

Precious Time Newsletter

A busy year ahead

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I can't believe how quickly we said goodbye to 2009. The Christmas holidays are over for the children and me, and they will be back at school next week. Jessica is in Year 10 while Stephanie is starting her last year at Primary School. Where do the years go? I trust that you, your family and friends had a peaceful and joyful Christmas time and I hope the New Year brings you all that you are hoping for.

We have a very busy year ahead at Precious Time - wonderful classes, new and exciting tutors and a huge selection of gorgeous projects to get your creative juices flowing. We have revamped our blog site so if you go to the home page of our website you can click on the link to take you right there. You can catch up on our exciting road trip through Victoria and New South Wales as well as all the fabulous events and going on's at the shop. We are hoping to update you every week on all the gorgeous fabrics, books and new arrivals at the shop as well as tempting you with sneak peaks of new projects that we are working on.

I hope that you are all anxiously awaiting our annual Birthday Sale which will commence on Wednesday 27 January and run thru until Sunday 31 January. A wonderful selection of fabrics will be on sale for \$12 per metre. For any cash purchases the cost of the sale fabrics will reduce further to \$10.00 per metre. This is a fantastic saving for you and is a great time to be thinking about purchasing backing fabrics for your quilts. There is a minimum of 1 metre on all sale fabrics - unfortunately we are unable to hold fabrics or place fabrics on lay by.

We have been asked if we are going to start our rewards program again. With the strengthening Aussie Dollar we have been able to reduce a large selection of our fabrics from \$24pm to \$20 - \$22pm. We feel that offering you the best possible price on fabrics, books and patterns gives you a reward each time you shop with us. But like any good shop we are always trying to improve on our customer service programs. So this year when you spend \$50.00 (excluding sale items) you will receive a ticket into a monthly draw of a \$50.00 gift voucher to spend in the shop within 2 months. So if you spend \$54.00 dollars you will receive one ticket - if you spend \$124.00 you will receive two tickets into the draw. The winner will be drawn on the 1st of each month - the first draw will take place on March 1.

With our trip away we have arrived home to discover that we won't have a quilt ready for strip club on February 1. We will be rescheduling this event to Tuesday 2 March. I hope that we have not disappointed too many of you and trust you are understanding of this change of date.

Gosh how could I forget the most important news of all - Kaffe Fassett will be visiting Precious Time in February of 2011. I know, I know a long way away. This class will be one not to miss. That is all I can tell you for the moment except that you need to call now and reserve your spot so you don't miss out.

Also keep an eye out for the release of Stitching on the Downs. A wonderful new event that will be released after Easter.

What's New

Old Primrose Inn from Blackbird and Civil War HomeFront from Barbara Brackman arrived in the shop before Christmas and these wonderful ranges are the centre piece of our Antique Australian Quilt. They go beautifully together and definitely inspire you to want to make something absolutely yummy. New also in the shop is Hope Valley the new range of fabrics from Denyse Schmitz. This collection has 26 pieces in antique pinks, oranges, purples, greens, blues and acid yellow. The prints are vintage in style and I can assure you they will not last long. Go to the blog or website to have a look at these scrumptious vintage prints. If you have a little one in the family then the range for you is Love U. Quirky little prints of turtles and snails in blues, greens and oranges would make any little person smile. There are some wonderful basics in this range that never go amiss in the stash so pop on it to have a look at these sweet prints.



Also in the shop we have a lovely new bag designed by Jackie Clark called the Junk Bag. This is a fantastic bag which gives you plenty of room to store all of your sewing needs. A great bag if you are on your way to a sewing class, a road trip or weekend away. The pattern gives you the full alphabet so you can make one for everyone. Kyleigh will be taking a class in this bag - we keep her busy over the Christmas break with a few projects. So rest assured she knows all the tips and tricks to give you the best possible finish to your bag. Also look out for Kyleigh's other classes which are all listed in the class list.

Another new incentive for this year is to start a new Fabric Club. Majella and I are working out the finer details at the moment but this is a wonderful program to be involved in, especially if you don't live close to the shop. Actually even if I lived close to the shop I still think I would join this program. There will be exclusive offers and discounts so please check the blog for further information and commencement date.

