

Homespun Happenings

from The Calico Shoppe

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January 2012

Hello and Happy 2012! Another year has passed and we are looking forward to a spectacular new year. Everyone at The Calico Shoppe wishes you and your families a very happy and healthy 2012. We also want to take this time to THANK you for your continued support and friendship this past year. We hope we have inspired and touched your creative hearts as much as you have touched all of ours.

Grab your coffee, tea or hot chocolate and enjoy our newsletter, which is full of exciting classes, retreats, bus trips and so much more. We begin with our annual Super Bowl Sunday Sale and go through to our terrific Spring Bus Trip in April. We are not going to let "Cabin Fever" get a grip on us this year!

Stop in soon to see all of our new fabric collections, along with fantastic books and patterns.

Annual Super Bowl Sale

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

11:00 to 4:00

Join the fun at our Annual Super Bowl Sale, and be home in time for the Big Game.

25% off

FABRIC PATTERNS BOOKS

1/4 yd fabric minimums (fat quarters are included)

Take an additional \$1.00 off all sale fabric in back room (1 yd. min.)

Ladies of the Loft 2012

(formerly Thimbleberries Club)

Congratulations to Cindy Bauer and Colleen Erickson for submitting the winning name (sort of)
We combined, twisted, and rearranged, and came up with...

Ladies of the Loft!!!!

“Ladies of the Loft” will have the same format, just a new name!

Join the fun and silliness (we never get to serious) and see all that is new and exciting in the world of quilting. We will inspire, instruct, and challenge your creative side! One of the highlights of each meeting is to see what everyone has been working on for our show and tell time. Please be sure to bring an item or two or more!

Registrations now being taken. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 am or 6:00 pm, or the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 am. Sign up for the meeting most convenient for you.

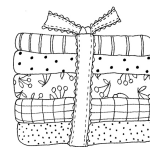
Only \$25.00 for the year



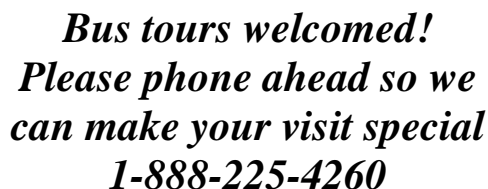
Fat Tuesday
February 21st
One Day Only
Terrific Selection
Of Rolled
Fat Quarters!
\$1.00 each
While Supply Lasts

Arriving Soon...

Seasonal Gatherings: Primitive Gatherings
Wisconsin State Shop Hop Fabric: Moda
Vintage Christmas: Clothworks
Winter Menagerie: Jason Yenter
Tussie Mussie: In the Beginning Fabrics
Scout: Riley Blake
Verona: Riley Blake
Garden Tales: Tracie Lyn Huskamp
Caterwalling Tales: RJR
Batiks: Kaufman
Batiks: Hoffman
Coffee Cat Café
Stitch in Color: Moda
Battle Hymn: Moda



*These fabrics will be arriving now
through May*



Bus tours welcomed!
***Please phone ahead so we
can make your visit special***
1-888-225-4260

Block of the Month's for '2012'

*Civil War Journal: Each month you will receive historical info, stories and quotes from the children who lived through the civil war. There is flexibility with this BOM in that you have a choice of creating a queen size quilt, or you can choose to create a smaller quilt each quarter.

\$27.00 monthly

*Feathered Nests: For all the gals who love embroidery, this lovely project will have your fingers and needle flying, as you complete one larger, or two smaller squares each month. Each month you will receive your background fabric, pattern, and Cosmo variegated floss. Also this year, your finishing fabrics will be included in the monthly cost, which you will receive in month 12. Next year at this time you will be enjoying a beautiful embroidered work of art!

\$8.00 monthly

*Mini wool appliqué candle mats: These lovely wool mats will be a delight to appliqué each month. They are simple enough for a beginner, and easy to embellish for the more advanced hand appliqué (I think that is a word).

\$12.00 monthly

*Monthly Mini's 2012: We did Patch Abilities Monthly Mini's last year, and the program was a huge success. For 2012 they have come out with 12 new designs, and 12 new metal toppers that are show stoppers! They are just too cute to pass up. This year's Mini's use the fabric paint sticks and stencils for embellishment, which are included.

