

# MAY/JUNE 2009

Hi and welcome to the May/June 2009 issue of  
"The Stitcher"

This is our third newsletter for 2009.

How this year is flipping by seemingly faster than any of the previous years. There never seems to be a dull moment around here - there is always much to keep us busy. We have had visits from groups and have also visited a group since our last newsletter. Margaret also had the privilege of teaching a techniques class for the Southern Cross Quilters (Scquilters). We have also had a lovely relaxing holiday with friends on their paddle-wheeler on the Murray. Margaret was able to get on with her "Vases of Flowers" candlewick embroidery - she completed Month 3 - Gerbras and got well into Month 4 - Poppies! The holiday was all too short.

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 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009. A Single Chenille Bag is also an option in this class. This class is already full, so if you are interested, still contact us as another date will be offered in Term 4.

Another popular class has been the "Raggy Quilt". This one has also booked out and another date will be offered in Term 3.

## CLASS INFORMATION SESSION BOOK YOUR SEAT NOW

If you enjoyed attending the Mystery Mornings, these sessions are happening along similar lines. All sessions will be similar and the main focus will be class information for Terms 3 & 4 and a product demonstration. As this is a class promotional time, the sessions will be FREE. Morning Tea will be provided. Participants at the Class Information Session who **book into a class or classes and pay in full** on 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> July, will receive a **FREE Fat 1/4** for every class booked. So that we can be sure to have sufficient space for everyone, it is essential that you **MAKE RESERVATION** for the "Class Information Session". When the session times are booked out, more times will be made available, but only on the dates mentioned below.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 10am**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 10am and 11am**

## VISIT OUR STUDIO

**FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS**  
**9.30AM TO 1.00PM.**

**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.**

**11<sup>th</sup> May - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009**  
**10% off ALL FABRIC ON FLAT BOLTS**

**18<sup>th</sup> May - 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009**  
**25% off QUILTING STENCILS**

**25<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009**  
**15% off ALL BOOKS**

**1<sup>st</sup> June - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009**  
**10% off TORCHON LACE**

**9<sup>th</sup> June - 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009**  
**10% off all NOTIONS**

**15<sup>th</sup> June - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009**  
**10% off all RULERS, CUTTERS,  
CUTTING MATS & ALL TEMPLATES**

**22<sup>nd</sup> June - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009**  
**10% off ALL THREADS**  
**+ANCHOR STRANDED COTTONS 60cents  
or 10 for \$5.00**

**29<sup>th</sup> June - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009**  
**10% off all WADDING**

**6<sup>th</sup> July - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2009**  
**10% off ALL PATTERN PACKS**

**13<sup>th</sup> July - 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009**  
**240cm & 270cm wide BACKING FABRIC**

## CLASS LIST - 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 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**10am to 12noon**

**Monthly Kit cost: \$28.00**

**Class cost: \$10 for each class**

### **"Calendar"**

#### **"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 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**1pm to 3pm**

**Monthly Kit cost:**

**\$28.00** per month (Calendar Quilt – 12 months)

**\$43.00** per month (Heart & Home Quilt – 6 months)

**Class cost: \$10 for each class**

### **"Introduction to Patchwork"**

This course is designed to give the finer details of patchwork, with particular attention being paid to use of cutting equipment, accurate seam allowances, pinning the quilt and finally quilting and binding. All this happens over 3 x 3 hour classes fortnightly on Friday mornings

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**10am to 1pm**

**Kit (including fabric, wadding & thread) \$75.00**

**Class cost: \$75.00** (\$25 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 by Candlelight";**

**"Log Cabin Houses" and "Curved Log Cabin"**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2009**

**10am to 4pm**

**Class Cost: \$45**

### **"African Bag"**

Easy to make – a fun bag that also looks great and perfect to take shopping or make for a gift.

The pattern for this bag is based on a circle.

Requirement Sheet available

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**10am to 2pm**

**Class Cost: \$35**

## 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 tea/coffee refreshments**

**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.

**Requirement Sheets are given when class deposit is received.**

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 third block in the 'VASES OF FLOWERS' Quilt – "Gerberas". 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 the quilt in colour, it also looks good stitched in cream thread. These patterns will be available indefinitely.

