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*Summertime.* Baseball, camping, flip flops, flowers, suitcases. Designers have put it all on a bolt of fabric for our indoor or outdoor enjoyment. We hope you'll consider Mill House Quilts for some of your indoor summer fun as you check out our new fabrics and exciting programs and classes for July and August. We've added a hand piecing class, English paper piecing, and are happy to demonstrate the Promise Stitch so you can have some wonderfully portable projects that can be done anywhere. Our day retreat in August gives you the chance to spend two full days on one project or take two different all-day classes. Linda's evening lecture is frosting on the cake. Two highly experienced new teachers are Marilyn Zipsie and Denise Matson. Our employee, Lisa Foy, is leaving to pursue a full-time nursing job, but will continue teaching beginner and intermediate classes in the fall. Lisa will also teach several single-day dynamite classes. We all wish Lisa the very best in her new adventures and are thrilled Mill House will still be a part of her life. May your summer days be sunny and bright with enough fabric thrown in to keep you happy.

*Dianne*

## GROUND ZERO QUILT LECTURE

**Friday, August 25, 1:30-3:00 p.m.**

Lois Jarvis's Ground Zero quilt travels the country, but will be home in Madison for a short window of time in August. We feel fortunate to be able to share with you the story of this quilt. The lecture appeals to quilters and non-quilters alike as Lois relates her odyssey of downloading photos of those killed in the 9/11 attacks, printing them as diamond shapes, and sewing them into a Lone Star quilt. Join us for a truly inspirational lecture. **\$8.00**

## WEB SURVEY WINNER

**Congratulations** to Deb, winner of a \$50 Mill House gift certificate for completing our online survey. She was thrilled! Thank you to everyone else who completed the survey. We appreciate your comments.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Mill House Quilts is a quick six miles west of I-90 Exit 131, on Hwy 19 (Main Street) in the heart of downtown Waunakee.
- We have 18" Gracehoop2s for sale. This is a collapsible, portable, hand-quilting frame. We have one set up if you would like to try it out. Call ahead to reserve your time.
- Connie assembles one-of-a-kind Yellow Brick Road kits. You may buy them with or without the pattern.
- *Art Quilts, 2007* page for the week of May 7 features a quilt quilted by Mary.
- Mill House staff has been very busy assembling kits. We hope you enjoy sewing them as much as we have enjoyed creating them.

# SAVE THE DATE

SHOP HOP  
July 26-30

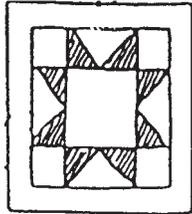
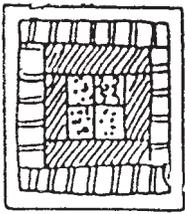
CONVERGENCE CONTEST  
August 7-19

DAY RETREAT  
August 10-11

GROUND ZERO QUILT LECTURE  
August 25

QUILT EXPO  
September 14-16

## CLUBS



### 6-INCH BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLUB

The 6-Inch Block of the Month Club meets the **first Tuesday of the month from 9:30–11:00 a.m.** Each month a new six-inch block is presented using any technique needed for that block. The club is loosely based on the book, *Teach Yourself Blocks from the Past*, by Marie Henry. This is a great chance to use up scraps! New members are welcome to join at any time. Hosted by Kathy Willis. **FREE**

### 2006 MACHINE PIECING BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLUB

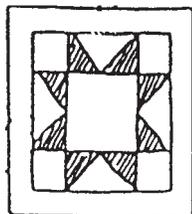
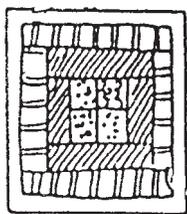
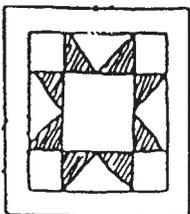
This year's blocks are from the book, *Angle Play*, by Margaret Miller. A new block is presented each month. Meetings are the **first Thursday of the month from 10:00–11:00 a.m.** New members are welcome to join at any time. This inspiring class is hosted by Lisa Foy. **FREE**

