



Quilting with Margaret

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A Note from Margaret

The holidays are over and winter has set in, so it's the perfect time to get back to quilting. What better way to spend a snowy day than making a warm quilt! I've been busy since November redesigning my website and planning lots of fun classes for the winter. They won't be starting until February, but there are some exciting new classes planned this year.

Due to all of the interest in my **S.A.B.L.E. CLUB** last fall, I came up with four great new quilts to use some of that Stash Amassed Beyond Life Expectancy. Why not join the fun and put a dent in your stash too. I've been having a lot of fun going through my quilting studio and finding all sorts of treasures to create great new quilts.

My annual **QUILT GET-AWAY WEEKEND** will be coming up soon. I already have more people signed up than last year and it's filling up fast. It may be the best one yet with several extras to pamper you even more and all for the same price as last year! Local designer Susan Rooney will be a guest on Saturday with her trunk show and patterns for sale.

At the Scarlet Thread I have a **WINTER DAY RETREAT** planned for Friday, February 12. We'll be making a great new pattern called "Hot Shot." Join us for a relaxing day of quilting. Lunch is on me.

Hope to see you soon.
Happy Quilting,
Margaret

What's New?

My brand new website is up now at www.quiltingwithmargaret.com where you will find the latest news about what's happening at Quilting with Margaret. I will be blogging regularly and adding new things as they come up. This is your window into the quilting world and more. You will find information about my classes, events and retreats. I will be adding quilting tips and occasional information on area quilt shows and exhibits. You will be able to download and print a color copy of the current newsletter. There will be a more extensive quilt gallery and eventually a slideshow of your quilts. The site will be interactive and you will be able to comment. This is all pretty new to me so please give me feedback about what you like and don't like. It's still evolving and I'm open to suggestions.

Quilting with Margaret is also now on

Facebook, so if you are too, look for us and become a fan. It's just another way to keep up with what's happening out there in the quilt galaxy.

On Thursday, February 4th, stop by my home (28 Grassmere Park in Charlotte) from 4 - 7pm for an open house and class sale, where you can sign up for any of my classes at any of the stores where I'll be teaching this winter/spring. There will be specials for those who sign up for multiple classes and a door prize drawing. I'll have the samples available for you to see and I can answer any questions you have about my classes. So stop by for a glass of wine and see what's new at Quilting with Margaret.

I'm also available for private lessons if you're interested in a class not available. Just give me a call or email me.

UFO Parties, Retreats and Get-Away

The **U.F.O. PIZZA PARTIES** are a great chance to finish up those un-finished objects (or U.F.O.s). I'll be there to answer your questions or review any techniques you may have forgotten. Come join the party and get those quilts done so you can enjoy them this winter! The pizza is on me.

At The Scarlet Thread, we'll be having a **WINTER DAY RETREAT** in February. Make a pattern called "Hot Shot" from Maple Island Quilts, the company that brought you the BQ and BQ2 patterns. It's a fast and easy quilt that works great with fat quarters. I'll provide lunch so you can quilt right through the day and get your quilt done!



In June at Jackie Lynn's is my **SIZZLIN' SUMMER RETREAT**. For this retreat we'll be making another easy Maple Island Quilt, "Sidelines," which highlights a large scale print. Bring a friend and join us for dinner, door prizes, a big show and tell and, of course, a nearly completed quilt by the

end of the night.

But if you're really looking for some fun, how does this sound - an entire weekend of quilting at a beautiful resort, no interruptions and no distractions, gourmet meals, a free massage - in other words, a weekend all about you! That's our annual **QUILT GET-AWAY WEEKEND** at Bristol Harbour. This year we'll be making one of local designer Susan Rooney's patterns. She'll be joining us on Saturday for lunch and a trunk show of her quilts and will also have her patterns available for sale.

We've also got some other new additions to our retreat this year. There will be a champagne hour on Saturday before dinner and on Sunday we'll have optional pedicures and facials available for a nominal fee. Even with these extras, we were able to keep the weekend at the same low price as last year.

Got a friend who isn't a quilter but wants to come too, that's ok. It's really just a great weekend to have some fun with girlfriends and relax. And if we get a lot of quilting done too, great!





