

Homespun Harbor News

Woo Hoo SUMMER!!

Days are warm, flowers are blooming and the kids are out of school. Yup, that means Summer!

We have two trips planned. July 8 through the 13 we are all going to Disneyland! The kids are so excited they can hardly stand it! Actually the big kids are excited too!

Then August 1 through 12 Dennis, Ghleanna and the boys are going to Moosehead Lake in Maine for a family reunion. Fishing, Canoeing, White Water Rafting, Swimming and best of all-RELAXING and EATING!



We've arranged coverage for the days we are gone, but you know how sometimes the best made plans go awry. If you are coming from any distance away, just call first to make sure the shop is manned (or womanned)

Halloween, Harvest and Christmas prints have started to arrive in a BIG way! Every year we say "This is the best EVER!" And then the next year we say the same thing. For a quick preview, check out What's New on our website.

As many of you already know, Sheila (our teacher extraordinaire) tripped on her steps and broke her leg. Earlier that day we were at the Santa Clara Quilt Show and as we were talking about our aches and pains, she mentioned that she had never really hurt herself. I said "Quick - Knock on Wood" She just laughed, and a few hours later joined the "I Broke A Bone Club". The good news is she isn't in any pain, and is getting around pretty darn good. The REALLY good news is she didn't break her sewing leg!

Happy Summer to all! And don't forget, if you are thinking about quilts for Holiday gifts - uhh - NOW is the time to stop thinking and start planning.

Springtime in the Pinnacles Quilt Show

If you missed the 1st Annual Springtime In The Pinnacles Quilt Show you missed a GREAT show! The Pinnacle Quilters of San Benito County put on a fabulous event. And to think it was their first time! Really amazing. The quilts were stunning. Lots of vendors, lots of laughs, and lots of prizes! We will keep you posted on the details for next year's show.



San Benito County Fair



Speaking of shows, the San Benito County Fair is heading our way. September 28th through September 30th. San Benito County is becoming known for its very talented and creative quilters. So get those quilts finished! Sometime in August we will have the entry forms at the shop. This is a really fun event! We are dazzled every year.

Morgan Hill Quilt Show

And speaking of another show, don't forget to mark your calendars for that GREAT Morgan Hill show September 29th and 30th. It coincides with the Taste of Morgan Hill. This is an exciting show with great quilts & terrific vendors. It is also a great chance for you to enter your quilts. Right outside the door is a car show. This isn't our hobby but we still spend a few hours every year in awe. And just up the street is a marvel of food and crafts. We love this show, and you will too.

Here is a great tip that I heard about years ago, and then recently read it in the Pinnacles Guild Newsletter. Have you ever run out of fabric when you need just a smidge? Wait, that's a dumb question. Anyway, when it happens try this. Take a piece of the fabric and scan it. Then print it out on the printable fabric sheets. I have heard that in many cases you can't tell the difference. It is certainly worth a shot.

Here is one of my favorite lines, and I am sure it was written with me in mind. It takes forever to finish a quilt, especially if you don't work on it!

Most of us have those small table top ironing boards for classes etc. You can lay it across the arms of your favorite chair and it makes a great surface for hand work.

For appliqué, embroidery, hand quilting and binding, thread a bunch of needles ahead of time. It will save you a bunch of time and you won't lose your momentum. The same rules apply to bobbins. We always have a lot of bobbins wound with the basic colors we use for piecing.

Ever have trouble threading a needle? ANOTHER dumb question for a lot of us. If you hold a white sheet of paper behind the needle as you thread it, the paper makes it easier to see the eye. Also if the needle just won't thread, turn the eye around. The eyes are punched out, and sometimes they have burrs on one side.

Here's a quick and inexpensive way to protect your ironing cover when you are using fusible webs and adhesives. Get a large brown paper grocery bag and cut the bottom out. Slip the bag over the end of the board. Tada!

Hate making quilt sleeves for small wall hangings? Get an extra wide grosgrain ribbon, pink the ends and hand sew the sides down. Works great for small dowels. Not good for Quilt Shows, but great for home.

This just happened to us. We had a container of Size 1 Safety Pins with printing that said "Non Rusting". And of course just above the words were 150 rusty pins. PLEASE remember to never store an unfinished quilt with pins in it. Why take that chance?

