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News from The Quilting Season

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Winter Has Finally Arrived!

I know that some of you are not eager to have to walk and drive in snow and ice, but the rest of us (particularly the skiers) were thrilled to wake up and see snow on the front lawn this morning.

Gift Certificates

Wondering what to get your favorite quilter? Wonder no more! Give a gift certificate.

The Quilting Season can make up attractive gift certificates in any amount you like.

So how is it going with your holiday preparations? I hope you can avoid feeling overwhelmed. Just keep in mind what is important, what it's all about.

And for those of our readers who celebrate Hanukkah, may the Festival of Lights bring you much joy. (Yes, Hanukkah is very early this year.)

Warm regards,

MaryLiz

The Quilting Season at the Moonlight Madness Craft Show

On Friday, December 3rd, from 5:00~8:00pm, The Quilting Season will have a vendor booth at the Moonlight Madness Craft Show, which will take place at the Saline Middle School.

The rest of the show will run until 11:00pm, but Mary Lindquist told me that they are closing up shop at a

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Upcoming Classes & Events

Thu Dec 02 Scrappy Angel
Ornament

Fri Dec 03 Quilting Season will be a
vendor at Moonlight Madness craft
show at the Middle School

Sat Dec 11 Craft & Quilt
Marketplace at The Quilting Season
(10am-5pm)

Tue Dec 14 No Sew Patchwork
Ornament

Sat Dec 25 Christmas Day STORE
CLOSED

Sat Jan 1 New Year's Day STORE
CLOSED

Thu Jan 13 Crazy Quilting,
Advanced

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## Sewing Tips

Conserve sewing machine thread by making yourself a "landing pad." Cut a scrap from a layered quilt sandwich, or cut a piece of heavy weight fabric that is about 1.5" x 4" in size. Sew onto and off of your landing pad whenever you are string piecing. You will waste less thread, and you won't punch the beginning of your fabric down into the bobbin case. Less frustration! Less wasted thread!

Use a bamboo skewer as a stiletto. It keeps your fingers away from your sewing machine's needle and increases piecing accuracy.

Use your walking foot

respectable 8:00pm because she has to be back at the store bright and early Saturday morning for First Ladies block-of-the-month.

The Quilting Season's booth will feature a "make & take" for children. Mary and Betty have prepared several different projects, based on the age of the child. There are some very simple hand sewing projects that even young children can do, and some very nice looking embroidery squares for the older girls who would like to try their hand at embroidery. The make and takes are available for a small fee, about \$1~3.

So if you plan to attend the show, be sure to stop by and see us!

More information: [Moonlight Madness Craft Show](#)

Admission: \$2 \* No strollers, please.



## Craft & Quilt Marketplace at The Quilting Season

On December 11th, The Quilting Season will host a craft & quilt marketplace in the annex.

Avoid the crowds! This is a SMALL craft fair featuring **finished quilts, unfinished quilt tops, smaller quilted items such as table runners and tote bags, also non-textile crafts such as fused glass earrings**

**and pendants.**

These are high-quality pieces made by three local artisans: Mary Jones, Sherry Peterson and Mary Hogan. Booths will be staffed by the artists who made the items.

No admission cost. Come and see what's for sale.

**Saturday, December 11th 10:00am~5:00pm in the ANNEX**

*Also happening in downtown Saline on the same day:*

[Treasure Trail to Santa, at Busch's Shopping Center, 565 E. Mich. Ave. from 10:00am~1:30pm](#)

[2nd Annual St. Paul UCC Christmas Bazaar, 122 W. Mich. Ave. from 10:00am~2:00pm](#)

[Holiday Art Sale at Two Twelve Arts Center, 212 W. Mich. Ave. from 10:00am~6:00pm](#)

when piecing flannel to reduce stretching.

