



From Jay & Sue

What a winter! Well, at least frigid days give us a good excuse to stay home and sew! This would be a perfect time to use our wide flannel on the back of your next quilt ... really cozy!

Be sure to come and visit during our Anniversary Celebration — February 8-13. We'll be looking for you!

2010 Was a Big Year at QY

- 76 people took our certification class – bringing our 5-year total to 527 certified long-arm quilters in our shop
- 30 people were re-certified with our Creative Studio software
- We quilted 248 Quilt-for-You quilts, bringing our 5-year total to 769 quilts
- We sold 5667 yards of batting
- We sold 277 of our favorite thread clippers (which make a great gift, by the way!)
- We awarded 300 free 13th hours to customers who filled up their cards with 12 hours of machine use
- Our customers quilted 224 Quilts of Valor (a great way to practice and to provide a quilt for an injured returning member of the military)

THANKS to all of you!

Resolution Quilts

More than 60 quilters have given us their "Resolution List" of quilts they intend to finish in 2011. At the end of the year, those who have completed all the quilts on their lists will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize. Can't wait till the end of the year to see how many Resolutions were really kept!

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Celebrate Our 5th Anniversary

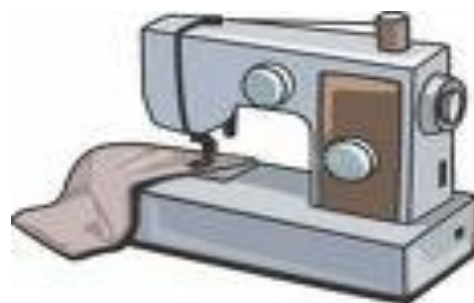
We're celebrating our 5th anniversary in grand style.

Come to the shop during our celebration week,

February 8-13, and you'll find:

- ✂ Our great quilt show – come and see all the creative stitching our clients have done this year!
- ✂ Vote for your favorite quilt
- ✂ Free Cookies (from U-Bake)
- ✂ Door prizes (for those over 18)
- ✂ Demonstration of our new AccuQuilt – an easy-to-use machine that makes it fast and easy to cut out the pieces for your next quilt
- ✂ 15% discount on all fabrics
- ✂ 15% discount on all batting
- ✂ 25% discount on notions

Bring a friend and introduce them to the fun of long-arm quilting!





Quilts of Valor (QOV) is an organization that provides quilts to injured members of the armed forces. Learn more about them at www.govf.org. We support their wonderful work in two ways:

Quilt a QOV quilt. If you have taken our certification class, you can pick up a Quilt of Valor at the shop and quilt it for free. The QOV volunteers bring us kits, complete with a quilt top, batting, backing, and binding. You put on the leads, do the quilting, and then take it home to do the binding. We give it back to the QOV volunteers and they arrange for it to be delivered to a military hospital or rehab facility. This is a great way to practice (and remember, we are always here to help you), and a great way to support a wonderful program.

Piece a block for a QOV quilt. When you come to the shop, you can donate \$1 for a kit to make a block for a special QY Quilt of Valor. The kit has pre-cut fabric, instructions, and an envelope you can use to send the block back to us. We'll put the blocks together into quilts – and the \$1 donations will help pay for the batting and backing.

I can do edge to edge quilting but how can I do it better?



Sue will be teaching a class on edge 2 edge (all over quilting) she will be sharing all of her secrets and tips for how to make your edge 2 edge quilting the best that it can be.

Watch for the announcement of the date and time of her next class!

Pajama Party Scrapbook



Here's Sue making pillowcase's at the Pajama Party we had at Quilt Yourself in January. It's all rolled up like ... well, like a hot dog. If you haven't learned this great way of making pillowcases, stop in the shop for a set of directions.

And our work went to a good cause. The pillowcases were donated to **Conkerr Cancer** (www.conkerrcancer.org), a group that distributes them to children in hospitals. We hope the kids were cheered up by these bright additions to their rooms.

Wanted :

Anyone who would like to take any of the core tubs from our batting. We have a tough time tossing them. They are nice for wrapping quilts on. Jay donated a bunch to her sons school and they we used them like logs and built a reading cabin. We have many so don't be shy if you would like one or more we would love to see them go to a good use not just tossed away.

Best Press



Sue says this is her favorite item on the notions counter: Best Press.

Use it instead of regular spray starch when you need a little extra body in the fabric you are working with.

And remember, you can refill your spray bottles at the shop — an environmentally friendly way to reuse your bottle.



The AccuQuilt cutter will make your quilting projects faster, easier, more accurate and pain-free. Imagine cutting an entire quilt in less than 30 minutes or 40 2 1/2" wide strips in less than 10 minutes! You can do it with AccuQuilt.