After our trip away we have been very busy re merchandising the shop so this is a wonderful time to pop in and have a browse - let us know what you think of the new look.

Class Bookings

Since moving to our new home we have been inundated with requests for classes so we have had to make some changes to ensure that we take care of you, our wonderful ladies as well as our fine teachers. To ensure that you don't miss out on a place in any class you will now need to pay a deposit to secure your place. This deposit will be non-refundable if you are unable to attend unless you are able to find a friend to take your place in class. Of course if we have a waiting list we will happily try to secure a replacement for you. This new class policy will avoid late cancellation of classes which is disappointing for the remaining students as well as the teacher who has put a lot of work into preparing a fabulous class for you. At the time of booking and payment for any class you will be provided with a full list of requirements. We trust that you are understanding and supportive of this new policy.

Mystery Weekend with Rosalie Quinlan & Leanne Beasley

Friday 26 March – Monday 29 March

We are thrilled to announce that we have confirmed dates for our long awaited retreat with Rosalie & Leanne.

Rosalie is one of Precious Times' favourite guest artists. Previous students rave about the wonderful time spent with Rosalie.

We are very excited that Leanne is able to join Rosalie on this visit and we look forward to getting to know Leanne on her first visit to Queensland.

Ladies who follow their blogs will know the popularity of Rosalie & Leanne's designs. We feel privileged to have them travel together for our retreat.

The cost of \$545.00 per person includes the following:

- * Shared accommodation and meals from Friday 4pm to end of class

- * Sunday or Monday morning after breakfast for no extra cost.

- * Two days of classes – one day with Rosalie and one day with Leanne.

Classes begin at 9am and finish at 5pm. In the evenings you can stitch or enjoy the time socialising with other participants. They will each be presenting a new project not previously released. The projects will remain a mystery until Friday evenings meet & greet.

- * Friday evening meet and greet – including welcome drinks

- * Dinner on Friday evening. Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Dinner on Saturday & Sunday

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* Breakfast on Monday morning

Places are limited and deposits are now being taken for this stitchers dream weekend to be held at Stacey's at the Gap. Situated at Cunningham's Gap set amongst acres of rainforest and natural bushland. Walking trails can be enjoyed by enthusiasts. Peaceful views abound for the non-enthusiasts.

This intimate retreat will be a fun filled extended weekend where you will be able to spend quality time with two of Australia's most popular designers.

Places are limited for this wonderful opportunity.

Precious Time Class Descriptions for 2010

Precious Time is Pleased to present the following classes for the first term for 2009. We hope that these classes will tempt you to make some time to come along, meet some new friends and make some wonderful quilts and projects. This class program runs until the end of June, so please call the shop if you would like any further information or to book into a class.

If you would like to attend a class and the dates don't suit you please take the time to call us and have a chat. We understand busy lives and if at all possible we try to be flexible with classes and dates.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful year with you.

Team Precious

February 2010

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4 Sue Ross Workshop	5 Sue Ross Workshop	6 Sue Ross Workshop	7 Sue Ross Workshop	
8	9	10	11	12	13 Bali Bag Class	14	
15	16	17 Precious Threads Night	18 Precious Threads Day	19 Cold Wind Blows BOM	20 Abbey Bag Class / Precious Threads	21 Your Invited with Judy Carrow	
22	23	24 Journey of an Australian Antique Quilt	25	26	27	28 Braided Quilt with Amanda	

March 2010

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 William Morris Applique Class	
8	9	10	11 Class - Night	12	13 Junk Bag Class with Kyleigh	14 Orion Star Quilt Class	
15	16	17 Precious Threads - Night	18 Precious Threads - Day	19 Cold Winds Blow BOM	20 Precious Threads - Day	21 Butterfly Trapunto Class 1	
22	23	24 Journey of an Australian Antique Quilt	25	26 Retreat with Rosalie & Leanne	27 Retreat with Rosalie & Leanne	28 Retreat with Rosalie & Leanne	
29	30	31					