### UFO CLUB

UFO Club is for anyone who can claim to have three or more UnFinished Objects (quilts). It will meet monthly from August through June on the **third Wednesday of the month from 9:30–10:30 a.m. OR the third Saturday from 9:30–10:30 a.m.** You may come to either meeting. To qualify as a genuine UFO, your quilted item must need more than the binding. Each month Kay or Dianne will demonstrate a finishing method, technique or gadget to help motivate action on your quilt. Each time you complete a UFO, you may enter your name to win a \$50.00 Mill House gift certificate. The drawing for the gift certificate will be at the last meeting in June. Hosted by Kay Staskal and Dianne Larson. **FREE**

### APPLIQUÉ CLUB

Appliqué Club will meet on the **third Thursday of the month from 6:30–8:30 p.m. OR the third Friday from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** October through June. Each month a small project will be taught. Kit purchase for the project is optional. Hosted by Kay Staskal. **\$15.00**



### 8TH ANNUAL QUILTER'S ROAD TRIP

The 8th Annual Quilter's Road Trip is **Wednesday, July 26–Sunday, July 30**. Each of the 10 participating stores will have a separate theme and demonstration. Mill House Quilts will be "On Vacation" demonstrating fabric postcards. You will receive a passport at your first store. All passports completed with a stamp from each store will be entered into a drawing for door prizes. You should have received a separate road trip newsletter in the mail containing a locator map for each store and bus information for those who would prefer not to drive. Buses will be scheduled on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday if there is enough interest. Each bus will visit five stores a day. A box lunch to eat on the bus while traveling between stores will be provided to save shopping time. Waunakee's Waunafest parade will be Sunday afternoon making it harder to get into our parking lot during the parade.

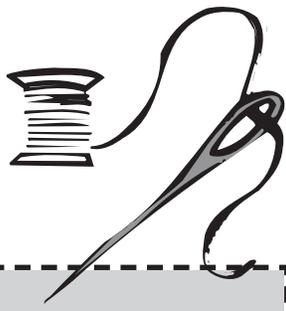
### NEWS FROM THE GADGET GURU

It has been such fun sharing some of the newest quilting gadgets and gizmos with Mill House visitors. Here is a review of what I've demonstrated so far.

- My favorite is the Binding Gizmo from the Quilt Connection. The binding tool and reference book give easy directions for creating continuous binding, applying the binding and precisely connecting the binding end-to-end every time (not just most of the time.) It's amazingly accurate and quick to make straight of grain or bias binding.
- Olfa has a 360 degree revolving cutting mat, ideal for fussy cutting and trimming blocks. The portable 12" by 12" mat is supported out to the corners, grips the table and turns easily. It is well marked with inches, circles and angles.
- TAG-A-QUILT is a quilt layout system comprised of pin-on tabs with the row and block number printed on them. You can be sure your pieces are sewed together correctly even if you move them around.
- Quilter's FabricCalc is a quilt design and fabric estimating calculator with a very clear instructional book. The calculator helps you determine yardage needed for backing, borders, binding, blocks or specific shapes within a block. You can also use it to determine how many shapes or blocks you can cut from fabric you have already purchased. It stores information for up to six different fabrics.

The next **GADGET GURU** dates are **July 20 and August 17 with continuous demonstrations from 1:00–4:00 p.m.** See you then!

*Judy Ward*



If I stitch fast enough, does it count as aerobic exercise?

### MEET THE STAFF: KAY

As Kay says, she has been at Mill House Quilts since “before the beginning.” She knew Debbie because their daughters were in a scout troop together. One night she heard Debbie talking about opening a quilt store and thought, “Wow!” Kay had been a junior high home economics teacher, taught English smocking in adult education, and worked at a JoAnn Fabrics. She had gotten out of sewing, but was ready to get back into it. Fabrics for Mill House Quilts started arriving before the building renovation was completed, so the fabric was stored at Debbie’s house. Kay remembers marking fabric at the house and having a sale sometime in the fall before the store opened in April 1996.

