

Lone Star Quiltworks December 2009 Newsletter

I started writing this letter during our Candy Cane Shop Hop while it was snowing outside! Yes, I said snowing. This did put quite a damper on our Shop Hop; however, there were enough participants who made it around to all of the shops to have some lucky winners.



From the completed passports received by all of the shops, the following prizes were awarded: Lance H won the grand prize consisting of a \$50 gift certificate and 15 finished ornaments from all of the shops! Kathy M won a \$25 dollar gift certificate from all of the participating shops, and our own Elaine L won the gift basket of ornament kits from all 15 shops.

Congratulations Elaine!

I have lots to tell you about this month. The holidays are fast approaching, and we have many new gift items in the shop. If you are looking for stocking stuffers, we have Scarlet Needles in Applique, Betweens, Embroidery, or Straw/Milliners. These needles are hand packed in their containers, and we have had many customer requests for this brand.

To help you thread either the Scarlet needles, (or any other needle in the shop), we have a Threader Collection. The neat thing about this is the directions on the back of the package tell you which threader to use for each size needle. The pack is complete with a carrying case and contains three different sized threaders.

If you are looking for a nice gift idea, we have lots and lots and lots of new books! Why not get that special someone a book and a gift certificate? A gift basket with assorted items is another way to present a gift certificate. We have many small items that would work including notebooks, mini scissors, a fingertip light, and calendars. Notions aplenty are always available in the shop, too! When was the last time you bought a new pair of good shears, or 3-4" embroidery scissors? Why not leave a list of your most desired items on the refrigerator for Santa to see? Remember, good things still come in small packages!

Many of you have told us how much you like our precut binding. We recently added 40 new colors! These are the 2 1/2" precut bias bindings, already folded to 1 1/4" and ready to apply to your quilt. You purchase these by the yard. If you need help we will be happy to figure the yardage you need for your quilt. If you are new to applying binding to a quilt this can really make your life much easier. If you have applied 100 bindings already, this is still a quick solution when you need a fast binding. Stop by and let us show you about these great time savers!



We have recently added Cashel #28 count linen in white and cream colors, as well as Belfast #32 count in antique white and flax. We are now partnered with a company that

I can order small quantities of Kreinek thread from. We are stocking blending filament, #4, 8, and 12 braid in gold, silver, and jewel tones, as well as fusible ribbon in several different widths and colors. Should you need colors other than what we have in stock, we have a catalog at the shop and can custom order any Kreinek product for your use!

Do you like Reproduction fabrics? If so, we have refreshed this area with several new collections, including Bonnie Blue Basics. There is a new kit from Old Primrose Inn and lots of red, cream, and blue with beautiful paisleys from Wiscasset by Minnick and Simpson for Moda. We are also carrying all of the custom Presencia threads Jo Morton has specially picked. These color packs match most of our Reproduction fabrics well.

Are you interested in attending one of our LSQW Retreats? We have several openings available on both our January and February weekend dates. Dates are posted on our website at www.lonestarquiltworks.com. Click on Retreats; if you are intrigued, please call the shop for details and pricing at 979 595 1072. We welcome knitters and book readers if you just want a relaxing weekend.

From Classic Elite yarn, we have added Mohair and Lace weight yarns in some scrumptious colors. We have also acquired an alpaca blend in soft greys and black. Don't forget what I said last month about grey being a "hot" color in 2010! Watch for it everywhere.

For our wool stitchery friends, we now have orange wool in cut yardage or small precut pieces. Many of the Needle' Love and Whimsicals books use this color in their projects.

Our class schedule will be out later this week along with an announcement about our first Sample Sale. If you know of any office mates, friends, etc looking for reasonably priced gifts the Sample Sale will certainly have many.



Have any of you gone to the Moda website at www.unitednotions.com? If you have not, be sure to visit and click on Fun Stuff. Scroll down to Bake Shop and let the fun begin. Every day there is a new pattern or tutorial posted. Most of the projects are quick, easy, and require very little in the way of supplies. There are many blogs affiliated with the Bake Shop pages from the Moda designers we have all come to know and love.

Need to close for now. Hope to see all of you soon. Thanks for your loyalty to our shop and remember to slow down a little, enjoy the Holiday Season, and don't eat too many cookies!.....Terry