



January - March 2010 Newsletter

Happy New Year to everyone!

We hope 2010 will be a healthy and active year for you all. After a pleasant holiday break (see some of my quilting holiday snaps from South Africa on the last page !), our staff are back and keen to help you with ideas and fabric selections for your quilting projects. Please give a warm welcome to two new staff, Sharon Riley and Adrienne Riggs, who have joined the team at Killara Village Quilts. We are all looking forward to some exciting classes this year - see details overleaf, especially as the shop is stocked full of some fantastic new fabric designs to inspire you. Come in and see photos of the quilts that our specialist tutors will be teaching. In addition, we'll be scheduling some great new and interesting workshops in the coming months and we will let you know once dates are confirmed. Our most exciting news is that we will be hosting **Sue Spargo** this year from the USA (in Sydney she will be exclusive to our shop !!). Sue will be conducting a two day workshop for us in early August which will be amazing !

I have several other ideas in the pipeline but am awaiting final confirmation from some of the teachers. If there is a teacher that you would like to see at Killara let us know! We are always open to suggestion. We'll be announcing any new dates and events by email to our mailing list customers and on our website so be sure check in for news.

Carol Helson

New fabrics in store!

We've had a constant flow of new fabric arrivals from November last year - simply too many to photograph ! In store now we have more brights by Kaffe Fasset from XLN, Reproductions from Windham Fabrics plus the Civil War range from Moda. The French General range also from Moda has been extremely popular and there's more to come! The Suzani Range from Charles Parsons is in high demand too. The Boutique Range from Moda has some pretty soft brights and for the more traditionalist we have pretty florals and border prints by Dayview. In addition to all of these delicious fabrics we have new spots and dots from Max Miller and a delightful range of children's fabrics from Andover and Henry Glass. Hopefully something for everyone !!!

Kaffe Fasset - XLN



Fine Lines Avery - Dayview



French General - Moda



Calisto Collection



Boutique - Moda



Max Miller



You can see larger images of the above samples at our web-site by clicking the link below:

http://www.killaravillagequilts.com.au/Content_Common/pg-New-Arrivals.seo

Upcoming events for 2010

NEW How to make your own skirts with Annette Ferguson

Date: Tuesday, 23rd February

Time: 10am-3pm

Cost: TBA (will include book, interfacing and skirt fabric)

A fun filled day on how to make summer skirts to fit you and suit your style.

Annette will show you how to make a simple wrap around. She will also show others that you can make at home in a day! With individual fabrics everyone will admire your handiwork.

If you'd like to be placed on the list please contact us at the shop or by e-mail.

A \$30 non-refundable deposit will be required when booking Annette's workshop.

NEW! Hand Appliqué one day workshop with Carol Helson

Date: Wednesday, 2nd June

Time: 10am-2pm

Cost: \$80

Back by popular request ! Did you ever want to make a hand appliquéd quilt but didn't know where to start!! This small quilt using a traditional Japanese block will give you a step by step introduction to needle turn appliqué. The block I have chosen has large pieces for an easier start to a new skill.

If you'd like to be placed on the list please contact us at the shop or by e-mail.

A \$30 non-refundable deposit will be required when booking Carol's workshop.

NEW! Sue Spargo two day workshop

Dates: 5th and 6th August

Time: TBA

Cost: TBA

At this time I don't know what Sue will be teaching but I'm sure if you admire her work you will love it. You won't be disappointed! If you are not familiar with her work check out her website at www.suespargo.com. Sue has been inspired by the places she has lived, Africa being one of them. She likes to work in wools in a naive, folk art style.

In Sydney she will be exclusive to our shop so gather a few friends and come and Join in the fun. We will post further information as soon as we get it.

If you'd like to book please contact us at the shop or by e-mail ASAP. Booking is essential as numbers are limited.

A non-refundable deposit will be required when booking Sue's workshops.

Sit and Sew

Due to popular demand, our "Sit and Sew" sessions now have two groups. Group 1 meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month and Group 2 meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. These sessions are a good chance to catch up on projects, get to meet fellow quilters and exchange exciting ideas in a relaxed and friendly environment. Please note, they are **not** a teaching session. Don't feel you have to sign up for a season of these sessions though, just book if you'd like to attend that particular month. We have a **maximum** of 10 quilters at these sessions so it will be on a **"first come, first served"** basis!

Dates/ time: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Group 1: Thurs. 21st Jan, 4th Feb, 4th Mar, 1st and 15th April

Group 2: Thurs. 28th Jan, 11th and 25th Feb, 11th and 25th Mar, 8th and 22nd April

Cost: \$10. Includes morning tea with cake and a lunch-time cuppa !

GUEST TUTORS- LOOK OUT FOR NEW QUILTS AND TEACHERS

There are several **exciting new quilts** that our guest tutors will be teaching for 2010 alongside designs that have been on offer throughout the past year. **Photos of the new quilts are available to browse.** Some are on our wall display and others are in folders. Please ask our staff for more information. Please sign up early to avoid disappointment.

