart

with Ruth Headley

This class is suitable for the novice who has never quilted or even sewn before. Part one of the class is "Introduction to Quilting", where you will get the basics about threads, equipment and your machine. The project is a Rail Fence design table runner. Upon completion you will have covered, piecing, quilting, borders and bindings. Once you have completed your class you have begun your journey towards becoming a BPQ freshman quilter.

Intro: Monday, September 11th 6:30-8:30pm Sunday, September 17th 10am -5pm \$55.00 + BPQ pattern



2. Fusible Web 101

with Joanne Love

Before the Christmas rush, create a fast and beautiful wall hanging or table runner using the many delightful patterns available. This class is designed to guide you through the basics of fusible appliqué demonstrating the techniques and tools you will need in order to successfully cut and assemble a design. Embellishments and quilting ideas will also be discussed. This is the perfect opportunity to work on a pattern or kit you have purchased but never got around to doing.

Tuesday, September 12th 6:30-9:30pm Thursday, September 14th 6-9:30pm \$45.00

3. Trip Around the World

with Terry Funk

This is a variation on the standard Trip Around The World pattern from the book Tradition With a Twist. The size we'll be working on is a baby or lap quilt. You can do it in a colourwash design or combine bright colours for your "many trips".

Prep Class: Wednesday, September 13th 6:30-9:30pm Students should have their fabric chosen and purchased so we can do the cutting and stitching instructions for the class. This evening will just be an hour or so. No machine necessary. You can bring your cutting tools if you need help with the cutting.

Saturday, September 23rd 9am -4pm \$45.00 + book, "Tradition with a Twist"

4. Coil Pots

with Karen Goruick

We set this up for those who missed it last season. Ideal for using bali batiks, it is also a good project for using up bits left from old projects. One session is all you need to learn this skill and you are on your way to making great gifts.

Friday, September 15th 6:30-9:30pm

\$30.00 includes the rope

5. Celtic Knots

with Judy Regan

Learn how to piece these classical Celtic images for a wall-hanging or lap quilt. You will use Judy's own very clear pattern



instructions and she will show you some of her simple tricks. Though the motif looks very complex, the piecing is easy. Confident beginner. Saturday, September $16^{\rm th}$ 9am-4pm

\$45.00 + pattern

6. Daytime QuiltStart

with Ruth Headley



Monday, September 18th 10-3pm Wednesday, September 20th 10-3pm \$55.00 + BPQ pattern

7. Mini Monthly

with Karen Goruick

Here's another fun and quick way to use

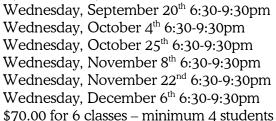
up those endless scraps while learning new techniques. Create a set based on a monthly theme or a special occasion piece to decorate your home. Made to fit on a plexiglass stand they are a nifty gifty idea.

Tuesday, September 19th 6:30-9:30pm \$30.00 - pattern ideas included

8. Star Block Club - 1

with Sherry Fleming

Here is a great way for beginners to expand their quilting skills! We will start off with easier star blocks and progressively work into the more difficult blocks. During each class, the construction method for one block will be demonstrated leaving time for you to cut and start sewing your own block. You will be given instructions to take home. There are 12 blocks in all and a new 12 ½" block will be ready for viewing before each class. Layout options will be discussed in the last class. Previous quilting experience necessary.



9. Carpet Bag

with Joanne Love

Reminiscent of days gone by, the Carpet Bag, designed by Leslie Gladman, is a large, roomy handbag with a zippered top and dowels to add structure and shape. The large interior has one inside pocket which makes this bag great for packing your supplies to quilt classes, travel and many other uses. The shoulder strap is detachable and has a comfy shoulder pad. Travel in style with a bag that says "I'm a auilter".

Prep - Thursday, September 21^{st} 6:30-8:30pm Saturday, October 7^{th} 9am -4pm \$45.00 + pattern



10. Falling Leaves Retreat

Join us at Haines Junction for a weekend of stitching. Everyone works on their own project. Some meals are provided.

More details at the shop. Book early to ensure a place. Friday, September 22^{nd} 9am – Sunday, September 24^{th} afternoon \$120.00 + sleeping arrangements



11. Sew Far Behind

with Terry Funk

Maybe you need some help, maybe you need to have some peace and quiet or maybe you want to get away from the phone. This is the place for you. With a teacher on hand to help, you can have 6 hrs of stitching time.