Shop Hop By The Bay

Don't forget the annual Shop Hop By The Bay. June 20 through June 24. The shops will be open extended hours so you will have plenty of time to enjoy your visits.

Wed, Thurs Fri & Sat 8:00 to 6:00.

Sunday 11:00 to 4:00

Some shops are open later - call ahead to check.

This year there are a few changes to the rules:

There is a Kid's Grand Prize. One lucky young shop hopper (up to 17 years old) will win a sewing machine valued at up to \$350.00. Get those kids sewing!

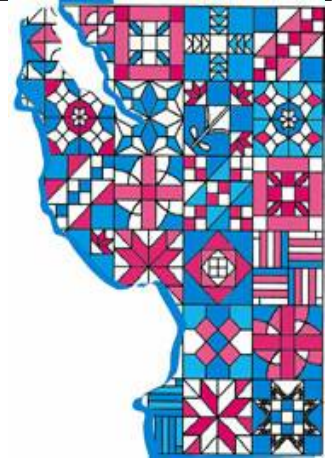
Another big change. What if you don't finish and you have an incomplete passport? Turn it in anyway. This year passports with 7 or more shop validations turned in to any participating shop by the last day of the event will be eligible to win a second chance gift Basket.

GRAND PRIZE: Win 100 yards of Fabric. Each participating quilt shop will award the Grand prize Winner her/his choice of up to \$75 in Fabric

Eight First Prizes: \$350 Shopping Spree (\$25 Gift Certificate from each shop)

Additional Prizes: 14 Fabulous Gift Baskets

Bonus Prize: Visit the museum and be eligible for a special day at the Museum for you and up to 4 friends - including a gallery walk, lunch, and a behind the scenes tour.



Community Pantry LET'S FILL THE TRUCK!!!!

The Community Pantry of San Benito County is having a **FILL THE TRUCK** event! June 26th, in recognition of Hunger Awareness Day, the Pantry will be collecting food from businesses all over San Benito County. Let's fill our barrel to help fill that truck!



Help our Schools

We have great schools in Hollister, and a lot of really great teachers! We know, we have met a great many of them. ALL schools need stuff. Art and Music programs have been cut to the bone. Home Economics classes have seized to exist in many schools. Many teachers spend their own money on supplies for special projects for their kids. Let's face it, a lot of us have fabric and craft stuff that we are never going to use. We recently were unloading our yarn and gave a lot of it to Project Linus. Then a teacher mentioned that our grandson's school librarian was teaching knitting! Well, we gave a some of the yarn to Ladd Lane. Contact your kid's, grandkid's or simply your neighborhood school to see what they need that you just MIGHT have in your closet. Years ago in Honolulu, we donated 2 bolts of felt, one red and one green, to our grandson's school That Christmas program the first grade wore red and green hats! Every classroom needs something. Adopt a school, or a class and see what you can do. You will be surprised how much your stuff will be appreciated!

Just A Reminder

We recently had a customer drive some distance, only to discover that the store was closed. Remember, we are closed Sunday and Monday. We are open Tuesdays 10 to 7. Wed—Fri 10 to 5 and Saturdays 10 to 4. If you are traveling any distance, it is always a good idea to call ahead. We are rarely closed, but there are times we both come down with a cold or flu.

September Challenge

This challenge is going to be a little different. This time we are having an APRON CHALLENGE! We are still putting together the guidelines etc. Our thought is to have one or two fabrics that must be used, the rest you can either buy to match, or hit your stash! It is going to be a Thanksgiving theme. This is a great chance to win great gift certificates, plus you have a ready to wear apron for the Holidays! Stay tuned!

Classes on the Web Site

We FINALLY got the class descriptions right on our web site! We have the date, the time, the teacher and the cost listed. AND we also have great descriptions of each and a picture of the project as well! Now you can browse the calendar, choose the classes you think you might be interested in, and then go to www.homespunharbor.com, click on classes, scroll down and see the actual quilt. Tada!

Of course it is always better to check the class samples out in person, but we know how busy lives can get in the way.

If you see a class you like, just give us a call. You can register over the phone. When payment is received, we will mail you the supply list, plus any pre class cutting instructions.