Kay found her niche in appliqué. She is a master and loves teaching appliqué and making store samples. Her favorite style is folk art more than traditional. Kay’s favorite block is log cabin. Besides sewing, Kay likes reading and travel. She’s working on getting a respectable golf game. Her husband, Jim, is a high school teacher, daughter, Rene, lives in California, and daughter, Megan, and son-in-law, Kevin, live in Wisconsin.

### LOCAL QUILT SHOWS

Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison, will host their annual fall **quilt and flower show September 16–October 1**. All quilts must incorporate a floral theme.

St. John’s Piecemakers’ Quilt Club, Waunakee, will host **Quilting Through the Ages Quilt Show** and quilt raffle **October 27–29**. St. John’s is one block from Mill House Quilts. Mill House Quilts will be open Sunday, October 29.

### OPERATION SNUGGLES

How would you like to help ease someone’s loneliness through the gift of a quilt? Operation Snuggles hopes to give a quilt to each child and spouse of a Wisconsin military person serving abroad and a Gold Star quilt to the family of each fallen soldier. The project has been registered with the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. Mill House Quilts is a collection point for quilts donated to Operation Snuggles. If you are interested in making a Gold Star quilt, we have a free pattern you may use. We are providing space on **Tuesday, July 18 and Saturday, August 5 from 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.** for workdays. You may bring a snack to share. Our classrooms are upstairs.

### PRIVATE CLASS OR WORKDAY

Gather a group of five or more friends and plan your own private class or workday. You may reserve one of our classrooms for a half day (four hours) for \$50.00. You may also arrange a private class. Call for available times and class choices.

### CONVERGENCE CONTEST

Whether or not you are attending Ricky Tim’s seminar in Middleton (about 10–12 minutes from Mill House) July 15–16, you are invited to participate in our Convergence Contest. Convergence quilts can be dropped off at Mill House from Monday, July 31 through Saturday, August 5. The quilts will hang at Mill House from August 7–19. We will have viewer’s choice balloting with Mill House gift certificates as awards. The first place certificate is \$100, second place \$50 and third place \$25. We have several convergences made by our staff on display in the store if you want a sneak peak.

**BRIGHT IDEA:** Come early to the Ricky Tim’s seminar and visit Mill House. We are open 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Monday.

## NEW PRODUCTS

Market was truly fun. We found lots to drool over and wished we could get it all. One gem of a find is Hugs & Kisses from Australia. These patterns are making their US debut and we were thrilled to bring back a nice assortment. They are a combination of piecing and embroidery with loving verses. Mountain Patchwork is another perfect new addition for Mill House. They use the Promise Stitch which is a traditional stitch that is totally portable—no sewing machine or iron. Kits are available. We were flattered that several designers shopped in our store on their way to and from Minneapolis. Mill House is on the new release program with C&T and That Patchwork Place, so we receive a minimum of six of the newest books each month. What a thrill to see the real cover quilts from *9-Patch Pizzazz*, *French Braid*, and *Amish Inspiration* at market. *Quilt Savvy* from Diane Gaudynski is another fantastic book. The fabric is coming in almost faster than we can get it on the floor. This week some of the lines have been Kaufman Summer Bloom, Innocence, and Country Orchard, Moda's Funky Monkeys and Cardinal Season, Northcott's Quest For A Cure Heaven Can Wait, including contest entry forms, Marcus Brother's Cranberry Rose, and more of Troy's flannel Marblecakes and Scavenger Hunt. We have restocked 100 basic Hoffman batiks. There are other large Hoffman orders expected in June and July. By the time you read this, we hope to have received Moda's Woodrose in Winter, Cold Winter Noses, and Christmas Presence. June deliveries are Sparkle, Mistletoe Manor, and Snow Days. July Moda is Trick or Treat Smell My Feet, Piece of Plenty, Wild Things, Woodlands, and Nature's Harvest. From Henry Glass in July we have the complete line of In the Pink, and in August the complete line of Buggy Barn's Star Struck. We have ordered Wyndham's complete line of Harriet Beecher Stowe and found some great Civil War patterns at market. Stop in and take a peek.

