

Newsletter 2

Term 2

20/4/09 – 21/6/09

PATCHWORK HOUSE
PASSIONATELY PATCHWORK

Kylie's Comments

Hello and welcome to our Term 2 newsletter. With our two eldest children finishing their first term of high school we ask ourselves, where does the time go? Even our youngest is charging through primary school. Life seems to fly by and it's nice to know that we have our patchwork and craft pursuits to slow things down to a more manageable pace.

Although this has not been a term of slowdown for some. With the bushfires here in VIC and the floods further north plenty of you have been diligently constructing quilts and the like to donate to the families in need. The overwhelming response to the free batting that we had last term confirmed that this was a term of giving. We have also been busy with our little project for those affected by the bushfires and are pleased to announce the launch of www.stitchedtogether.com.au – an online quilt to pay tribute to those affected by the devastating bushfires. In effect this site provides everyone with the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings (in word or pictorially) towards those affected by the bushfires. So make sure you add your patch to this growing quilt and leave your thoughts for those affected. We hope that it in some way eases the pain for some.

Staying on the giving and helping theme it's time to turn your thoughts to our annual Fabric Challenge. In its third year now and growing strong we are looking to make 2009 our best year yet. For those of you that were part of it last year you can skip the next few lines. Without trying to pitch this too hard, you simply must be part of this!

The collaboration, sense of community and belonging with likeminded souls are hallmarks of this challenge from previous years and we can guarantee you that this will not disappoint. Essentially, you pay \$3.00 for a Mystery Fat 1/8th of fabric that you will design and construct into a 12" finished block and then enjoy the fruits of your labour with a special showing at the shop of the finished quilt. We donate these quilts to a local charity for direct use or raffle and everyone takes a feeling of contribution from this most noble of pursuits. Fabric pick up will be 20th – 24th April. All blocks to be returned 15th – 20th June.

From helping those affected by the bushfires to helping those affected by the economic slowdown. Yep the month by month discount structure continues as set out below and applies to every THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH:

April – 15% off all spot fabric

May – 15% off ribbons/braids

June – 15% off reproduction fabrics

July – 15% off Xmas fabrics

August - 15% off patterns

We will have these specials clearly marked in-store in the week they apply too. These specials should get you started but don't forget "Mad Monday" – where we take 30% off all Fat Quarters (applies to Fat Quarters that are already cut). We have also reduced our rapidly dwindling novelty section again to just \$10/m.

There is a tonne of new fabric in store right now and plenty more expected any tick of the clock. We've got a sensational line from Moda. Anna Griffin's new range has also arrived in store. We are also very excited to have the new Alexander Henry range gracing our shelves. Not to mention a few kits for the "Back Home Again" range remaining.

Keep on checking back to our website and BLOG for all updates to things Patchwork House and more details on all the workshops including pictures.

Yours in patchwork and quilting

Kylie

Weekly Ongoing Classes: 20th April – 21st June 2009

ALL LEVELS CATERED FOR. Bring your own project (except the Sampler Quilt Class) and be guided and inspired by our wonderful teachers.

Monday Night

With Kim Bastiani (9 week term \$180)
7:30pm – 9:30pm

Tuesday

With Julie Adamson (10 week term \$200)
10am – 12 noon // AND/OR // 12:30 – 2:30pm

Wednesday

With Sandra Boyle (10 week term \$200)
10am – 12 noon // AND/OR // 12:30 – 2:30pm

Wednesday Night

Sampler Quilt Class with Gil Thompson
(10 week term \$200)
7:30pm – 9:30pm

Thursday

With Cindy Steer (10 week term \$200)
10am – 12 noon // AND/OR // 12:30 – 2:30pm

Thursday Night

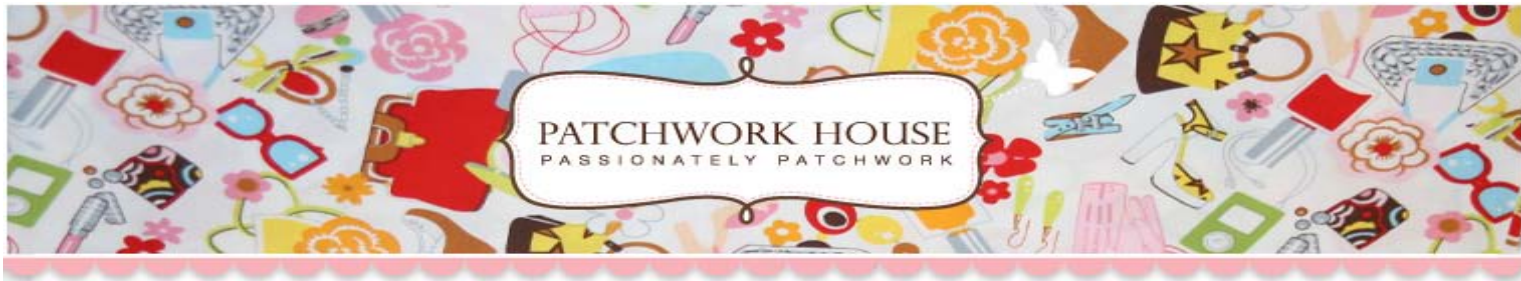
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Class and workshop policy

1. If you are unable to attend a class and cannot be scheduled into another class for that week you will forfeit that week's class.
2. All classes to be paid in full prior to commencement to secure your place.
3. All workshops to be paid in full at time of booking
4. A full refund will be given if a workshop is cancelled

Is there a class that you would like to do? Or is there a technique that you would like to be shown?

Let us know what it is and we will do our very best to cater for your special request.



