



# Greetings from NH Quilters' Emporium!

December 2005

It's been a long time since I wrote the last newsletter and a lot has happened. We participated in our first Shop Hop on Columbus Day weekend and want to thank all of you who made it a great success. We met lots of new quilters and even a few husbands! The winners of the grand prizes are:

Charlotte Graceffa	The Silver Fox Quilt Retreat Weekend
Natalie Murphy	Phaff sewing machine
Sue Flaherty	Gem Gold sewing machine

And the winners of all the baskets are: Debora Marquis, Carol Bolduc, Pat Vanasse, Donna Killstrom, Robert Verity, Sue Nadeau, Sylvia Chancey, and Ginny LaDuca. Congratulations to all of our winners! And again, thanks for making it fun and successful!

As you all know by now, during the last weekend in October, after a wonderful first year in Peterborough, we moved NH Quilters' Emporium to Pennichuck Square on Route 101A in Merrimack. Thank you Arthur and Scott for your brute strength! We have met lots of new quilters and each day confirms that we made the right decision. We feel very welcome in Merrimack and although we miss our Peterborough customers, we are really looking forward to getting to know lots of new folks. Thanks for making us feel welcome and for making our first month such a great success.

Our Holiday hours are: December 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00-1:00 - we'll be here for your significant others to come by and pick up that **gift certificate** for you! We'll be closed Dec 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have an absolute emergency like it's midnight on Christmas Eve and you've run out of thread for your special person's primary gift, give a call on the cell phone (603-321-9879) and we'll see what we can do to help you. We will be open Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00-1:00 and closed on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Get a jump on next year - **All Christmas books, patterns and fabric will be on sale at 25% off beginning Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Since moving to Pennichuck Square we have added Mettler thread, Thangles, Happy Hollow patterns, more great books & patterns, Giverny fabric lines from Benartex including the blue colorway, some lines from P&B, batiks from Moda, Shamash & Princess Mirah, the newest Fusions from Robert Kaufmann, flannel fat quarters, some beautiful and interesting fabrics from Australia, new stuff from Kona Bay to go with the Fall 2005 issue of Asian Fabric magazine. (yes, we *finally* received our shipment of Asian Fabric magazine so we currently have some in stock).

There are lots of fun and exciting things in store for the upcoming year.

Things to come:

We want to reward you for doing business with us. Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2006 we will institute a **punch card**. You know how they work; when you purchase merchandise at our shop we will punch your card based on the dollar amount purchased. When your card is fully punched you will receive 10% off your next purchase. Your purchase will be rounded down and sale or discounted items do not qualify for punches.

We will be doing at least two different Blocks of the Month in 2006. We will be doing a **Buck a Block** program, which is a program using Thangles. Here's how it works: You sign up. You choose your colorway. The choices for 2006 are: 1930's fabrics, blues & yellows, or batiks. You come in any time during the month and get your pattern & fabric for \$1.00. That's right, just a buck! If you miss a month you need to purchase any missed months for \$3.00 each in order to be eligible for the \$1.00 block kits again. You can purchase additional colorways for \$3.00 per month. Registration will begin in January, with the first block available in February. Samples will be in the shop by mid-January.

We will be doing McKenna Ryan's new design *Calling Me Home* as a BOM (Block of the Month). You can view the quilt at [www.pineneedles.com](http://www.pineneedles.com). It is a nine month commitment, which will begin in March. The fabric has been ordered so we will have a limited number of kits available. You can call the shop at 603-880-0300 or email me at [pam@nhqe.com](mailto:pam@nhqe.com) to pre-register. Monthly kits will be available for around \$25.00 per month. Let me know if you want to do this with classroom time or if you just want the kit mailed.

Wool and Penny Rug Kits - I have ordered wool which will be arriving around the end of January. To kick off our entry into wool Sandi Bard will be our guest of honor for a trunk show Friday & Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Sandi's penny rug kits and patterns will be available AND Sandi's very own Folk Art Dolls will be on display. You HAVE to see these dolls! I hope you'll stop in and make Sandi feel welcome, but if you can't make it in please check out Sandi's website at [www.seasonschange.com](http://www.seasonschange.com)

**Super Bowl Weekend: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 3, 4 and 5**

NH Quilters' Emporium will honor Jo-Ann Fabrics coupons for a discount up to 40% off any one item in the store. Coupons limited to one per person and sales using these coupons cannot be combined with any other discount.

My goal is to have the classroom full as often as possible and to have NH Quilters' Emporium become your home away from home. To that end we currently have several options for Open Sew times and will add more as needed. We have Tuesday mornings from 10-1 with Jaki Soper (pre-registration required) and Tuesday nights from 7-9 with Nancy Bell. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month we offer Ladies Night Out from 7-midnight with Nancy Bell.

If there is a technique you want to learn or a project you want to do, please let me know.

Our class policy is that we will hold class providing there are at least 3 people signed up. If the shop cancels class, you will receive a refund or credit toward another class (your choice). If you cancel at least 3 weeks prior to class you will receive a credit toward another class. Any cancellations within the 3 weeks prior to class will be at your expense. Whenever you purchase your materials list items from the shop you will receive a 10% discount.

In the coming months we have a lot more fabric coming in. I already told you I'm adding wools - both solids and some tweeds. I have some pre-quilted fabrics on order which are great for making bags and purses. Those of you who know me well will be shocked to hear that I ordered some reproduction fabrics. Charleston II collection by Judie Rothermel has some absolutely gorgeous pinks, browns & greens. The Old Sturbridge Village II collection, again by Judie Rothermel features yellows & greens as well as some salmony and blue. The Reminiscence line from Free Spirit is also on its way to Pennichuck Square and contains some very pretty Victorian style prints with large and small florals, paisleys and striped wallpaper fabric that co-ordinates with a nice toile. Promenade II, also from Free Spirit has a European feel and was inspired by antique French prints- very beautiful colors. Let's see.....what else is on it's way - several floral lines from Timeless Treasures, a **bunch** of Black & Whites, McKenna Ryan's new colorways as well as a couple of really, really cute kids lines. You'll have to stop in weekly just to keep up with the new deliveries as they come in!

I think we have a nice variety of fabrics to offer you, but just in case there's something you want that you don't see please let us know. Lots of people have asked about flannel and I'm listening, but I need to know more from you. What exactly are you looking for in flannels? Kids? A particular line? A price range? How often do you make a flannel quilt?

Looking for a particular book, pattern or tool? If you don't see it, just ask, we do special orders all the time.

The class schedule for the first quarter of 2006 is attached. I am very pleased to have Nancy Bell, Renee Chesnut, Jaki Soper and Sandi Bard as instructors. They are all knowledgeable, experienced, professional people whom I trust completely. Whether you're a beginner, want to learn a new technique or just want a quick and fun project, we are working together to keep you learning, keep you challenged and keep you quilting.

I'm looking forward to getting to know each of you better in the years to come. Well, I'm running out of time and running out of room, so I'll sign off 'til next time.

Our Christmas wish for you is that you have a safe, peaceful holiday season filled with all the people and things you love best. God Bless you, each and every one!