Sunday, September 24th 10am-4pm \$15.00

12. QuiltStart

with Ruth Headley

See description #1

Intro - Monday, September 25th 6:30-8:30pm Tuesday, October 3rd 6:30-9:30pm Thursday, October 5th 6-9:30pm \$55.00 + BPQ pattern

13. Cathedral Windows

with Ruth Headley



technique uses a combination of machine and hand stitching. It gives you an opportunity to play with colour on all three layers of the construction. Perfect for a wall hanging or a pillow. You can even

hand quilt this project.

Tuesday, September 26th 6:30-9:30pm Thursday, September 28th 6-9:30pm \$45.00 + pattern



with Joanne Love

Fall is fast approaching and it is time to dust off those sewing machines and get back in the classroom to learn some new skills and ideas using your Bernina sewing machine, or perhaps, just brush up on the features that are available. Come and join me each month to sew up some new projects designed for Bernina owners in mind and enjoy an afternoon or evening with fellow sewers. Nominal kit fee may apply.

Wednesday, September 27th 12:30-3:30pm or 6:30-9:30pm



15. Pumpkin Patch

with Joanne Love

Here is a fun quilt that will be a great addition to any home for autumn. Stitch an easy variation of the popular Log Cabin block beginning with some folk-art pumpkins then appliqué fall leaves and acorns to spice things up. Using the favourite blanket stitch the appliqué can be done either by hand or machine — both techniques will be taught in class. A perfect quilt for beginners to learn a new skill and the experienced to revisit a variety of techniques. Saturday, September 30th 9am-4pm Thursday, October 12th 6:30-9:30pm \$45.00 + book

Power Quilting Club

What is it? It's a one hour demonstration of some of the latest and coolest quilting techniques and notions as available at Bear's Paw Quilts.

When is it? The last Saturday of September, October and November at 11:00 am - Noon. If there is a class, you will find the Club in the back room at BPQ.

How do I get in? Just bring a toonie for admission and a non-perishable item that will be donated to a local food bank. You can sign up early, but pay at the beginning of the session. Drop by for just an hour and keep up to date with some of the newest products and techniques out on the market!

October

16. Embellishment 101

with Karen Goruick

Take a simple jacket, shirt or skirt and give it some pizzazz. This project involves couching, fibre art, crystals, fusible and anything else your imagination dreams up. Too much fun.

Tuesday, October 10th 6:30-9:30pm Saturday, October 14th 9am-4pm \$45.00 + pattern

17. Advanced Colour for Quilters

with C.J. Pettigrew

Learn to use colour to create a spectrum of moods. Learn to create the special effects of luminosity and transparency. Play around with some sophisticated color harmonies---Triadic, Split Complementary, Tetradic. As before, we will be making paste-ups and sharing samples and ideas on each topic. No sewing machine required. Pre-requisite: Basic Colour for Quilters.

Wednesday, October 11th 6:30-9:30pm Friday, October 13th 6:30-9:30pm Monday, October 16th 6:30-9:30pm \$65.00 + \$5.00 kit fee \$30.00 "Color Play" by Joen Wolfrom

18. Miniature Stained Glass – The Simple Fused Way with Lise Merchant

Join me in making a small stained glass hanging using this easy method. This small design can be matted and framed or finished with a binding. Previous stained glass experience is helpful.



Tuesday, October 17th 6:30-9:30pm Thursday, October 19th 6-9:30pm \$45.00 + pattern

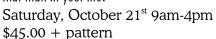
19. Bernina Club - October

See description #14
Wednesday, October 18th 12:30-3:30pm
or 6:30-9:30pm

20. Bear Ridge with Terry Funk

This quilt combines simple piecing with fusible web appliqué. This wall hanging will give you an opportunity to use some of those gorgeous batiks you've been

collecting. A great gift for that man in your life!





21. Designing a Stained Glass Quilt

with Lise Merchant

Here is your opportunity to make a stained glass quilt from your own design! Using your own idea, Lise will walk you through the process, from drawing to the final construction. Some beautiful work has been done in the past, by students who were surprised at the results!

Saturday, October 28th 9am-4pm \$45.00

22. Sew Far Behind

with Joanne Love See description #11 Sunday, October 29th 10am-4pm \$15.00

23. Machine Quilting

with Ruth Headley

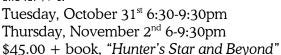
Learn the basics of good machine quilting. We start with straight line guilting and then we drop the feed dogs and begin free motion auilting. Once you have started all you need is practice. practice, practice.

Monday, October 30th 6:30-9:30pm Friday, November 3rd 6-9:30pm \$45.00

24. Hunters Star

with Ruth Headley

Don't let two triangle squares remain a mystery. You will learn a simple and foolproof method to achieve good points in your quilt. Choose your own colourway and use up some scraps and fat $\frac{1}{4}$'s.