## THE QUILTIN' TIMES ARE A-CHANGING

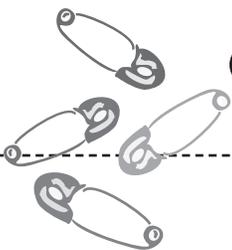
*For our Great-Great Grandmothers, in quilting times past  
A frugal quilter had to scrimp, make every scrap last  
Today wasting fabric is not such a crime  
Today what's scarce is a quilter's TIME.*

*Patterns used to travel with pioneers going west  
Now we swap and share instantly on the Internet  
Once templates were traced, fabric carefully scissored  
Now we slice multiple layers, we're all Olfa wizards.*

*At one time a two fabric quilt was a sign of status  
Now Watercolor quilts have hundreds of prints comin' at us  
Quilters used to gather at small local quilting bees  
Now we congregate at conferences, national teachers to see.*

*Like our Great-Great Grandmothers our lives are busy, we're stressed  
But with the beauty of our quilts, we feel we are blessed  
As with Great-Great Grandmother, our quilting serves many goals  
To give warmth, grace our homes, and feed our souls.*

*(Author: Cindy Thury Smith 1999)*



**CREATIVE CLUTTER** is better than idle neatness.

# CLASS SCHEDULE

## BASIC ENGLISH PAPER PIECING

Tuesdays, July 11 and August 8, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

or

Saturdays, July 22 and August 19, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Learn to use paper shapes as foundations to accurately prepare patchwork pieces. This hand piecing technique is easy to learn and makes for a simple, very portable project. Join us as we begin a basic table topper using an old-time favorite, Grandmother's Flower Garden!

**Instructor: Marilyn Zipsie**

**Fee: \$48**

## BEGINNING QUILTING

Wednesdays, July 12, 19, 26

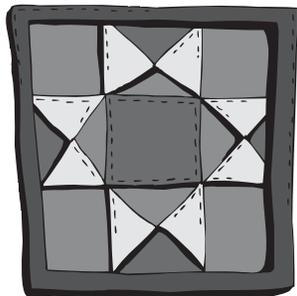
and August 2, 9, 16

9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

This six-week class will cover the basics of quilting from selecting fabrics, tools, using a rotary cutter, piecing, borders and finishing a quilt. Six blocks from Eleanor Burns and Sue Bouchard's *Underground Railroad Sampler* book will be used. *Book required.*

**Instructor: Denise Matson**

**Fee: \$68**



## QUILTER'S WASH DAY

Wednesday, July 12, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Wow! Three full-sized quilts hanging out to dry all in a 15" x 20" wall quilt. This is a truly delightful challenging paper piecing project for the experienced paper piecer. Kathy will provide expert guidance as you hang out those quilts. *Pattern required.*

**Instructor: Kathy Doyle**

**Fee: \$28**

## MACHINE QUILTING

Friday, July 14, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of machine quilting. Our main focus will be on free motion quilting. Stitch in the ditch and template quilting will also be taught. You'll be excited to start quilting your quilts! Lunch is on your own via brown bag or one of our very close restaurants.

**Instructor: Kay Staskal**

**Fee: \$40**

## LOG CABIN ROSE

Thursday, July 20, 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Three summer roses each made up of a log cabin block. It's a wonderful little quilt. Kathy Doyle will guide you through the techniques of paper piecing. *Pattern required.*

**Instructor: Kathy Doyle**

**Fee: \$28**

## METAL FRAMING OF SINGLE BLOCKS OR SMALL QUILTS

Friday, July 21, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Learn a new finishing technique. Framing a single quilt block or small wall hanging is a great and easy way to hang up a quilt. You eliminate backing and binding. This class will teach metal framing. You must pre-select your frame color and size at least 10 days before class. For ease of learning, your project must be no bigger than 12" finished on any side. Class fee includes basic supplies. Frame cost is extra.