April 2010

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 Good Friday Closed	3 Easter Saturday	4 Easter Sunday - Closed	
5 Easter Monday - Closed	6	7	8 Sue Ross Workshop	9 Sue Ross Workshop	10 Sue Ross Workshop	11 Sue Ross Workshop	
12	13	14 Precious Threads- Night	15 Precious Threads - Day	16 Cold Wind Blows BOM	17 Cupcake Apron and Oven Mitt/Precious Threads	18 William Morris in Applique	
19	20	21 Journey of an Australian Antique Quilt	22	23	24 Jelly Roll Skirt with Amanda	25 Your Invited with Judy Carrow	
28	29	30					

May 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 Butterfly Trapunto Class	2
3	4	5	6	7	2	
					8 Clip Purse with Kyleigh	9
10	11	12 Precious Threads - Night	13 Precious Threads - Day	14 Cold Wind Blows BOM	15 Precious Threads	16 Orion Star Quilt
17	18	19 Journey of an Antique Australian Quilt	20	21	22 Kindy Quilting Class with Bev McClune	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

June 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3 Sue Ross Workshop	4 Sue Ross Workshop	5 Sue Ross Workshop	6 Sue Ross Workshop
7	8	9	10	11	12 Colourque Quilting Class 1 with Bev	13
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Precious Threads

Precious Threads is still going strong. This is a friendship based program focusing on friendship, food and fun. Morning, afternoon tea or supper will be provided. So come along and join Precious Threads where you can share your love of sewing with new and old friends while working on a project of your choice. These friendship groups are held on Wednesdays (night), Thursday (day) & Saturday afternoons. The cost of this program is \$65.00 for the year, running from February to November.

Strip Club

Free classes for Strip Club Members start at 10am on any of the noted dates on the calendar. Choose your strip club quilt and come along for a great day of sewing. Please make a note on your calendar that the next strip club preview evening is Tuesday March 2nd at 7pm. If you would like to know more about strip club please pop into the shop and have a chat to us.

Junk Bag Class

Come along and make this gorgeous bag with Kyleigh. She lovingly made the one here in the picture for us over the Christmas break so she knows all the tips and techniques to get your bag looking as wonderful as this one. This is a great class to make use of all those trims and buttons we collect during the year. With the full alphabet included in the pattern you can make this bag for anyone or for any use - books, trip; love, gift - the list goes on. This class is \$20.00 including morning tea. Please note that there is a minimum number of students for Kyleigh's classes so book now for a great morning out.



Sue Ross

We are thrilled to advise that Sue will be visiting the shop every 2 months to continue helping us on our journey into hand piecing traditional quilts with modern fabrics, making new heirloom quilts for us all to treasure. Each visit Sue tempts us with her new creations - oh no - another quilt to make, but seriously this lady is truly talented with her designs and her fabric choices. Here are some pictures of the quilts Sue will be sharing with us this year. The class cost is \$140.00 for two days and includes morning and afternoon tea. I really can't express enough how wonderful this class is - don't miss out on fabulous company, interesting conversations and the wealth of knowledge that Sue has to share with you all. Bookings are a must. We would love for you to join us.



Kindy Quilting with Bev McClune

Does quilting your quilt, wall hanging or small project send you hyperventilating—then this is just the class for you. Join award winning machine quilter Bev McClune for a beginners class in machine quilting. Bev will take you through steps like successful pinning, starting and stopping a line of quilting without it coming undone as well as putting a design on your quilt without marking it. Her gentle and patient manner will have you well on the way to mastering the basic steps of machine quilting. All of these things will put you in the best position to go home and start quilting your quilts. The class fee will be \$45.00 for the day including morning/afternoon tea.

Bali Bag



It is amazing how this bag comes together with some fabric and clothesline. I taught this bag at retreat in November and it was amazing how different each of the bags was. They are truly individuals, just like their makers. Come along and have a fun day constructing this interesting bag. The cost of this class is free with the purchase of the kit. Kit cost includes pattern and clothesline \$59.50. A full requirements list will be provided at the time of booking your class. The bag in the photo has been made with a jelly roll from Boutique the latest range of fabrics from Chez Moi. Classes for this bag are on Saturday 13 February or Sunday 21 March starting at 10.00a. Morning tea is included but please bring lunch.