November

25. Beginners Hand Appliqué

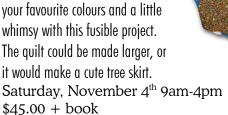
with Joanne Love

Learn the needle turn method of hand appliqué including points, curves and bias seams and find out why so many people enjoy this technique. A simple yet attractive pattern has been selected to introduce you to hand appliqué. Upon completion of the block it can be made into a wonderful wall hanging or pillow. Wednesday, November 1st 6:30-9:30pm Wednesday, November 15th 6-9:30pm \$45.00 + book

26. Circle of Friends Table Topper

with Sherry Fleming

We all have a few friends in our lives that we consider "Angels". This little quilt will certainly remind us of the value of those friendships. Use your favourite colours and a little whimsy with this fusible project. The guilt could be made larger, or it would make a cute tree skirt.



27. Hand Play with Yarn

with Ruth Headley

Have a relaxing day playing with threads and embellishments. At the end of the session you will have completed an original 4" by 4" piece and have a new appreciation of an embroidery stitch.

Sunday, November 5th 10am-4pm \$45.00

28. Empress Mari

with Karen Goruick

Enter the world of Asian elegance with this fabulous wall hanging. You'll have everyone oohing and aahing over your Japanese creation. This is an easy fusible project with the embellishments you choose to give it that "wow" factor.

Tuesday, November 7th 6:30-9:30pm Saturday, November 11th 9am-4pm \$45.00 + pattern

29. Hand Quilting

with Dorothy McCleod

Come and learn the basics of hand quilting. We have chosen a small project so that you can complete it fairly quickly. Once vou have been taught the technique it is only a matter of practice to become a good hand guilter. Thursday, November 9th 6:30-9:30pm \$25.00



30. Bells 'n Bows

with Sherry Fleming

Bells 'n bows are always a delight during the holiday season. Done in bright fabrics, traditional or country, with the added sparkle of crystals, this banner will enhance any area of your home.

Tuesday, November 14th 6:30-9:30pm Thursday, November 16th 6-9:30pm \$45.00 + pattern

31. Star Ribbons Tree Skirt

with Terry Funk

This tree skirt/tablecloth teaches some great techniques that you may not have used before. We'll be cuttina irregular shapes using rotary cutting methods and trying our hands at setting in corner blocks. This guilt can be made using Christmas fabrics or you can make a tablecloth with your favourite decorating colours. Saturday, November 18th 9am-4pm \$45.00 + pattern

32. QuiltStart

with Ruth Headley



Intro - Thursday, November 23rd 6:30-8:30pm Monday, November 27th 6:30-9:30pm Friday, December 1st 6-9:30pm

\$55.00 + BPQ pattern

33. Punch Needle

with Lise Merchant

I Join Lise in learning the latest rage in the industry — needle punch. You will quickly learn how to master the skill and the resulting piece will be fabulous. An ideal technique for those on the move, it's lightweight and transportable.

Wednesday, November 22nd 6:30-9:30pm \$30.00 + pattern

34. Falling Snow Retreat

Join us at "Inn on the Lake" by Marsh Lake.

This luxury weekend provides a time to relax in the hot tub, eat gourmet food, and use the gym as well as stitch for hours on end. More details at the shop.

Friday, November 24th noon - Sunday November 26th afternoon.

\$230.00 (approx.)



with Sherry Flemming See description #11 Sunday, November 26th 10am-4pm \$15.00

36. Winter Sampler

with Terry Funk

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Tuesday, November 28th 6:30-9:30pm Thursday, November 30th 6-9:30pm \$45.00

37. Bernina Club – November

See description #14 Wednesday, November 29th 12:30-3:30pm or 6:30-9:30pm



December

38. Christmas Wreath

with Ruth Headley

Create this striking wall hanging using 2 inch squares and gridded interfacing. It is built on the colourwash technique, so this opens up the way to other exciting quilts. The actual construction of the quilt is quite easy and good for beginners.

Saturday, December 2nd 9am-4pm \$45.00 + pattern

39. Coil Pots

with Karen Goruick

Do it now! Make an original and fast Christmas gift while learning this new and exciting technique.

Tuesday, December 5th 6:30-

\$30.00 includes the rope



with the Staff of BPQ

The whole day will be a succession of demonstrations for you to watch. Small kits with instructions will be available. Attend some or all the sessions.

Pre-booking is advisable.