**Costing is as follows:**

"Vases of Flowers – Tulip" Pattern Pack	<b>\$10.00</b>
"Vases of Flowers – Dahlias" Pattern Pack	<b>\$10.00</b>
"Vases of Flowers – Gerberas" Pattern Pack	<b>\$10.00</b>
Postage and Handling for up to 3 pattern packs	<b>\$1.30</b>

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  
 (Perle8 threads are priced at \$3.60 per 10gram ball up to 6 balls and then \$3.40 per 10 gram ball for 6 or more).

Tri-Finca8 thread (for working the designs in cream – this thread has a perle finish) 2 x 100 gram balls @ \$14.00 each \$28.00

Also available:	
Heat Transfer Pencil	\$4.00
Tracing Paper	\$4.50
Sewline Pencil (for tracing directly onto fabric)	\$15.00
Needles (No 4 Crewel Richard Hemming)	\$4.00

**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**

Following are two beautiful yet very different quilts. The "Calendar Quilt" first posting was scheduled to leave here in April. However, due to the delayed arrival of the fabrics and totally out of our control it will begin early June. Late bookings will be acceptable for this quilt.

"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 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, 2009**

**Class Starting date is now 30<sup>th</sup> May, 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 (\$10 per month)** which begins on **30<sup>th</sup> May**.

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

Additional fabrics from this range are available for purchase for **\$20.50 per mtr**.

# "Heart and Home"

"Heart and Home" first posting is scheduled to leave here on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Late bookings will be acceptable for this quilt.



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 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2009.**

There are **six (6) monthly postings** 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.

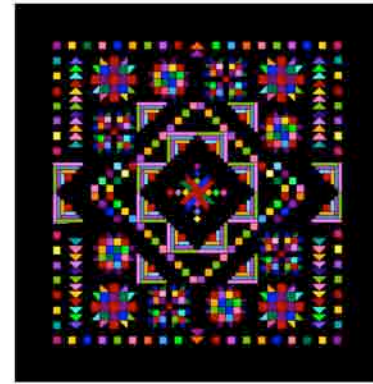
There are some delightfully intricate details in the windows and doors which really add to the charm of this quilt. Some of you will be happy to do your own window and door trimmings, but as an extra option, we are able to offer you an Accessory Kit of transfers for these for **\$20.00 per pack** for 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 **30<sup>th</sup> 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**.

# "Kaleidoscope of Kolor"



**Jewel Colours**



**Earth Colours**

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

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 enroll 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 )

### **ADDITIONAL FABRICS AVAILABLE**

We anticipate having additional quantities of many of the fabrics in "Heart and Home", "Calendar" and "Kaleidoscope of Kolor" and encourage you to contact us if you are interested in any of them. "Heart and Home" and "Calendar" fabrics are \$20.50 per mtr and "Kaleidoscope of Kolor" fabrics are \$19.00 per mtr.

## **SEWLINE PRODUCTS**

The Sewline products have been selling well and people are still discovering just how great they are. The Glue Pens are just so easy to use and are much more accurate to use than pins! The Marker Pencils are great to mark quilting designs and candlewick designs and rub off easily with the special eraser. They are both excellent products.

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.**

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



## CATALOGUE

Some progress has been made in upgrading the Catalogue for 2009, but there is still much more work to be done. The primary focus of the Catalogue will be Candlewicking and related products. Margaret apologises for the delay, but is going to give it priority once this newsletter is released.

Pricing for the new Catalogue is **\$5.00** (including postage). Postage stamps (9 x 55cent) can 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. The latest addition to the range has been "Kona Bay" Japanese fabrics @ \$16.50 per mtr. These have been very popular and were the feature fabrics for our April Fabric Club. They have been well received and some have already been sold out.

More recently we have received some more Australian fabrics – one featuring Australian animals in earth/green tones, the other one is Australian wildflowers in bright shades. Both are very representative of our country.