Karen Cunningham

Karen's theme for 2010 will be **circles and hexagons!** She has three new quilts in addition to some of the quilts presented in 2009. One quilt is inspired by a 1700's quilt using $\frac{3}{4}$ inch hexagons. A second quilt is based on a 1800's quilt using circles. It has appliqué and piecing. Karen also has a little crib quilt to tempt us. Along with the new ones Karen will continue with some of her quilts from 2009. One which has been very popular is her beautiful sampler. **Summer Sampler** which was inspired by one of the quilts in the V & A collection known as **"Sundial coverlet"** (dated 1797). Karen's blocks have been selected to represent key milestones in her and her family's lives Karen will continue to teach any quilts presented in her portfolio.

Dates: Once a month: Group 1 is the 2nd Monday: Group 2 is the 3rd Monday

Times: 10.00am – 3.00pm:

Cost: 5 x 5hr lessons - \$350 for the semester

Deborah Louie

Machine Quilting with Deborah Louie: Machine quilting is a valuable addition to your repertoire of techniques. This is a two day workshop with the first day covering all the basics, including marking, basting and waddings, ditch and straight line stitching and free motion quilting such as stippling, hearts and flowers. The second explores stippling, swirls, flowers, textures, many patterns, continuous curves, non-marking quilting and much more. This is a “not-to-be missed” workshop, and all done on a domestic sewing machine!

Dates for this 2 day workshop.

Stage One: Thursday, 18th February 2010 10.00am - 4.00pm

Stage Two: Thursday, 18th March 2010 10.00am - 4.00pm

Cost: \$160 for the 2 days Bookings essential as numbers are limited.

If you'd like to be placed on the list please contact us at the shop or by e-mail.

Cost: A \$50 non-refundable deposit will be required when booking any of Deborah's workshops.

NEW! Beginners Machine Appliqué One day workshop with Deborah Louie

This one day workshop is a technique class which will introduce you to machine appliqué. You will make samples of blanket stitch, double blanket stitch, satin stitch, open zigzag stitch, free motion appliqué and invisible machine appliqué. For those of you who haven't explored your machine and its capabilities this might be the class for you.

Date: Friday, 30th July

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Cost: \$80 for the day

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited.

If you'd like to be placed on the list please contact us at the shop or by e-mail.

A \$30 non-refundable deposit will be required when booking any of Deborah's workshops.

NEW! Stencil Class with Deborah Louie

This class is designed to give you confidence and the skills to free motion quilt on the line and take a pattern and free form it to make your own unique design.

Date: Thursday, 3rd June

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Cost: \$80 for the day

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited.

If you'd like to be placed on the list please contact us at the shop or by e-mail.

A \$30 non-refundable deposit will be required when booking any of Deborah's workshops.

NEW! Lynne Alchin

Lynne will be teaching this year which we are very excited about. Her quilts are a combination of appliqué and piecing. We have some quilts and photos of others for you to look at. Too many to explain in detail

Date: 3rd Saturday each month

Time: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Cost: 5 x4 hour lessons \$320 for the semester

A \$50 non-refundable deposit will be required when booking any of Lynne's classes

Please note classes held by guest tutors are held on the dates specified and we ask for a firm commitment to those dates. There can be no refunds or transfers (however if you are unable to attend a class and you can give us sufficient notice, we are happy to fit you into another group within that semester). A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required for our specialist tutors and some workshops, and \$30 for our one day workshops.

CAROL'S CLASSES

Beginners & Your Choice: Classes held on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays can be purchased as a package and used as you consider you need them i.e. weekly, fortnightly etc. We continue to hold classes through all school holidays. If you book a block of lessons, they are valid for up to one year from the date of purchase. We ask that you consider a booking as definite. While we are happy to transfer these class times when given sufficient notice, failure to attend will incur the normal class fee.

Class Times 10.00am – 12.00 noon
12.30pm – 2.30pm

Package Prices

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| 1 x 2hr lessons | \$40 |
| 2 x 2hr lessons | \$75 |
| 3 x 2hr lessons | \$105 |
| 4 x 2hr lessons | \$125 |
| 8 x 2hr lessons | \$195 |
| 10 x 2hr lessons | \$230 |

Sampler For Beginners. The sampler is the ideal way to learn the basics of patchwork. Block by block you will practice the techniques needed to make a quilt and become a patchworker, including hand piecing of geometric blocks, traditional appliqué techniques, curved patchwork, drafting and adding trams, combining your blocks into a whole quilt and hand quilting.

10 x 2hr lessons : \$230

Carol's new patterns and other quilts

If you don't want to do a sampler I will be happy to teach any of my quilts which can be seen in store. All quilts provide an introduction to the basic techniques of patchwork and quilting. I also have a number of other quilts at the shop which I am happy to teach that are suitable both for beginners and intermediate.

Your Choice. If you are a quilter with projects underway or a specific new quilt you would like to start, we can give all the guidance and advice you need. We can help you with quilt designs, hand or machine piecing techniques, different approaches to appliqué – again both by hand or machine, with setting of blocks, adding borders, basting and quilting.

And last but not least...some quilting holiday snaps from South Africa !

I visited South Africa over the recent holiday break and saw some beautiful and unique fabrics and the interesting methods they used to create them (including using plant leaves as stencils to shape the patterns – see below). Thought you'd like to see them !!



This amazing quilt was just hanging in a gift shop in Johannesburg (wish I'd bought it now !!)



...and this one (near Knysna) I loved...great colours !



...using leaves as stencils for the patterns !



....now I wonder if I could get my husband to do this !