Braided Quilt with Amanda

Join Amanda as she shows you how to make this favourite old quilt. There are literally hundreds of pieces in Amanda's Quilt which definitely gives it the wow factor. The cost of this class is \$30.00 for the day which includes morning and afternoon tea. The class will begin at 10.00. We will have the quilt in the shop in the next few days - this is a fabulous class to make use of your fabric stash. Class date is February 28. Don't miss this great class.

Jelly Roll Skirt with Amanda

This versatile skirt is made using a jelly roll. The pattern has several different styles that would suit anyone. Amanda who is a fabulous sewer will help you make this lovely skirt. We will have patterns available shortly and Amanda will have the skirt in the shop as soon as possible for you all to see. I am sure that you will enjoy this class and the pleasure you will have in wearing your handmade garment. As soon as more details are at hand we will update you all. Please keep a check on the blog or website. Class date is Saturday 24 April. Sorry you have to wait so long for this class but Amanda is in demand at the moment. Don't miss this class. Class cost is \$40.00 for the day and includes morning/afternoon tea.

Pajama Pants

This great pattern from Taylor Made Designs is so yummy. Believe me when I say these will be the most comfy pj bottoms that you will ever wear. I have a pair and I love them. Many of our customers have made these jammies and they all comment on the softness and comfort of handmade pj's. Come into the store and see how beautiful they are – now is a great time to also have a look at our bright flannels for those cold winter nights. Come along and learn all the tricks to help you achieve a beautiful hand made finish to your garment. If you have made the pyjamas from Taylor Made you may want to make the gorgeous robe to match. This class is \$15.00 for the day along with the purchase of a book and fabric.

Sharing a Quilt Journey

Join Majella and I as we continue to work on our Dancing Dollies quilt. This evening is perfect for anyone who has a love of hand worked quilts. If you enjoy paper piecing, hand sewing or hand appliqué quilts then come along and share the journey of making your quilt with like spirited ladies. This is the perfect group for any one wanting to continue working on their quilts from a class with Sue Ross. Please join us on a Wednesday evening from 6pm. Cost for each evening is \$15.00 which includes supper. Please check the class calendar for all the dates.

Butterfly Bliss

This lovely quilt is from Monica Poole of Moonshine Designs. We have a stunning sample hanging in the shop. It has been immensely popular with everyone visiting the shop. Bev is taking a weekend workshop where you will learn all the techniques and extra tips to make this beautiful quilt. You will be shown how to use an appliqué mat and double sided fusible wadding as we help you select and layer your fabrics to make stunning butterflies. Bev will show you how to achieve beautiful raw edge appliqué including using threads to enhance your appliqué, and take you through the steps to bring your quilt together using the quilt as you go method and free motion quilting. This weekend will provide you with many new skills. Numbers will be limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Dates are Saturday & Sunday 10 & 11 November starting at 9.30am. The cost for the weekend with Bev is \$140.00

Orion Star

This beautiful quilt is hanging in our front window and it is definitely a favourite with our customers and visitors alike. Learn how to use Thangles to make this seemingly difficult quilt easy piecing. This class is free with the purchase of your pattern (including thangles) and or kit. Class begins at 10.00am and there are no minimum student numbers for this class to proceed on March 14 or May 16.

Abbey Bag Class

Kyleigh will have you walking out the door with this cute little pincushion and thread bag complete. This is a great class and Kyleigh assures me they are quick and easy to make - a great gift for sewing friends and family. Class will be held on Saturday 20 February at 9.00am. Cost \$20.00 which includes morning tea.



Sunshine - Applique Class

This is a gorgeous 9 block applique quilt designed by Blackbird Designs. Join Judy Carrow as she takes you through her machine applique techniques enabling you to master this quilt. This is a fabulous quilt for anyone wanting to increase their skills. After the popular William Morris quilt with Judy ladies were asking for another quilt to start. Judy has completed her quilt and it is currently being quilted so it will be in the shop in a few weeks. Ladies will attest that Judy's classes are absolutely wonderful and Judy is a very organised tutor who is lots of fun to boot. This is a great series of classes with lots of tips and techniques to help you master machine applique. The cost for the class program is \$150.00 for three classes. Classes will be on February 21/April 25 & June 27 starting at 10.00am. Morning tea/Afternoon tea will be provided but please bring your lunch.

