

MARCH/APRIL 2009

Hi and welcome to the March/April 2009 issue of
"The Stitcher"

This is our second newsletter for 2009 and amazingly, it is almost on time!!

It would seem that the release of Margaret's new candlewick quilt – "Vases of Flowers" is well overdue. The response has been excellent. Many who have responded have already done the Classic Quilt some years previously. Even though Margaret has not yet done all the quilt herself, releasing the patterns early will help to keep her on her toes with producing the designs and pattern packs. It promises to be a lovely quilt that once again reflects Margaret's style of designing.

We had a wonderful response to the Mystery Mornings, in fact, it was so good we had to make Saturday afternoon available as well. All sessions were well attended. Sessions began with Margaret giving details about the first term class programme and showing some quilt samples. She then moved on to explain the new Sewline products now being stocked by Sew Stitchable as an on going line (more details on page 5). Lastly, she demonstrated a great method for doing 1,000 Pyramid quilt. Thank you to all who have given us positive and encouraging comments about the Mystery Mornings.

This year several local stitching groups have already made bookings for their groups to attend Demonstrations at Sew Stitchable. We certainly do have a lot of fun with the groups who visit. To date, we have entertained groups from as far away as Clare and Taillem Bend is booked later in the year. We have added a few new hands-on demonstrations to our list to keep up the interest. There is no limit to the number of times your group can book a Sew Stitchable Demonstration.

In Term 2 we are excited to have Carolyn Weston coming to do a class for us. Many of you are aware of Carolyn's innovative ideas and great teaching skills. She will be teaching Double Sided Chenille or Mitered Corners in a one day class on 16th May 2009.

In this issue of "The Stitcher" also read about our new "Bonus Fabric System" available to both personal and Mail Order customers.

VISIT OUR STUDIO

FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS
9.30AM TO 1.00PM.

No appointment is necessary at these times. This is the ideal opportunity to view our samples, kits, patchwork fabrics, make purchases or arrange class bookings. Should these times not suit you, please phone for an appointment. **Closed on all Public Holidays.**

We especially welcome Interstate and Overseas visitors.

WEEKLY STUDIO SPECIALS

Here is our list of specials for the next two months. These discounts can also be applied to mail orders – mail order customers, please request your discount. THESE DISCOUNTS DO NOT APPLY TO ALREADY DISCOUNTED ITEMS.

10th March – 14th March 2009
ANCHOR STRANDED COTTONS 60cents

16th March – 21st March 2009
10% off all WADDING
+ 240cm & 270cm wide BACKING FABRIC

23rd March – 28th March 2009
25% off QUILTING STENCILS

30th March – 4th April 2009
15% off ALL BOOKS

6th April – 9th April 2009
CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY
CLOSED EASTER SATURDAY
CLOSED EASTER MONDAY

14th April – 18th April 2009
10% off TORCHON LACE

20th April – 24th April 2009
10% off all NOTIONS

CLOSED ANZAC DAY

27th April – 2nd May 2009
10% off all RULERS, CUTTERS,
CUTTING MATS & ALL TEMPLATES

4th May – 9th May 2009
10% off ALL THREADS

11th May – 16th May 2009
10% off ALL FABRIC ON FLAT BOLTS

CLASS LIST **FIRST/SECOND TERM**

"Kaleidoscope of Kolor" Block of the Month

This is an ongoing monthly class for the "Kaleidoscope of Kolor" block of the Month quilt. New enrolments are welcome.

See picture of quilt on next page.

Saturday 4th April 2009

Saturday 9th May 2009

Saturday 30th May, 2009

10am to 12noon

Monthly Kit cost: \$28.00

Class cost: \$10 for each class

"Calendar Quilt" "Heart and Home" Block of the Month Quilts

This is the beginning of a new monthly class for Block of the Month quilts. See picture & details of quilts overleaf.

Saturday 4th April 2009 (Calendar Quilt begins)

Saturday 9th May 2009

Saturday 30th May 2009 (Heart & Home Quilt begins)

1pm to 3pm

Monthly Kit cost: \$28.00(Calendar) **\$43** (Heart & Home)

Class cost: \$10 for each class

"Candlewick Embroidery"

In this class you receive instruction in working stitches commonly used in Candlewick embroidery. You can begin a candlewick quilt (choose between the "Classic" or the new "Vases of Flowers" Quilts) or you can stitch one of Margaret's cushion kits so that you can learn the stitches. Use this class to perfect your stitching techniques or to receive help to put your candlewick quilt together!