Workshops

Chat N Sew 10am – 1pm

11th & 25th May / 22nd June

Come and stitch and laugh with like-minded ladies for only **\$5 per session**. You are sure to learn something from each other.

Kathy's Monthly Pie Club

Friday 1st May

1pm – 4pm: Come and join in a chat 'n sew style gathering making this great hand pieced quilt. You will be swapping fabrics, making new friends and learning in a relaxed and collaborative environment.

\$5.00/session to cover tea, coffee (espresso, the real deal!) and nibbles. All start ups receive the specially priced kit for just **\$22.00**. Please register your interest today.

Hand quilting with Julie Adamson - Friday

22nd May -- 10am – 2:30pm

This class deals with both methods of hand quilting. During the course of the class students will choose which method suits them best.

Individual instruction will help each student develop their style. Kits to use on the day will be supplied by the teacher along with thread and needles. Different types of wadding will also be used. This is a technique class and not project based.

\$70 (BYO Lunch)

Elm Creek Friendship Club 2009

New group and New Friendships!

Saturday 18th April, 16th May, 20th June, 18th July

1pm – 4pm

In the tradition of well known quilts like "Dear Jane" we are continuing our very own Patchwork House Elm Creek Club. With all the Elm Creek novels in store come down and browse through the books. This is facilitated by our very own Elm Creek Addict, Kim Bastiani!

- Book Discussion
- Making a sampler quilt by hand. Great for your scraps!!
- Fabric Swap with others in the group
- Prizes and surprises
- Mystery block
- Raffle

Only **\$50** for your kit and **\$40** per class.

Appliqué with Julie Adamson - Friday

8th May -- 10am – 1pm

This is a technique class where you will learn to successfully needleturn sharp points, indents, outer curves and inner curves. You will be supplied with a small kit to practice on in the first half of the class. You will learn to recognize the limitations of different fabrics, how to choose the correct needle and thread for each project.

The second half of the class you will have a small flower project in which you will make fine bias and put your new skills to practice. We will discuss layering of appliqué and the marking of fabrics. **\$70 (BYO Lunch)**

Kelly Wulfsahn Workshop

Thur 6th & 13th Aug – 10am – 3pm

You have probably seen Kelly's various projects featured in Homespun magazine. If you would like some more detail about Kelly and her work please check Kellies BLOG: www.dontlooknow.typepad.com.

\$150 (BYO Lunch)

Appliqué Landscape with Julie Adamson

17th July, 31st July & 14th August

10am – 1pm

This small wall quilt is fully hand pieced. Some appliqué experience is preferred but not essential. Students can either work from Julie's draft pattern or you may wish to bring your own photograph that has been reproduced into greyscale. During class time you will learn how to draft your pattern from photographs or other designs, choose the right fabrics, needleturn, create silk-bias braiding, trapunto and embellish to create your "Landscape". This is a fun quilt to make.

\$135 (BYO Lunch)

Crazy Patchwork Quilt with Susan Lehane - Fridays

5th June 11am – 3pm / 12th & 19th June 11am – 2pm

The crazy quilt being pieces of cloth of various shapes, colours and sizes sewn together in an irregular pattern. Without a design to work to this is patchworking stripped back that will use up your scraps that you have been accumulating. Satisfy your desire to embellish and embroider and work outside the square. Fun and learning guaranteed! **\$150 (BYO Lunch)**

The "Purple/Green" Quilt with Julie Adamson

13th & 27th June -- 10am – 1pm

This is a lovely small quilt suitable for both beginner and intermediate. We will work on achieving accurate piecing of blocks, choosing placement design and how to use border prints. This quilt works well with both traditional and contemporary fabrics.

\$90 (BYO Lunch)

Children's Dress Making with Madeleine from MMI Kids

25th July 10am – 1pm & 1st Aug 10am – 12noon

It is with great delight that we welcome Madeleine back to Patchwork House. This dress making class brings you one step closer to producing your own works of art for your kiddies to showcase. See in store for the design of the dress that you will be making in this class. Some machining experience necessary.

\$90 (BYO Lunch)

Stitching with Sandra

Saturday 2nd May, 6th June, 8th Aug

1pm – 4pm (MIN 4 STUDENTS)

If you need help with a project, need inspiration, help choosing fabrics, would like to learn appliqué, how to apply a binding, hand piecing, basic rotary cutting or hand quilting this is just the class. Come once, come often, it's your choice.

\$40 per session

Scrap Talk with Kim Bastiani - Saturday

23rd May -- 10am – 12noon

After the "FULL HOUSE" sign went up on this workshop last term we have decided to bring it back for Term 2. Kim will take you through plenty of examples of scrap diminishing quilt projects. So if you are one of those folks that may have a few bits and pieces lying around without a home - Kim will show you how to put them to practical use. **\$15**

Amanda Starkins Saturday Class

Date TBC All levels welcome.

You simply must see Amanda's work to believe it. She has brought it to life with her use of colours, eclectic texture and fabric sense. Come and enjoy an entertaining day with Amanda at the helm. Create a masterpiece of your own with Amanda's guidance.

Some final don't forgets...

- Our one on one tutoring service is back again. \$25.00 per hour with one of our experienced staff.
- Baste service. Book yourself in to use one of our tables out the back to baste your quilt – NO CHARGE.
- Binding service. Patchwork House staff will professionally and promptly bind your quilt on site.
- Dahlia templates are for hire
- **Bus Trips and Group Bookings** are more than welcome at our shop – just call to organise a date and time and you are guaranteed to leave more than satisfied ☺
- Our quilting service by the world renowned Susan Campbell of Yackandandah

Coming soon...

**Bargain
Basement
Super Sale!!**