William Morris - Applique Class

Join Judy as she teaches you William Morris in appliqué. Judy is an experienced teacher in this method and will help ensure that you achieve a wonderful result in this class. Her quilts have been highly commended by Michelle Hill and has Michelle's permission to teach her method of machine appliqué. Wonderful techniques and hints will make this a fabulous class to extend your quilting knowledge and experience. This class will be held on Sunday 7 March, April 18 & June 13 with classes commencing at 10.00am.

Butterfly Trapunto Quilting - with Bev McClune

This is a quilt as you go quilt. This quilt is a fabulous way to learn an age old traditional look of both corded trapunto and traditional trapunto with a modern twist! You have the option to complete this project to your own personal choice of size. It is all done in 8 ½ inch panels. You can have as many or as few panels as you like and you can make them any length that you like which means you can do a lap size quilt right up to a full bed quilt but still all done with 8 ½ inch strips. You really need to have done the beginners machine quilting class to be able to manage this quilt. Learning the trapunto on this quilt and doing more background quilting will certainly move your quilting skills forward. This class will be held over two days - 21 March & 1 May. Cost \$100.00 for the two days including morning tea/afternoon tea.



When the Cold Winds Blow

Join us as we travel along the road to make this absolutely beautiful block of the month from Blackbird Designs. We will show you various methods of hand appliqué and help you achieve a beautiful finish to your block. This class will be held on the last Friday of the month starting at 6pm and will cost \$15.00 per evening.

Kindy Quilting Class

If you ever wondered just where to begin then this is the best start! We start right at the very beginning! For this workshop we will be using fusible wadding so as not to fuss with pinning at this stage. We want to get right into the quilting. You will learn how to start and stop your lines of stitching so they won't come undone. We will play around with "free motion" quilting and Bev will show you some easy free motion designs for you to keep practicing at home. She will also show you how to put a design on your quilt without marking it by using her "quilt and tear" method. This workshop has proven itself many times over and is the ultimate start in to the world of domestic machine quilting....you will be surprised what you will end up doing! This kindly quilting class is on Saturday 22 May beginning at 10.00am. The Cost for this class is \$50.00 for the day including afternoon tea.

Colourque Quilted Table Centre

This is a quilt as you go table centre. The features of this table centre are the machine quilting and the colour technique of performing appliqué with coloured pencils and a textile medium instead of doing hand appliqué with fabric – hence the term "colourque." To do this table centre you really must have done the beginner's machine quilting class as this project will extend your quilting skills that you have begun to learn. You will be doing some wonderful fine machine quilting and then adding your colour with your coloured pencils and textile medium to seal the colour. This is a great class if you would like to try something a bit different and end up with a wonderful coloured table centre that will be admired. This classes for this quilt will be held on Saturday 12 June and Saturday 24 July from 10.00am and the cost including morning/afternoon tea will be \$100.00 for the two days. Join Bev as she takes you on this wonderful journey into Colourque.

Precious Time Christmas in July Retreat 2010

WHERE: Stacey's at the Gap, Warwick

WHEN: 4.00pm Friday 23 July to 3.00pm Monday 25 July

PROJECTS: There will be a wonderful selection of Christmas projects for you to select from including quilts, Santa sacks, bags, stitcheries and small Gifts. We are sure that you will find one or more projects to keep you occupied at retreat.

COST: \$ 450.00per person . Includes shared accommodation from Friday evening to Monday morning, all meals including morning and afternoon teas, welcome drinks on Friday evening, your selected kit and tutoring fee.

PAYMENT: Full payment is required by 1 July 2010. We will happily set up a lay by system for you. Contact the shop for further details.

OPTIONAL: If you are unable to stay until Monday morning and wish to depart Stacey's on Sunday after afternoon tea, then the cost will be \$430.00

Precious Time Christmas in July Retreat 2010

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

PAYMENT DETAILS:

VISA/MASTERCARD _____

EXPIRY DATE: _____