Saturday 21st March 2009

10am to 1pm

Class Cost: \$25.00

"3D Applique by Hand"

In this class you learn some fun and innovative ideas for creating appliqué in 3D. It is not difficult and somewhat less time consuming than traditional hand appliqué, although some hand appliqué is worked in all the designs. 3 different blocks will be taught over 3 separate Friday afternoons. Requirement sheet available

Friday 1st May, 2009

Friday 29th May, 2009

Friday 26th June, 2009

1pm to 4pm

Class cost \$75 (\$25.00 per 3 hour class)

"Double Chenille Patchwork"

Carolyn Weston is coming to teach this one day class to show you how to make a Double Chenille Quilt. If you already have a piece of double chenille patchwork, she can show you how to add a miter border.

These are great techniques, fun to do and yield great results!

Saturday 16th May, 2009

10am to 4pm

Class cost: \$45

"Log Cabin Variations Class"

As we had such a great time with the "Scrap Quilt Class" at the end of January, this class is structured in a similar way, but based on the "Log Cabin" theme. This class begins with discussion about Log Cabin quilts. Samples will be on display. You have 4 Log Cabin quilt designs to choose from. "Log Cabin" "Christmas Log Cabin" "Log Cabin Houses" and "Curved Log Cabin"

Saturday 20th June, 2009

10am to 4pm

Class Cost: \$45

"Casserole Carrier"

It is the popular thing these days to take a casserole or food with you to parties. Some interest has been shown in this project, so Margaret is offering this as a class so that you can make your own casserole carrier. A very practical and useful project!

Saturday 13th June, 2009

10am to 2pm

Class Cost: \$30

"Raggy Quilt"

This is a lovely fun quilt to make from either flannel or conventional patchwork fabric. The exposed seams become the feature. Raggy quilts are very cuddly and user friendly quilts – everyone loves them. Enjoy a fun day getting your quilt together.

Saturday 23rd May, 2009

10am to 4pm

Class Cost: \$45

WEEKLY CLASSES

MONDAY NIGHT

(except Public and School Holidays)

7.30 to 9.30pm

WEDNESDAY MORNING

(except Public and School Holidays)

9.30 to 11.30am

Weekly classes are general classes where participants work on projects of their choice. Advice and help is given as required. A variety of stitching skills can be worked on including:

**Patchwork by hand or machine; Applique; Candlewicking;
Crazy Patchwork; Silk Ribbon Embroidery;
Embroidered Pictures; General Embroidery**

Class fee: \$15.00 per 2 hour session.

All classes include morning or afternoon tea

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL CLASSES

**DEPOSIT \$10 – BALANCE DUE AT CLASS. PHONE
BOOKINGS ACCEPTABLE WITH CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

Class samples can be viewed at the studio.

Reservations for classes may be made by phone during normal working hours, or personally on Fridays and Saturdays from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm.

Class participants will automatically forfeit class deposit when the participant cancels two days or less prior to the day of class. Should Sew Stitchable for unavoidable reasons need to cancel a class, a full refund will be given to those enrolled.

VASES OF FLOWERS
BLOCK OF THE MONTH
CANDLEWICK QUILT



This issue of "The Stitcher" sees the release of the second block in the 'VASES OF FLOWERS' Quilt – "Dahlias". In all 25 x 16" blocks will be released. Each block will have a different shaped vase and the theme for each block will be a type of flower. The designs only loosely resemble the flower variety, botanical details have not been strictly adhered to. In every bi-monthly issue of "The Stitcher" one new block pattern will be released. While Margaret is working this quilt in colour, it also looks good stitched in cream thread. It is planned to make these patterns available indefinitely.

Costing is as follows:

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| "Vases of Flowers – Tulip" Pattern Pack | \$10.00 |
| "Vases of Flowers – Dahlias" Pattern Pack | \$10.00 |
| Postage and Handling for up to 2 pattern packs | \$1.30 |

If you wish to begin this as a Queen size quilt, you need 7mtrs
 140cm wide Seeded Homespun Fabric @ \$8.50 per mtr \$59.50

Thread pack for working in colour 24 x Finca Perle8 threads
 @ \$3.40 each (These are colours used in sample blocks) \$80.00

Tri-Finca8 thread (for working the designs in cream – this thread has a
 perle finish) 2 x 100 gram balls @ \$13.00 each \$26.00

Finca Super 6 (this thread comes in cream and gives a traditional flat
 finish) 4 x 50gram balls @ \$6 each \$24.00

Also available:

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| Heat Transfer Pencil | \$4.00 |
| Tracing Pencil | \$4.00 |
| Tracing Paper | \$3.50 |
| Sewline Pencil | \$15.00 |

Postage & Handling for fabric, pattern and threads etc \$9.50.