## BOOKS

### **"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)**

### **"Candlewicking and Colonial Stitchery"**

by Jean Jensen **\$9.50 each**

**Volume 1; Volume 2; Volume 3; Volume 4; Volume 5**  
**"From Nanna's Garden"; Volume 6 "Land, Sea & Air";**  
**Volume 7 "Hearts, Teddy Bears and others";**  
**Volume 8 "Crochet Embroidery".**

## BACKING FABRIC

A new selection of 240cm wide backing fabric has arrived at the studio. There is a range of 12 colours and are in a tone on tone print. Priced at \$12.00 per mtr they are really great value.

We have recently received other backing fabrics:  
A green grass print 295cms wide \$27.50 per mtr;  
a navy Japanese print 280cms wide \$24.50 per mtr and  
a Blue on Cream pretty print 280cms wide and \$22.50 per mtr.

There is some really great value here and it is great to layer a quilt without joins in the backing. We have other backings not listed here.

## STITCHING GROUP AT SEW STITCHABLE

Our Stitching Group began in March on Wednesday afternoons. Initially we had only a handful of people who were interested, but it has grown to the point where they are ready to begin sewing a charity quilt.

There is a small fee to join the group - \$20 per term. This is not a place to go to learn patchwork, but rather a gathering of ladies with a common interest in patchwork, who just want to sit and stitch their projects in the company of like minded friends and who would also like 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.

## 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. We offer a choice of demonstrations:

### **Marti Michell Log Cabin (\$8 Kit)**

(Kit includes fabric to cut out 4 Log Cabin blocks, enough for 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)**

(The kit includes several different types of fabric and a few trimmings are 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)

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.

## **INVITE US TO VISIT YOUR GROUP**

Recently we visited one of our local stitching groups. Margaret conducted a workshop and provided kits while Bruce manned the 'shop'. We had a wonderful time with the group and I think they enjoyed our visit too. We are happy to do ½ day or 1 day workshops in this way. Why not phone us for more details about class possibilities and costs etc.

## **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 mention 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 system is working well, so don't forget to request your card when you make your next fabric purchase.

## **PARKING AT SEW STITCHABLE**

Sometimes, it can be confusing when visiting us as to where you can park your car. We prefer if at all possible for you to park in our property. There is space for 2 smaller cars under the carport and we love you to park in the shade as we don't always use the carport ourselves. Down the bottom end of the driveway are 2 more parking spaces which give shade most of the day and if cars are parked at the correct angle, 2 cars can once again use this space. While you are here, we do not need to use our car, so you are very welcome to park in front of the double roller door just over the hump.

We ask you to exercise caution when parking in the street to observe driveways etc. There have been times when our neighbours have not been happy with the way our customers have parked their cars. Because of the angle our next door neighbour has to back to get her car out of her garage, we also ask you to leave a space at the end of the road so that she has room to back her car around without putting yours at risk.

We thank you for your co-operation in observing the above.

## **WARNING**

This warning is to customers who supported out Mystery Mornings in January. Those who attended were given a "Goodies Bag" and included in some (not all) of these bags were some Tape Measures. It has been brought to my attention that these may not be accurate i.e. 1" has been converted at 2cms (instead of 2.5cms), which is incorrect and may lead to wrong measurements.

These products were given to me to use in the bags and as they were packaged I did not think it necessary to open then to check them. I hope this has not caused anyone any inconvenience. If you have one of these, please throw them in the bin.

**Please note that all prices quoted in "The Stitcher" are in Australian Dollars.** All items are available while present stocks last. With our present economy, when items are re-ordered, we often find that prices have risen. We anticipate there will be more price changes in 2009.

We are experiencing more changes in our life-style too. Recently, Bruce was given the opportunity to take over a small lawn-mowing round which he is enjoying. This occupies him for about 2-3 days per week. He is enjoying the exercise and is already boasting about taking his belt in a notch!!

Our little grandchildren are growing rapidly – too much so!! Jacob has just turned 4 and has started Kindy one day a week. Grant still has a great love for anything with wheels and much of his conversation focuses on cars, wheels, trailers, tractors, engine noises etc. He will be 2 in July.

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**