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CAFFEINATED



CRAFTERS

The **CAFFEINATED CRAFTERS** first class will be on Sunday, February 7, from 12:30 - 4:30pm. This class series is anything but a traditional quilt class. We started out meeting at Java Joe's at the Market or my house, but will now be meeting at The Scarlet Thread. In this hip class last fall we made trendy crafts like sewing fun aprons, trendy hobo bags, cool market totes, totes from vinyl record albums, Japanese Wagashi little drums and soft quilted hand balls. At our first class this

year, we'll be making sock monkeys. Remember these fun stuffed monkeys? I'll have kits available with the socks, you'll just need to bring your machines and basic sewing supplies. I'll keep you posted of future projects on my blog on my website and on my Facebook fan page. To sign up for this class, call or stop by the Scarlet Thread.



New Series & Classes

We all have **SABLE** (Stash Amassed Beyond Life Expectancy), right? So let's put a dent in that stash and start using it! In my new **STASH BUSTERS SERIES** we will make a different scrap quilt each month. You'll learn various techniques each month while using up some of that stash. Of course you can always purchase new fabric if you prefer, I'll give you a supply list for either way. Our first scrap quilt in February will be a pattern called **Shadow box**. If you sign up for all 4 months you'll save \$20.



where we will be making a different bag, purse or tote each month. In the first class in February we'll be making a purse with large grommets. The pattern, "Wallet & Grommets," includes an easy wallet pattern too. The same goes for this series, if you sign up for all 3, you'll save \$15.



In the **MARATHON RUNNER SERIES**, we'll be making a different runner each month. Our first runner in February will be a Maple Island pattern called "Bent Pieces." The gradual curves are so easy to cut and sew you won't believe it and the result is a truly contemporary looking runner. If you sign up for all 3 months, you'll save \$15.

At the Scarlet Thread, learn to make an **X-BLOCK QUILT**. The pattern is called **VENETIAN TILES**. It's made from fat quarters and is another great scrap quilt. The whole quilt is made from 9-patch blocks that are sewn then cut with a twist using the X-Block ruler. The resulting quilt is amazing.



Another new series class, is the **BAG LADY SERIES**,



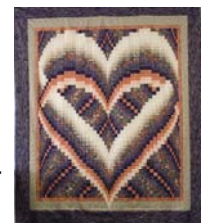
From "the Vaults" - Series Classes You May Have

What a great twist on a traditional pattern! In the **DIAMOND LOG CABIN** class, we'll make log cabin blocks starting with a diamond instead of a square for the chimney. It makes a great quilt for a collection of brights or pastels, but would also make a great scrap quilt. This quilt looks especially nice when made from batiks, which are easier to work with since they are less stretchy.



pieced and one repeated block.

The **BARGELLO HEART** class is a popular class where you will make a large wall hanging or bed-size quilt using a strip-pieced technique to form the ribbon-like hearts. It's not as hard as it looks.



Or learn to make a traditional **LONE STAR QUILT**.



Always wanted to design your own quilt and have a truly unique pattern? In the **ONE-BLOCK WONDER** class make an easy kaleidoscope hexagon block, then work at your design wall to create a truly one-of-a-kind quilt.

Make a woven version of an Irish chain quilt with Jackie Robinson's Bargello-style technique in the **WEAVER FEVER** class. Although it appears difficult to make, it's strip-



This pattern is strip-pieced and not that difficult if you have a good concept of the 1/4" seam. You can choose from two sizes, a large wall hanging or a bed size quilt.

For a more contemporary star quilt, try the **CRAZY RAYS** class. Although it looks paper pieced, it's not. It's another easy stack, slice, shuffle, and sew quilt. It reminds me of a stained glass window. If you notice, most of the points are hidden by the sashes. It's a fun and easy pattern





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More Classes

For all of you Stack-n-Whack lovers, I have two classes from Bethany Reynolds' latest book *Stack-n-Whack-lopedia*. In the **STACK-N-WHACK SUSPENDED SQUARES** class, make kaleidoscope squares that seem to float, thanks to simple piecing that adds a shadow effect.



Or review all of my past Stack-n-Whack classes in the **STACK-N-WHACK SAMPLER** class. In this class we will review the Stack-N-Whack cutting method while making an assortment of different

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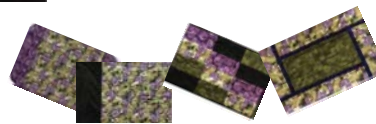
Stack-N-Whack blocks. I made a row quilt for the sample, but you can design your own project or projects from these assorted blocks.



