



Greetings from NHQE!

I was hoping to be able to send you a flags & pictures & pretty stuff, but I have yet to figure out how to do that with the program I'm using. So for today it will be same old, same old.

First, I want to inform you that NH Quilters' Emporium will be closed Sunday and Monday, May 27th and 28th in observance of Memorial Day. Please take a moment to remember and be thankful for all Military Personnel, past and present, and their families. Their sacrifice allows us to live the life we have today; to enjoy the freedom and protection that we have in the United States of America.

The New England Quilt Museum's current exhibition is titled "I remember Mamma" and runs through June 10th. The exhibit consists of 61 quilts fitting the theme "Mama" from the 2006 juried exhibition organized by Karey Bresenhan to honor the memory of her mother, Jewel Pearce Patterson, who taught thousands of people in Texas to quilt and love quilts. For more information click on this link:

<http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/Exhibitions.shtml> . I haven't seen the exhibit myself (I hope to get there) but have heard it's really great. In keeping with the "mamma/grandma" theme we have some really cute aprons in our front window AND are offering a class on Thursday, June 21st so you can make your own! So here's the deal: between now and the end of June receive a free gift when you purchase any apron pattern or book and mention this email. And that's not all! At a date and time to be announced we will have a fashion show complete with prizes. Next week I will email you the date and time for the fashion show along with the categories to be judged. One category will definitely be "Best Prop". So put on your creative caps and start your planning!

Let's see....what else did I want to tell you about? I know! Some new products!

New Fabrics - lots of gorgeous Kona Bay Asian fabrics - some panels, some beautiful large prints and some real nice blenders. Paris Cats from Robert Kaufman - silhouettes of sophisticated cats in brown, blue and lavender plus some coordinating prints. Cute, cute for the cat lover! We got in some Civil War Era prints that we cut into fat quarters and a few 1 yd cuts - great for either Dear Jane or Underground Railroad quilts, plus a small selection of Pansy Passion III from Blank Quilting - butterflies and florals and stripes, oh my! in nice calming earth tones. Have you noticed that colors are switching over to earth tones? And that brown truly is making it big right now? A lot of the design shows are using lots of beiges, tans and browns. I don't know about you, but I just love, love, love the dark chocolate brown with a nice light blue accent. And the oranges! Check out Pier 1's Amherst Street windows for an example of how oranges and reds are

pairing up with brown. Does that mean that brights are on their way out? I don't know. You tell me - does your fabric preferences change with the style of the day? Or do you buy/make what you like regardless of what the design industry says? I would really love to hear from you on this.

Some new books include Eleanor Burns' new book *The Magic Vine Quilt*. This book includes patterns and instructions for 22 flower blocks, designed and originally published in the 1930s. This book takes you from the beginning planning stages all the way through the applique process and embellishing. Another winner from Eleanor Burns! *Bound for Glory* by Nancy J Martin features five patriotic quilts. A quick glance into this book and I found a really cool method of cutting lots of bias squares- it's called "Basic Bias-Square Technique" and does require a Bias Square ruler- looks very efficient; I'll have to try it when I get back from my vacation. Another new book, *Quilting in the Country*, has 16 projects from wall and lap sized quilts to table toppers and ornaments PLUS delicious looking recipes AND ideas for hosting a baby shower, a Christmas cookie swap and more! Not a book, but certainly of value is *Twice Quilted, Continuous-Line Quilting Designs*. This is a collection of 20 sets of patterns- 40 designs in all. Using this method, quilt two interlacing motifs in different colors and give a stunning finish to any project!

I think that's enough for now. Oh! *Thyme to Water*, the block of the month. I have about 9 more openings if anyone is interested. If you haven't seen it yet you really should stop in. It's a great spring/summer wall hanging with flower pots and watering cans that is mostly piecing with some appliqué. Great for your porch or sunroom!

Have a great weekend. Stay safe and again, take a moment to thank a soldier, sailor, marine or what do they call an Air Force person?

Take care,

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