Shape	Size	Quantity cut at a time
Square	3 1/2"	4
Square	4 3/4"	6
Square	5"	8
Square	6 1/2"	4
Square	10"	2
Rectangle	3 1/2" x 6 1/2"	4
Triangle	3 1/2" x 3 1/2" 4 3/8"	6
Triangle	4 5/8" x 4 5/8" x 6 1/2"	3
Triangle	6 1/2" half square triangle	4
Diamond	3 1/2" 2 5/8"	4
Hexagon	1 1/2" for paper pieces	3
Hexagon	1 5/16" for fabric pieces	3
Strip	2 1/2"	5
Take 5 Quilt	Stack your 5 fabric and cut up to 10 blocks at one time.	

To use the AccuQuilt you need to contact us and reserve time on Lily (All machines in our shop have a name.). We are new to this cutting machine also so estimating time well will take us awhile.

We will have demonstrations of the cutter during our Quilt Show and Anniversary.



Quilters are so generous! We're partnering up with **Bundles of Love** (www.bundlesoflove.org) to help provide layettes for low-income families with new babies.

If you have any of these things you'd like to donate, you can drop them off at our shop:

- Fabric and batting
- Diapers and wipes
- Other baby items (check their website for examples)

We love to have bags and bags of donations for these good folks — check your sewing room to see what you might share.

Thanks everyone

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Quilt Piecing Classes

Now offered at Quilt Yourself
Taught by Tammy Erickson
Wednesday evenings 6:30PM to 9:00PM

December 2010/January 2011:

We are offering open quilting from 5pm until 9pm: Bring those unfinished projects and Tammy will be here to help answer questions or just be there for moral support.

Cost is \$5.00 per session (There is no charge if you are working on a past class project).

February: Take 5

This is a great class for beginners, or if you want to try a quick quilt pattern.

We are offering to cut all pieces on the AccuQuilt Studio cutter and will offer pre-cut kits if requested.

For pre-cut kits you will need to contact Tammy at least 1 week prior to class.

Cost \$45.00 + cost of pattern

March: T-shirt quilts

During class #1 I will be teaching you how to prepare your T-shirts for the quilt and helping you design your quilt. There are commercial patterns available that work well for T-shirt quilts or you can design your own quilt.

The following classes will be cutting and piecing your quilts together. Tammy will be on hand to assist you. But they are not formal classes.

This is not a good quilt for beginners.

Cost \$45.00

April : We will be choosing a pattern from the magazine "Quilts and More"

We will be announcing the pattern we choose by the end of January. — A sample will hang at the store.

Cost \$45.00 + the cost of the magazine.

May: Sampler Quilt

Each block of this quilt will be different. We will be going over several different piecing techniques. Squares, triangles, curves, and appliqué will be included in this quilt. As an added bonus the pieces will be able to be cut on the AccuQuilt studio cutter.

Kits will be available by request.

Cost \$45.00 pattern included.

June/July/August classes will only be held if enough interest is shown. Summers are often busy times for people. If you are interested in classes during these months please contact Tammy at T2quilt@yahoo.com

I am also wondering about having some 1 day Saturday classes. Please e-mail me if you would be interested in learning some new patterns. Example — The 10-minute block. This is a fun and quick quilt to put together.





Cabin Fever Quilt Expo



Quilt Yourself will have a booth at the **First Annual Cabin Fever Quilt Expo** on Saturday, March 26, at the St. Cloud Civic Center (10 4th Avenue South). We'll have wide backing fabrics for sale, and hope to introduce our shop to lots of quilters.

The Expo is sponsored by **Blank Quilting**, a maker of gorgeous fabrics for quilters. Visit their website at www.blankquilting.com.

Their Creative Director, Diana Mancini, will be speaking on "How Quilt Fabric is Made."

Admission is \$5.00 at the door.

Edge 2 Edge Club

If you use our **Quilt for You** service, be sure to ask for your **Edge 2 Edge Club** card. We'll stamp it each time a quilt is completed – when you have 5 stamps, you'll get half off the quilting charge on your next project.



Pajama Party Scrapbook part 2



Did we mention that the Pajama Party was LOTS of fun?

Tammy, our great quilting teacher, taught everyone to make tote bags — another great way to save the environment by sewing. Isn't fabric just the most environmental friendly thing there is?



Colleen shown here swift fully cut out a pile of 5 " in all these fun batiks for a future quilt. I did not time her but she was done in no time even ironing her fat quarters before cutting.

You can cut your next quilt to for only \$10 a use.