

Term 3

13th July to
18th September

PATCHWORK HOUSE
PASSIONATELY PATCHWORK

Including your free
Term 3 Calendar
of Events

Kylie's Komments

GRAB A CUPPA, WE'VE GOT A LITTLE WORDY IN THIS ONE ☺

Hello There Friend

Reflecting on that word "friend" and the happenings over the past few months brings a warm glow to my heart. With the many occurrences of friends uniting and supporting each other globally, whether it be the uprising in Tehran, Swine Flu in Mexico (and the associated media beat up) or something closer to home the phrase, "a friend in need is a friend indeed" has never rung truer. In times of duress and instability we can always be assured that our friends will be there and this is where our wonderful patchwork and quilting community shines brightest. We would like to say a very big thank you to all the well wishes we have received regarding Granma Ruth and are delighted to let you know that she is recuperating just fine back in "sunny" Perth. Just another close to home example illustrating the strength and enduring support of our crafty community.

We would also like to extend a

MASSIVE

thank you to all those

who supported our very first sale on the weekend of 19, 20 & 21 June. Seeing a line of ladies patiently waiting outside the shop on Friday morning is an image none of us will forget for a long time. Move over Myer Boxing Day Sale hey? But even more importantly, we now have the \$\$\$ and the space for all the new fabric ranges that have recently arrived and will continue to grace our shelves for the rest of the year. We are particularly excited about the new range from Robyn Pandolph as they are quite beautiful and for once, we will have the range long before our friends in the USA ☺

Looking forward we are very excited to be announcing a number of new initiatives. For those of you who enjoy spending a few quiet

moments browsing the internet, you may have already stumbled upon our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/PatchworkHousePage.

We have developed this in order to communicate with those on Facebook and provide a window into the patchwork and quilting world. There are many functions of this page but the ones we like the best are the ability for you to be able to upload photos of your finished projects; and for us all to have an ongoing conversation about this fine pursuit. With over 200 "Fans" already make sure you log on and become a "Fan" too to stay across all happenings there. In addition to our Facebook page we also have a Twitter account –

www.twitter.com/patchworkhouse that we use to communicate all our top of mind thoughts. Twitter is effectively a 140 character message to share with those with similar interests (known as "followers"). You may be astonished to know that there are 1,000's of quilters all over the world using this medium to communicate with each other and show off their latest projects. In addition you can keep up-to-date with the latest from companies like Bernina (www.twitter.com/BerninaAG) and Michael Miller Fabrics (www.twitter.com/MMFABRICS) and many others. So if you enjoy fossicking around the internet we recommend you have a look at Twitter and why not follow us while you are there? We have been slowly modifying our own website (we recently included Polls and a Guest Book) to keep in step with your requirements and preferences. Finally, we are launching our online shop using the eBay platform this Monday 13th July to coincide with the start of Term 3 – just see the links from our website to find out more.

For those of you who use the internet slightly less don't despair, we have plenty happening in the "real world" too. Following some remarkably chilly evenings last term and the forecast of many more this winter we have made the decision to discontinue formal

instructor led weekly night classes for this term. For those of you unable to attend day classes during the week we have put on additional Saturday sessions and have more about that over the page. After years of subtle suggestions Kylie has finally relented and will be "running" a series of evening Chat and Sew sessions throughout the term that will incorporate fun things like cheese and wine nights, etc... So if this sounds like an enjoyable evening to you then get in quick as we have had many people request this style of informal session. In addition to the evening Chat n Sew we have included many more day time Chat and Sew sessions – all revealed further in the newsletter.

I hear you saying, "may I have some more please"? So here goes:

Patchwork House 10% Discount Card is alive and kicking

After many hours of discussion and research we are delighted to announce the launch of our very own discount card. All current postal mailing list members will receive theirs in the mail with this newsletter. All email mailing list members cards are available for pick up from the shop. If you cannot get down to the shop then let us know and we will post it out to you. If you are not on the Mailing List then hop onto the website and fill out the form on the Contact Us page or simply fill out our form in the shop. As well as the discount we will be running regular spot prizes and promotions for card holders so make sure you are checking our website, Facebook page or Twitter account regularly. We trust you will enjoy receiving our 10% discount on all your fabric purchases and hope this demonstrates our commitment to our loyal customer group ☺

2009 Fabric Challenge is now well underway

With many participants in this year's challenge the folks at Open Family Australia (www.openfamily.com.au) are sure to be overwhelmed by your generosity. As always we will be hosting a special invite only Quilt Hanging of these wonderful works after they

have been quilted by the one and only Susan Campbell. Stay tuned.