Should you wish us to send each pattern to you as it becomes available, please use our Order Form and return the completed form to Sew Stitchable.

PATCHWORK
BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2009

We have two exciting new Patchwork Block of the Month releases to tell you about in this issue. "Calendar Quilt" first posting is scheduled to leave here on 7th April while "Heart and Home" first posting is scheduled to leave here on 2nd June. Depending on availability, we anticipate that it will be possible to book both of these quilts after the starting dates mentioned above.

"Calendar Quilt"



Isn't this just the prettiest quilt? The fabrics are just gorgeous and as is so often the case, the actual fabrics look much better than the picture above indicates. The quilt is mostly pieced with a small amount of appliqué on the four corner blocks.

The "Calendar Quilt" was designed by Sonja Moen and Vicki Oehlke for Willowberry Lane.

Quilt size is 180cms (71") Square

It may be feasible to make this quilt a little larger with extra borders.

Postal starting date for this quilt is 7th April, 2009

There are **12 monthly postings** for this quilt and the cost is **\$28.00 per month** plus postage costs (Months 1 \$3.00; 2-11 \$1.30 per month and \$9.50 for Month 12). On the information we have at the time of writing this newsletter, this appears to be what postage will be. You will be advised if there is any variation on this.

Included in the Month 1 posting is a beautiful perpetual calendar ideal for noting birthdays and special annual anniversaries. Instruction sheets are all in colour and easy to follow.

For those who feel they need more help getting it together, you can join our **Block of the Month Class** which begins on **4th April**.

This quilt can be purchased as a complete package (including fabric and instructions) for **\$320.00 plus \$9.50 postage.**

Depending on supplies, additional fabrics from this range may be available for purchase for **\$20.50 per mtr.**

"Heart and Home"



We are very excited to be able to present this amazingly charming "Heart and Home" quilt to you from "The Quilt Company". Designed by Arlene Stamper and Melissa Harris, this promises to be a truly fun project that will provide many hours of fun piecing and appliqué.

Quilt Size is 183cms (72") x 160cms (63")

If required, it is easy to make this quilt into a double/queen size quilt by adding an extra 6" border of one of the lovely fabrics in the range. This would make a quilt 213cms x 190cms

The fabrics in the "Heart and Home" quilt are absolutely gorgeous and as is always the case and no exception with this quilt, the photography does not do the colours and piecing justice at all.

Postal starting date for this quilt is 2nd June, 2009.

There are **6 monthly postings** for this quilt and the cost is **\$43.00 per month** plus postage costs. As we are still waiting to receive our shop pack, we will have to advise postage costs when we have more detailed information about monthly cutting measurements.

There are some delightfully intricate details in the windows and doors which really add to the charm of this quilt. Some of you will be happy to do your own window and door trimmings, but as an extra option, we are able to offer you an Accessory Kit of transfers for these for **\$20.00 per pack** for all the window and door trimmings for 1 quilt.

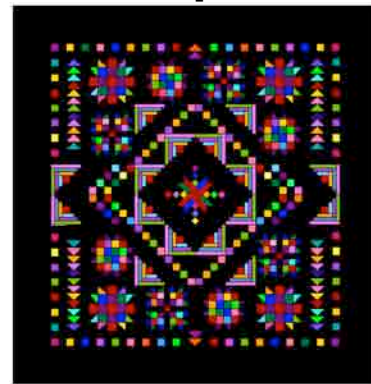
This quilt can be purchased as a complete package (including fabric & instructions) for **\$255.00 plus \$9.50 postage.**

For those who feel they need more help in getting it together, you can join one of our **Block of the Month Classes** which you can begin on **30th May, 2009.** Class cost is Kit cost plus \$10.00.

Depending on supplies, additional fabrics from this range may be available for **\$20.50 per mtr.**

If you are interested to join this block of the month programme or indeed to purchase it as a full kit, we encourage you to place your orders as soon as possible. This information is helpful when ordering in our supplies. If you are ordering on credit card, we will not deduct from your account until a day or two before each posting is due.