**Instructor: Dianne Larson**

**Fee: \$28**

## PUNCH NEEDLE

Friday, August 4, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Learn the basics of the popular punch needle. Lisa will guide you through the techniques of this fun, portable project. You may choose your favorite pattern. *Pattern required.*

**Instructor: Lisa Bunescu**

**Fee: \$28**

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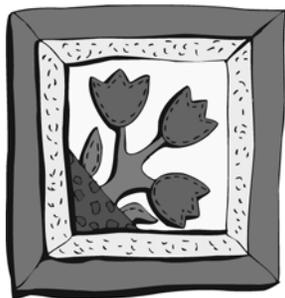
## DAY RETREAT

**Thursday and Friday, August 10–11**

**Classes 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.**

**Lecture Thursday, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Two full days to sew plus a fabulous lecture! You can choose two different one-day classes or one two-day class. Lunch is on your own via brown bag or one of our very close restaurants. We'll end each day with a group sharing time. Thursday evening is an entertaining lecture on quilt stories.



**Classes:** Midnight Silhouette is a stunning design of a black cat silhouetted on the roof of a house surrounded by stars. In this two-day class you will learn block construction, three different methods of appliqué, and how to customize your size.

**Instructor: Kay Staskal**

Thursday's single-day class is a mystery quilt. Obviously we can't say what it is, but Linda has a great system for teaching mystery quilts. Friday's class will teach the dramatic style of Hawaiian appliqué, a method of translating the lacy elegance of paper snowflakes into fabric.

**Instructor: Linda Halpin**

**Lecture:** If Quilts Could Talk...Through pictures and actual quilts, we learn the stories of a group of quilts and the women who made them. It's a great historical adventure completed by a fabulous trunk show.

**Presenter: Linda Halpin**

**Fee: \$83 for full package of two days of classes and lecture.**

**Lecture only: \$15. After Saturday, July 22, single-day sign-ups will be accepted for \$45 per day**

## FABRICCALC

**Tuesday, August 15, 10:00–11:00 a.m.**

The wonderful new quilter's calculator, the FabricCalc, calculates the yardage needed for all parts of a quilt from blocks to backing. Krista will guide you through the basics of using the calculator. *Calculator required.*

**Instructor: Krista Wallace**

**Fee: \$12**

## YOUR PAD OR MINE?

**Thursday, August 17, 6:00–9:00 p.m.**

Two fanciful courting frogs are each perched on their own lily pads. Kathy Doyle may have you croaking along as you paper piece these frogs. *Pattern required.*

**Instructor: Kathy Doyle**

**Fee: \$28**

## WOOD FRAMING OF SINGLE BLOCKS OR SMALL QUILTS

**Friday, August 18, 9:30–11:30 a.m.**

Learn a new finishing technique. Framing a single quilt block or small quilt is a great and easy way to hang up a quilt. Eliminate binding and backing. This class will teach wood framing. For ease of learning, your piece must be no bigger than 12" on any side. You will purchase your own wood frame. Call us at least a week ahead with your dimensions so we can prepare your supplies. Class fee does not include the frame.

**Instructor: Dianne Larson**

**Fee: \$28**

## BUTTERFLY ORCHIDS

**Thursday, August 24, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Learn how to do dimensional piecing while assembling this beautiful wall hanging that resembles Cathedral Window. You can either hand or machine stitch the folds down to make the curved edges and reveal the color underneath. You must know how to use a rotary cutter and ruler. *Pattern required.*

**Instructor: Denise Matson**

**Fee \$28**

**CLASS AND EVENT POLICIES:** Classes must be paid for at the time of registration. You may register in person, by phone, or mail. A class supply list can be picked up at the store or mailed for a small fee. Double punches will be given on your punch card for class supplies. Cancellations more than one week before a class will forfeit 10 percent of the class fee. Cancellations less than one week before a class will forfeit the entire class fee. Mill House Quilts reserves the right to cancel a class one week before the class if there is insufficient enrollment. You may send someone in your place. Our classrooms are upstairs. We are happy to assist you in carrying sewing machines.

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