Saturday, December 9th 10am-4pm \$15.00

41. Sew Far Behind

with Ruth Headley See description #11 Sunday, December 10th 10am-4pm \$15.00

42. Bernina Club – December

See description #14 Wednesday, December 13th 12:30-3:30pm or 6:30-9:30pm





Bear's Paw Quilts - Workshop Policies

Classes are open on a first come basis. When a class fills up quickly, we often put people on a wait list and schedule another class.

We request that you leave babies and children at home when you come to a class. Teens are welcome in all our classes.

You are not officially registered until you have paid. GST will be added to class cost. You may pay for a class with Visa, MC, debit card, cash or use your class points.

Cancellation: In the event you cannot attend a class that you have paid for, we will issue credit or transfer you to another class if we receive 7 days notice. If we receive less than 7 days notice, we will give you class handouts, but no refund can be given.

Class Minimum: Normally a class must have 3 students.

Sewing Machines: Please bring your own machine **in good working order.** An instruction manual for the machine is essential. Don't forget to bring extra machine needles. BPQ does have one Bernina sewing machine for rent - see our Sewing Machine Rental Policy.

Class times: Saturday: 9:00-4:00. Weekdays are 6:30 - 9:30 on the first evening and 6:00 - 9:30 on the second evening. The instructors and other students appreciate it when you arrive early and set up so you are ready to go promptly at the start of the class.

Supply Lists are usually available for each class at the time of registration. Read it carefully and bring everything on the list.

Place: All classes are in the BPQ classroom. Ironing boards and irons are provided. 2 large cutting mats are provided. Please bring anything else you may need, and label all your personal equipment.



Bear's Paw Quilts - Sewing Machine Rental Policy

- ♦ In the interest of encouraging beginners to quilt, Bear's Paw Quilts has purchased one new Bernina Activa 230 that will be available for rent.
- Cost of machine rental is \$30 per day or \$15 for half a day or less.
- The rental machine must be booked and paid for at the time of class registration. In the event you wish to cancel either the machine rental or the class, you will recover full credit for your payment only if we receive the cancellation **7 days before the class date**.
- ♦ At the time you book the sewing machine, you must make an appointment for a brief instruction on the use of the machine.
- The machine is kept on the shop premises at all times. You may not take it home.
- ♦ You must provide your **own thread, machine needles**, personal sewing equipment and supplies. Any bobbins that you use must be left with the machine at the end of the rental period.

Note: Demonstration machines are not available for use during class or at any other time. They are for demonstrating features to persons who are interested in buying a Bernina.

September

9th (Saturday) Sign up day

11th & 17th (Monday/Sunday) 1. QuiltStart

12th & 14th (Tuesday/Thursday) 2. Fusible Web 101

13th & 23rd (Wednesday/Saturday) 3. Trip Around the World

15th (Friday) 4. Coil Pots

16th (Saturday) 5. Celtic Knots

18th & 20th (Monday/Wednesday) 6. Daytime QuiltStart

19th (Tuesday) 7. Mini Monthly

20th (Wednesday) 8. Star Block Club - 1

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22nd - 24th (Friday-Sunday) 10. Falling Leaves Retreat

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26th & 28th (Tuesday/Thursday) 13. Cathedral Windows

27th (Wednesday) 14. Bernina Club - September

30th & 12th October (Saturday/Thursday) 15. Pumpkin Patch

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1st & 15th (Wednesday) 25. Hand Appliqué

4th (Saturday) 26. Circle of Friends

5th (Sunday) 27. Hand Play with Yarn

7th & 11th (Tuesday/Saturday) 28. Empress Mari

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December

2nd (Saturday) 38. Christmas Wreath

5th (Tuesday) 39. Coil Pots

6th December (Wednesday) 8. Star Block Club - 6

9th (Saturday) **40**. **Christmas Tree Decorations**

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Sept. 2	Patterns	buy 2 get 1 free		
Sept. 9	Storewide	10% off		
	Specials table	50% off		
	Bali Batiks	30% off		
Sept. 16	Moda Marbles	15% off		
Sept. 23	Notions	15% off		
Sept. 30	Books & Mags	15% off		
October				
0ct. 7	Oriental	15% off		
Oct. 14	Patterns	buy 2 get 1 free		
0ct. 21	Fat Quarters	buy 3 get 4th free		
Oct. 28	Flannels	10% off		

September

November			
Nov. 4	Florals	20% off	
Nov. 11	Books & Mags	10% off	
Nov. 18	Threads	15% off	
Nov. 25	Tone on Tone	20% off	
December			
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Dec. 9	Patterns	20% off	
Dec. 16	Notions	15% off	
Dec. 23	Storewide	10% off	
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