"Kaleidoscope of Kolor"



Jewel Colours



Earth Colours

17 gorgeous "Shadow Play" fabrics from Maywood Studio are used in this stunning quilt designed by Thea D. Jirak for The Quilt Connection

Finished quilt size: 96" (244cms) x 100" (254cms)

CHOOSE FROM 2 COLOURWAYS –

EARTH TONES (natural background)

JEWEL TONES (almost Black background)

There are 12 monthly postings. Fabrics for the Borders and Binding are sent with Month 12. Monthly packs include fabric and instructions

Pay \$28.00 when you enrol for Month 1

Then \$28.00 per month up to and including Month 12

(Plus Postage Months 1-11 \$1.30 per month; Month 12 \$9.50)

"A Kaleidoscope of Kolor" is an ongoing block of the month programme as it uses the basic range of "Shadow Play" fabrics.

THE RIVENDALE COLLECTION **by Sally GIBLIN**

Sally produces some of the most delightful small projects imaginable. For some time now, we have been stocking her patterns at Sew Stitchable. The photograph below indicates the style and flavour of the patterns. All designs have some simple embroidery that gives a lovely personal touch. Pattern Packs are \$10 each or 2 for \$18.



SEWLINE PRODUCTS

Two new Sewline products were introduced and demonstrated at our Mystery Mornings the "**Fabric Marker**" and "**Fabric Glue Pen**". They are both excellent products that yield great results.

The **Fabric Marker** is a propelling pencil with leads that are ceramic based. They have less tendency to break and can be washed off or rubbed off using the eraser at the end of the pencil. The white leads are perfect for marking dark fabric. All items can be refilled including the eraser. This is the best form of marking fabric that we have ever come across and Margaret has no hesitation recommending it for many purposes. Marking dark fabrics has been an ongoing problem and this is the best and safest solution that Margaret is aware of and is happy to recommend.

The **Fabric Marker Pencils** come with two leads in the pencil and a packet of 6 spare leads.

They are available in **WHITE or GREEN and priced at \$15 each.**

Spare Leads are available in **WHITE, GREEN or PINK and are priced at \$6.70.**

(Leads are interchangeable, so it is possible to have one pencil and change over the leads to suit the project you are working on.)

Erasers are \$5.70 per packet of 6.

The **Glue Pen** is great for matching difficult seams, a tiny dot in the seam allowance holds the seam more accurately in place than pins. It doesn't move when you stitch it and adheres exactly where you put it. It washes out in water and leaves no residue in the fabric. Margaret recommends to use it only in the seam allowance. The Glue Pen is also useful in appliqué projects.

Glue pens (including a spare refill) cost \$7.70 each and a packet containing **two refills costs \$4.50.**

CATALOGUE

We are in the process of upgrading the Catalogue for 2009. It is taking on a new format. There will be new candlewick patterns and kits released in the new Catalogue!

Pricing for the new Catalogue is **\$5.00** (including postage). Postage stamps (9 x 55cent) can still be used as payment for postal requests if preferred. Credit Card is also an acceptable form of payment for a Catalogue.

FABRIC

New fabrics continue to trickle into the studio. We have again added to the discontinued range – these fabrics are priced at \$10 per mtr or less, so we have some really great value for you. There are also quite a few fabrics that are priced between \$11.00 and \$15.00.

Of particular interest, recently, we have taken delivery of a couple of interesting **Australian Prints**. One is a collage of a large variety of Australian Flowers, Animals and Birds in bright colours. The other is amazing scenery along the River with Paddlewheelers, Shops, Hotels, Old Roadside Mail Boxes etc in green/rust tones. Both have a 60cm pattern match and are priced at **\$21.00 per mtr**. We also have a selection of toning fabrics to complement both of these lovely prints.

We continue to increase on our "**Shadow Play**" colours. They seem to be very useful colours that blend with so many of the other fabrics in stock at the studio. We have so much squeezed into a small space in the studio that when you visit us, you really need to take time to browse to get the best advantage of our fabric range. Margaret is always willing to assist with colour choices when not teaching a class.

TORCHON LACE

At present we still have some stock of torchon lace. However, with the present economy and the lowering in value of the Australian Dollar, we have been warned to expect fairly steep price increases from our suppliers. New stocks will definitely have a price increase as we have sourced all the lace we can lay my hands on at the old prices. At this stage we have no idea what the new prices are going to be.

STITCHING GROUP AT SEW STITCHABLE

Our Stitching Group is scheduled to begin on 11th March at 12 noon. Initially this will be on a trial basis and if it works successfully for all concerned, it will continue.