If you missed it in



the S.A.B.L.E. Club last fall, a favorite was the **FRENCH BRAID QUILT**. This quilt is made like a half-log cabin and is a great quilt to highlight a collection of fabrics.



Basic Quilt Classes for the

If you are new to quilting or want to review or brush up on quilt basics, one of the following classes may help.

The **EXPRESS BEGINNING** class is a short 4-week class that focuses on all of the basic quilt making techniques to get you started quilting or brush up on some time-saving techniques and tools to make your quilting easy and hassle-free. It's machine-pieced and machine-quilted.

In the **MACHINE QUILTING MADE EASY** class, learn more about free-motion quilting, mostly without marking. Find out about new products available that make Machine quilting easier and faster. Machine quilting can be stress-free!



In the **FABULOUS FINISHES** class you can make 4 different placemats that coordinate or a set from each easy pattern, but our focus will be on basic machine quilting and attaching bindings. You'll learn how to baste your quilt, do some easy machine quilting and attach continuous bindings, bias bindings and mock bindings.

STACK-N-WHACK BASICS is the perfect first Stack-N-Whack class. Learn the basic technique, while starting your first **STACK-N-WHACK PINWHEEL** or **STACK-N-WHACK IRISH STAR** quilt in class. We won't complete the quilt top in class, but you'll have several blocks made



Store Locations

You can find my classes at the following locations:

Betty's Quilting Etc.
42 Nicols St. (route 31)
Spencerport
(585)352-9362
www.bettysquiltingetc.com

Jackie Lynn's Fabric Center
475 Ridge Rd. East
Irondequoit
(585)336-9280
<http://discountsewingcenter.com>

The Scarlet Thread
38 East Main St.
Webster
(585)265-4910
www.scarletthreadquilts.com

Class

To register for any of these classes, just visit the store where the class is being offered. You will receive a supply list when you register and pay for the class.

Be sure to purchase all necessary supplies and complete any preliminary cutting and/or sewing instructions before coming to class.

All classes require registration at least 48 hours prior to the first class. If you need to cancel a class, do so at least 48 hours prior to the first class to receive a full refund.

All classes are subject to cancellation if a minimum number of students are not registered. Please check with the store to assure that the class has not been cancelled before purchasing supplies and completing preliminary



Handmade Holiday Retreat '09



Quilt Challenges from Holiday Retreat '09



Calendar- Winter/Spring 2010

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SERIES CLASSES:

- BARGELLO HEART (INT) \$45**
Scarlet Thread, Mon. 2/15 - 3/8 (no class 3/1)
6:00 - 8:30pm
- CRAZY RAYS (INT) \$45**
Jackie Lynn's, Thu., 3/25 - 4/15 (no 4/8)
6:00 - 8:00pm
- DIAMOND LOG CABIN (INT) \$45**
Jackie Lynn's, Thu., 2/18 - 2/25
5:30 - 8:00pm
- EXPRESS BEGINNING QUILT (ALL) \$60**
Jackie Lynn's, Tue., 2/2 - 2/23
12:30 - 3:00pm OR 5:30 - 8:00pm
Jackie Lynn's, Tue., 5/4 - 5/25
12:30 - 3:00pm OR 5:30 - 8:00pm
- FRENCH BRAID QUILT (BEG+) \$45**
Jackie Lynn's, Tue., 3/30 - 4/6
5:30 - 8:00pm
- GIANT DAHLIA (INT) \$45**
Jackie Lynn's, Thu. 5/6 - 5/20
6:00 - 8:00pm
- LONE STAR QUILT (INT) \$45**
Betty's Quilting Etc., Wed. 4/21 - 5/12 (no 4/28)
6:00 - 8:30pm
- ONE BLOCK WONDERS (INT) \$45**
Betty's Quilting Etc., Mon., 3/29 - 4/5
6:00 - 9:00pm
- PICTURE THIS (BEG+) \$45**
Scarlet Thread, Thu., 4/22 - 4/29
6:00 - 9:00pm
- STACK-N-WHACK SAMPLER (INT) \$45**
Jackie Lynn's, Tue., 4/13 - 4/27
5:30 - 8:00pm
- STACK-N-WHACK SUSPENDED SQUARES (BEG+) \$45**
Jackie Lynn's, Tue., 3/2 - 3/9
5:30 - 8:00pm
- UNEVEN STARS (BEG+) \$40**
Scarlet Thread, Mon., 5/17 - 5/24
6:00 - 8:00pm
- WEAVER FEVER (BEG+) \$45**
Scarlet Thread, Mon., 4/19 - 5/10 (no 5/3)
6:00 - 8:00pm
- X-BLOCK: VENETIAN TILES (BEG+) \$45**
Scarlet Thread, Thu., 3/4 - 3/11
12:30 - 3:30pm OR 6:00 - 9:00pm

TO SEE SAMPLES OF QUILTS, STOP IN THE STORES.