Melbourne Craft and Quilt Fair 23 – 26th July

Mark this in your diaries folks if you enjoy a stroll around crafty creative people and their projects. In conjunction with the Fair we will be running a little something special down the shop. All will be revealed a week or so before the show so make sure you are on our email list or that you are checking our website regularly. Mum's the word ;)

Mad Mondays

Running every Monday you simply must just check in to get your **Fat Quarters for only \$4.50** – that's still a whopping 30% off the normal price!

15% Discount week

The third week of each month has been a real thrill for many of you. At Patchwork House we discount a certain item or category by 15% for the entire week; and just check out what we have planned for this term:

- * **July – Xmas Fabric**
- * **August – Patterns**
- * **September - Threads**

So Term 3 at Patchwork House has plenty of delightful distractions and exciting events to keep your creative juices flowing throughout winter. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and perhaps snow filled winter ☺

Yours in patchwork and quilting

Kylie & Mike Hawkins

Weekly Ongoing Classes: 13th July to 18th September 2009

We cater for all levels; from beginners; to advanced patchworkers. Bring your own project and be guided by our teachers; OR let the teacher guide you with a new project. Or perhaps you would prefer our Saturday Stitching Sessions?

Tuesday - With Sandra Boyle

MORNING: 10am – 12 noon

AFTERNOON: 12:30 – 2:30pm

(10 week term \$200)

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Thursday - With Cindy Steer

MORNING: 10am – 12 noon

AFTERNOON: 12:30 – 2:30pm

(7 week term \$140)

SATURDAY STITCHING SESSIONS

Come once, come often, it's your choice.

Stitching with Sandra - \$40

8th Aug, 5th Sep

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.

Amanda Starkins Saturday Sessions - \$30

29th Aug, 12th Sep

1:30 – 3:30pm (MIN 4 STUDENTS)

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.

Chat N Sew Sessions

Weekdays: 10am – 1pm \$5 per session

MON: 13th & 27th Jul; 10th & 24th Aug; 14th Sept.

FRI: 17th & 31st Jul; 14th & 28th Aug; 18th Sep

Weeknight: 7:30pm – 9:30pm \$10 per session

*** BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ***

WED NIGHT: 22nd Jul, 19th Aug, 16th Sep

Weekend: 10am – 12noon \$5 per session

SAT: 8th, 22nd & 29th Aug; 5th & 12th Sep

Come and stitch and laugh with like-minded ladies. You are sure to learn something new.

Workshops

Children's Dress Making with Madeleine from MMI Kids

SAT: 25th Jul 10am – 1pm & 1st Aug 10am – 12noon

Madeleine is the creative genius behind MMI Kids (www.mmikids.com.au), a small boutique clothing design and manufacturing venture creating fun clothes for fun kids in Melbourne's East. Now for the first time Madeleine will be sharing her secrets to a small number of students. You will learn the basics to create plenty of oohs and ahhs when your children or children of your loved ones strut their new gear around town! A fun and lively two day workshop that is sure to inspire. See in store for the design of the dress that you will be making in this class. Some machining experience necessary. **\$90 (BYO Lunch)**

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.

Kelly Wulfsahn Workshop

THU 6th & 13th Aug 10am – 3pm **SOLD OUT**

THU 10th Sep & 8th Oct 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)**

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

Kathy's Monthly Pie Club

FRI: 24th Jul, 7th Aug, 4th Sep

1pm – 4pm: Come and join in a chat 'n sew style gathering making this great hand pieced quilt. You will

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.
- **Bus Trips and Group Booking**; are more than welcome at our shop – just call to organise a date and time
- Our quilting service by the world renowned Susan Campbell of Yackandandah