There is a small fee to join the group and the group would also support a charity. This group will not be a place to go to learn patchwork, but rather a gathering of ladies with a common interest in patchwork and who are keen to use their skills to benefit others less fortunate than themselves. This is also a place where you will be able to freely discuss your patchwork and embroidery and to swap ideas.

If you are interested to know more about this group without obligation, please be in touch with Margaret on 8265.2963.

BOOK

"Margaret's Candlewick Designs"

Consists of the following:

- . 50 new Candlewick designs for 10" blocks
- . Designs use only Stem Stitch and Colonial Knots
- . 4 pages of colour pictures
- . Instructions for assembling quilt, cushions and table runner
- . Spiral bound for easy access and use.



None of the designs published in this book have been used in previous projects or pattern packs.

Cost per copy is **\$35.00**. + Postage \$5.00 (within Aus.)
(Overseas – actual postage rates will be charged)

BRING YOUR GROUP TO VISIT OUR STUDIO IN 2009!

We cater for groups of up to 30 people at a time. Demonstrations are designed to be 'hands on' and kits are available for low cost - \$5 to \$12, depending on the demonstration. We offer a choice of demonstrations:

Marti Michell Log Cabin (\$8 Kit)

(Kit includes sufficient fabric to cut out 4 Log Cabin blocks, enough to make a cushion)

Marti Michell Templates (\$6 Kit)

(Kit includes fabric to make a 12" block including instructions. Cutting the shapes is practiced as part of the demonstration.)

Crazy Patchwork by Machine (\$12 Kit)

(A kit including several different types of fabric and a few trimmings is included. Preparation is made for simple piecing at demonstration.)

Candlewicking 1 (\$5 Kit)

(Candlewick 1 Kit incorporates beginning and ending your stitchery, Colonial Knots and Stem Stitch)

Candlewicking 2 (\$5 Kit)

(Candlewick 2 Kit incorporates Coral Stitch, and Fly Stitch variations)

Quilt as you go Hexagons (\$8 Kit)

(Kit includes sufficient fabric to make 7 hexagons into a table centre)

Clover YoYo Maker (\$10 Kit)

(Kit includes 1 YoYo Maker plus fabric and a needle to practice)

You will notice that more choices have been added to the list, we anticipate that some groups will be visiting us again and we are trying to keep it interesting for you!

We also offer a discounted special just for your group – this is announced on the day of your visit. Demonstration time takes about half to ¾ hour. To give you the best advantage, larger groups are divided into two groups and while one group is having a demonstration, the other is shopping or having a cuppa! Then we swap over. You need to allow about 2 hours for your visit.

We prepare morning or afternoon tea or supper for an evening visit. We realize that the needs of each individual group may be different, so, if the idea of a visit to our studio appeals to you, we would love to hear from you so we can discuss your group's individual needs.

FABRIC BONUS SYSTEM

We have decided to offer purchase rewards to both our Personal and Mail Order customers. It works like this:

Every Patchwork Fabric purchase (with the exception of already discounted fabric purchases) will be noted on a card. When the total you have spent reaches **\$250**, you will be eligible for a **free 1 mtr of 112cm wide patchwork fabric** of your choosing. There is no time limit on the accumulation of points. If you would like to be part of this plan, simply ask about it when making your next purchase and we will be happy to make out a card for you. Participation in this system happens only at your request. This can begin on your very next visit.

POSTAL MAILING LIST

Would you like to receive a **FREE** copy of the "The Stitcher" Bi-monthly? Just advise us by phone, email or post with your details, we will be happy to include you!

Please be sure to let us know if you **change your address**, so that we can update our records.

If you are currently on our mailing list for the Block of the Month, and/or Sew Stitchable Fabric Club, you will automatically receive the "The Stitcher" and any other product information each month in your mail-out.

Alternatively the same information can be sent via email.

Ask us to put you on our **EMAIL MAILING LIST** today.

Please note that all prices quoted in "The Stitcher" are in Australian Dollars. All items are available while present stocks last. When items are re-ordered, we anticipate there could be more price changes in 2009.

We are a little later than we had hoped to be getting this issue of "The Stitcher" published, but just over a week ago we had a lovely 5 day visit from our son, Julian, from Melbourne. While we all appreciated his visit, his nephews particularly enjoyed having fun with him.

You will have noticed on the front page that we are **closed over Easter** as Julian and Tresca are planning to visit. We are looking forward to more special family times! Please note that we are also **closed on Anzac Day**.

We thank you for your support and encouragement in the past and look forward to further contact with you throughout the year.

Margaret and Bruce