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Quotes

"The only place where housework comes before needlework is in the dictionary."
~Mary Kurtz

"I'd rather be stitchin' than in the kitchen!"
~Author Unknown

"Dishes always seem to need washing, floors need constant sweeping, and clothes folding, but quilts -- they stay quilted!"
~MaryLiz Schoenfeld

[Varsity Blues Holiday Show "Holiday Hop" at Saline Middle School starting at 7:30pm](#)

Breakfast with Santa at Saline High School, 1300 Campus Parkway from 9:00~11:00am (no link available)

["Christmas on the Farm" at Rentschler Farm, 1265 E. Michigan Ave. from 1:00~5:00pm](#)

You might want to bring the grandkids and make a day of it.

Sorry, No More Chickens Until Spring! :-)

We had about a dozen cute chicken pincushions in the store shortly before Thanksgiving. They flew out of the store in only a few days. Customers are asking when we'll get more. Well, here's the answer: **The lady who makes them is in Florida for the winter**, and won't be back until the spring. So when we get a fresh shipment of chickens, we'll be sure to mention it in the newsletter.

More Angel Ornaments



We recently advertised the Scrappy Angel ornament class, and the patterns promptly sold out. At this point, the Scrappy Angel pattern is only available if you have us special order it for you.

We still have in stock a very similar pattern by the same designer, called **"Fancy Felt Angels."** An example is seen at the bottom of the picture. Fancy felt angels are even easier to make than the scrappy angels, because they're made with felt, which means that the edges won't unravel. Also, these angels are made by sewing a blanket stitch around the raw edges by hand, so this is a **totally portable project that is both quick and easy to make.**

The other ornaments are, from top to bottom, left to right: An angel shaped **Mini Sewing Kit**, another **Mini Sewing Kit**, this

one shaped like a cat that stores a thimble on the end of its tail, a **Jingle Bellies** angel, with a small jingle bell in the middle of her tummy, and a **Peek-a-Boo** angel, who is peeking out from top of her gathered dress. The angel at the bottom is the **Fancy Felt Angel**.

Come to the store and **check out the ornament tree** to see these angels in person. I especially like them because they're **unbreakable** -- which is a big thing when you have babies and pets running around in your house.



Technique Tuesday: Patchwork Ornament

For our December edition of Technique Tuesday, Teresa is going to teach everyone how to make these **No Sew Patchwork Christmas Ornaments**.

This will be a hands-on class. The \$10 fee will include a kit -- all the materials to make one ornament. There is no supply list. Everything --and I mean everything -- is in the kit. Just show up and play with fabric.

These are fast and easy to make. Even though you'll be using fabric, there is no actual sewing involved. You can hang the ornaments on your Christmas tree, use them to decorate a package, or give as the gift itself. If you're feeling almost desperate for **a quick-to-make, inexpensive gift**, this is it!

For those of us with kids and critters, **unbreakable ornaments** like these are a very good idea.

Tuesday, December 14, from 1:30 to 3:00pm

Cost is \$10 -- kit included.

No supply list. Everything is in the kit.

Recipe

This recipe was served at the Christmas Schoolhouse.

Danish Apple Bars

- 3 cups sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shortening (Butter Crisco preferred)
- 1 egg, separated
- Milk (less than 1/2 cup)
- 1 cup cornflakes, crushed
- 8 large tart apples, pared and sliced
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Glaze

- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 375. Combine flour and salt; cut shortening into flour mixture. Place egg yolk in measuring cup and add milk so egg-milk mixture equals 1/2 cup. Add egg-milk mixture to flour; mix until moistened.

Divide dough almost in half; roll out larger half of dough to line a (15-by-10-by-1-inch) jelly roll pan. Sprinkle crushed corn flakes onto dough; top with apple slices (leaving sufficient room on dough to seal edges).

Combine sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over apples. Roll out other dough half to fit top. Place over apples; seal edges. Using a sharp knife, cut vents in top crust. Brush egg white over crust top. Bake 1 hour, until golden. Cool on rack.

Combine glaze ingredients; mix well. Spread over bars while still warm. Cut into bars. Makes 36 bars.

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Thanks,

MaryLiz

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