Levels:

ALL = No prior quilting experience

BEG = Basic quilting knowledge (understands rotary cutting, 1/4" seam, and made at least one quilt)

BEG+ = Have made a few quilts (but still considers yourself a beginner)

INT = Made several quilts but want to learn more than just basic skills

ADV = Made many quilts/ looking for a challenge

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ONE-DAY CLASSES: (*Bring a sack lunch)

- BAG LADY SERIES (BEG+) \$30/month (all 3 for \$25/mo.)***
Jackie Lynn's, Fri., 2/19, 10:00am - 3:00pm
Jackie Lynn's, Fri., 3/12, 10:00am - 3:00pm
Jackie Lynn's, Fri., 4/16, 10:00am - 3:00pm
- CAFFEINATED CRAFTERS (ALL) \$25/month**
Scarlet Thread, Sun., 2/7, 12:30am - 4:30pm
Scarlet Thread, Sun., 3/7, 12:30am - 4:30pm
Scarlet Thread, Sun., 4/18, 12:30am - 4:30pm
Scarlet Thread, Sun., 5/16, 12:30am - 4:30pm
- FABULOUS FINISHES (BEG) \$40**
Jackie Lynn's, Sat., 5/8, 10:00am - 4:00pm*
Betty's Quilting, Fri., 5/14, 10:00am - 4:00pm*
- MACHINE QUILTING MADE EASY (ALL) \$40**
Scarlet Thread, Sat., 2/13, 10:00am - 3:00pm*
Jackie Lynn's, Sat., 3/6, 12:00 - 5:00pm
Scarlet Thread, Fri., 5/7, 10:00am - 3:00pm*
- MARATHON RUNNERS (BEG+) \$30/mo. (all 3, \$25/mo.)**
Jackie Lynn's, Fri., 2/26, 10:00am - 3:00pm
Jackie Lynn's, Fri., 3/26, 10:00am - 3:00pm
Jackie Lynn's, Fri., 4/23, 10:00am - 3:00pm
- TWIN PEAKS:TUMBLING BLOCKS (BEG+) \$30***
Jackie Lynn's, Sat., 5/1, 10:00am - 4:00pm*
- S.A.B.L.E. CLUB (BEG+) \$30/month (all 4 for \$25/mo.)**
Jackie Lynn's, Sat., 2/20, 12:00 - 5:00pm
Jackie Lynn's, Sat., 3/13, 12:00 - 5:00pm
Jackie Lynn's, Sat., 4/17, 12:00 - 5:00pm
Jackie Lynn's, Sat., 5/15, 12:00 - 5:00pm
- TANGO WAVE PLACEMATS(BEG+) \$40**
Scarlet Thread, Wed., 4/21, 10:00am -3:00pm*

EVENTS & RETREATS (**includes lunch/dinner):

- OPEN HOUSE & CLASS SALE (ALL) FREE**
Margaret's House (28 Grassmere Park),
Thu., 2/4, 4:00 - 7:00pm
- WINTER DAY RETREAT (BEG+) \$45****
Scarlet Thread, 2/12, 10am - 4pm
- QUILT GET-AWAY WEEKEND (ALL)-prices per person**
Bristol Harbour, Fri.-Sun., 4/9 - 4/11/2010
Double \$399 (includes meals, hotel & class)
Singles \$499 (includes meals, hotel & class)
- U.F.O. PIZZA PARTY (ALL) \$40****
Jackie Lynn's, Sat., 2/27, 10am - 4pm
Jackie Lynn's, Sat., 3/27, 10am - 4pm
Jackie Lynn's, Sat., 4/24, 10am - 4pm
Jackie Lynn's, Sat., 5/22, 10am - 4pm
- SIZZLIN' SUMMER RETREAT \$40****
Jackie Lynn's, Fri., 6/4, 5 - 11pm



2009 Quilt Get-Away Weekend



2007 Quilt Get-Away Weekend