\$27.00 monthly

To view pictures of our BOM's please visit our web site www.calicoshoppe.com

Spring Retreat

March 15th - 18th 2012

Best Western Trail Lodge

We've moved our retreat to the Best Western Trail Lodge in Eau Claire as of last Fall. We are very excited about our new venue. We have much more space, and best of all we will all be in the same room! (Visit our website for pictures from Fall 2011) You will have luxurious accommodations with 2 queen beds, a fridge and microwave in each room. There is also a pool and hot tub to lounge by for a little relaxation between quilting projects.

Our retreat will begin Thursday evening at 6:00 pm (a little earlier than in the Fall) and will end around 3:00 pm Sunday. You can also begin Friday morning if that works into your schedule.

Cost of the retreat is only \$100 which includes lunches and suppers with ice water and coffee available. Contact The Calico Shoppe to register!

Please contact The Best Western Trail Lodge at 715 838-9989 or 855 216-9980 (toll free) to make your room reservations. Rooms are again \$79.99 double queen standard suites (2 queen beds). Please tell them you are with The Calico Shoppe Spring Retreat!

Remember... Saturday is St. Patrick's Day!

HOP ON THE BUS
& as the saying goes “Leave the Driving to Us”

Spring Sampler Bus Tour
SATURDAY & SUNDAY



APRIL 28 & 29

\$139
SIGN-UP
TODAY!

Sign up early for this one! 8 great shops - 4 states - 2 days.
We will be traveling to shops in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. Lunches and snacks are included along with a free block pattern and fabric at each shop. We will also give you a pattern for a Sampler quilt using the blocks you will be given along the way. Also, 21 lucky gals on each bus will win a \$10 gift certificate (3 per shop) to be used during your visit that day.

A Quilter's Dream weekend for only \$139 dbl occupancy

Register early - \$50 non-refundable deposit

Visit our web site www.calicoshoppe.com for a list of participating shops!

Building Blocks

BOM

This is a truly unique BOM. First we will be having monthly meetings (if you choose to attend) to chat about the block construction, use of the fabrics you receive, how to use templates without fear, and finishing your quilt. Bring your color pencils! This program is set up to get everyone to work outside their box, and to make their quilt truly their own. You will be receiving your pattern, and 3 fat eighths of batiks each month, along with a set of templates and your finishing pattern.

Only \$11 each month

Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month

9:30 am or 6:00 pm

Beginning Feb 28th

Register for the meeting of your choice

Embroidery Group

We have a fun group of embroiderers that meet at The Calico Shoppe on the 4th Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm. They would love to have you join them. Spend a couple hours with gals who love to embroider as much as you do!

There is no fee, just come and enjoy!

Rug Hookers

Join the fun... Stop in the 4th Friday of each month and spend some time hooking!

Our classroom is open to all... beginners to advanced.

No phones, no dishes, no wash to do!. The coffee is on, so join the fun! We begin at 9:30 a.m.

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Coming in February...

Fantastic Trunk Show

**Featuring quilts by Kathy Brown
from her book**

“Strip-Smart Quilts”

All of the quilts in the book use the same block construction, and the same wonderful ruler. You will be amazed at how different one block can look!

As a follow up to the trunk show, we will be offering a class using Kathy’s technique. You choose your favorite quilt from the book, and we will show you just how easy it goes together.

**Class is Saturday March 3rd
10:00 - 2:00**

\$20.00 plus required book

Mark your calendars now! You will not want to miss Wisconsin’s first State Shop Hop. Prizes galore, and so much more. Over 70 shops and a fantastic fabric collection designed especially for the hop by Holly Taylor for Moda!

Park - Relax & Enjoy the Day Downtown!

The Calico Shoppe offers “**FREE**” parking in the ramp, directly across the street, for all of our customers. The parking ramp is now automated! The process has changed, so just show us your ramp ticket, and we will give you a free exit ticket!

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

***At The Calico Shoppe and
The Purple Petunia Gift Shop***