



Common  
Thread  
Quilt  
Club

# The Common Thread Chronicle

## Next Meeting:

**WEDNESDAY**  
January 14th  
6:30 p.m.

Judy Kerr  
Blue Spruce Button Society

## Website Review Plain Jane Studios



With winter upon us in earnest, doesn't the cold weather make you want to escape to the sunny beaches of Mexico? Or an island off the coast of Italy? Maybe you can't do that this month, but here is a website of quilts and quilt-like paintings inspired by travels to those places, letters from old love affairs, and unique family stories:

[www.plainjanestudio.com](http://www.plainjanestudio.com).

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Jane LaFazio, of Plain Jane Studio, works in both paper and cloth, sometimes combining the two to give three-dimensionality to her paintings and photographic detail to her quilts. Her Mexican quilts use Milagros (Mexican silver prayer charms) and Virgin de Guadalupe images, and her Asian and Italian paintings often use printed papers that give them a "pieced" look. Her Tree of Life quilts, in the Mexican gallery, are especially detailed; they are custom-created to commemorate the heritage of specific families or Jane's own observations of the interrelatedness of life.

In addition to the website, Jane also maintains an art-focused (not quilt-focused) blog, Janeville, which you can link to from the site, and she offers online classes from time to time. She responds quickly to email questions - even during the holidays! - and she was excited to hear that some of you would be visiting her website in 2009 because of this review. Please do! I think you will enjoy it.

## Sew Night at Pat's

Sewing is at Pat's house on the last Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome anytime after 5:30 p.m. Please be sure to RSVP, so Pat knows how many are coming. That way she can be sure to have enough food and the correct amount of seating set up.  
Phone: 720-379-4631.

## Quilt Photos

If you didn't pick up your cards at the November meeting, Heather #3 will have them available at the January meeting. Don't forget to bring your money. You can view all the photos and order additional items directly from Heather's website: <http://heatherthigpenphoto.smugmug.com/Quilting/572828>

## Sisters in Stripping

Check your e-mail, Sally has sent everyone their secret sister information. Bring the first ten strips for your secret sister in a brown paper bag marked only with their name. Thanks!

## The Common Thread Chronicle

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The Common Thread Quilters are a quilt group based in Parker, Colorado. Meetings are held at 6:30pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at:

Parker Fire District HQ  
10235 Parkglenn Way  
Parker 80138

More information about the group can be found at our website:

[www.geocities.com/commonthreadquilters](http://www.geocities.com/commonthreadquilters)

Contributions to the newsletter should be sent by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month to:

[commonthreadquilters@yahoo.com](mailto:commonthreadquilters@yahoo.com)

### Fat Quarter Lottery

#### Theme:

**Purples**

#### Coming up:

February - pinks  
March - greens  
April - blues  
May - flowers  
June - pastels  
July - red, white, and blue  
August - batiks  
September - fall colors  
October - ugly  
November - novelty  
December - reds

## A Note from Judi

As we welcome the New Year, our guest for January's meeting will be Judy Kerr, President of the Blue Spruce Button Society. Judy will share her collection of buttons and her expertise as a lifelong collector.

February Workshop.....is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> with Carolyn Cullinan McCormick. Your fee for the workshop is \$20 but you will need her Book, Hard Times, Splendid Quilts. As soon as I have a supply list for the Class, I'll email it to you. Katie Shannon will be teaching the locker stitch technique at February's Meeting. She is providing kits for approximately \$10 each.

Please remember these fees are nonrefundable. If you cannot make it after you have signed up, you are responsible for finding a replacement.

Did you see in the newspaper where 2009's "colors" are plum and mustard??

Nine months until your BOOlicious quilt is due for the library exhibit in October.

Most importantly.....R-E-M-E-M-B-E-R.....our meeting is changed to the Second Wednesday night monthly continuing at the Fire Station.

Judi

## Show and Tell

Thank you to everyone who showed us their beautiful work during the December meeting.

Mary - colorful kid's quilt "Pick Up Sticks"

Diane - Snow White apron

Donna Gilmore - 1st quilt sampler

Katie - 1932 embroidered nursery rhyme quilt

Donna Dodge - Laurel Birch panel quilt

Sonya - wedding rain

Julie - snowman & penguin quilt

Heather - Trails of Light

Jane - teddy bear panel quilt

Sharon Erwin - snowman row quilt

Karen - house quilt with bear paws; maple leaves & geese

Shirley - Buckley baby quilts

Roxann - placemats; father-in-law's fish quilt

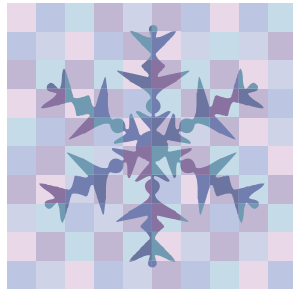
## Beginner's Class

Pat will be teaching a beginning quilting class at her home starting January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Pat at [pstitchn@yahoo.com](mailto:pstitchn@yahoo.com) for more information.

# calendar of Events

## January 2009

- 8<sup>th</sup> - Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm  
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Shop Hop - headed north
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm  
✓ Button Society guest speaker
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Birthday, Randy Shickle!
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Sew Night at Pat's



## February 2009

- 5<sup>th</sup> - Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm  
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday, Sonya Rosenthal!
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm  
✓ Locker hooking by Katie Shannon  
✓ Lois from the Buckley Babies project
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday, Joyce Cayo!
- 14<sup>th</sup> - February workshop - \$20  
✓ Carolyn McCormick
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Sew Night at Pat's

## March 2009

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Birthday, Donna Genitempo!
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm  
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday, Kim Womack!
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm  
✓ T-shirt quilts by Diane Zirin
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday, Jean Williams!
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Sew Night at Pat's
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday, Ethel Swartley!

## April 2009

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm  
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Birthday, Mary Myrup!
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday, Sandy Pearl!
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm  
✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tea Party
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday, Sharon Thompson!
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday, Mary Walker!
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Birthday, Gail Sharkey!
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Sew Night at Pat's

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## Angel Tree

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2008 Angel Tree for the Parker Task Force. We were able to provide gifts for several elderly in the Parker area. A big thank you to Sharon Erwin and Shirley Shannon for coordinating the event. Below is the note we received from the Parker Task Force:

Hello Everyone!

Another Adopt-a-Family and TinyTim program has come and gone and boy, was it a rousing success! There were so many hugs and tears and expressions of gratitude from our clients and their families. Clark, Jan and I would like to take a moment to thank, first of all, Sharon and Nancy for their weeks and weeks of endless phone calls and emails, the countless hours of organizational work and coordination efforts and the million and one details that are involved in, once again, pulling off the miracle that is our Christmas Program.

We would like to extend our appreciation to every single individual who helped make this program the sensation that it is! Our Christmas Program would be impossible to pull off every year without your good humour, hard work, and dedication. This year was even more of a challenge than most as our client numbers reached an all-time high, but together we made it happen. Please take a moment to congratulate yourselves on a job well done.

Clark, Jan and Sam

## Make-A-Blanket Day with QUILTMAKER Magazine

QUILTMAKER will host its 10th annual Project Linus Make-A-Blanket Day on Saturday, February 7, 2009. Each year 100+ volunteers join QUILTMAKER staff to make many quilts on this day which are given by Project Linus to seriously ill or traumatized children.

QUILTMAKER would love to have your help no matter what your level of quilting experience. QUILTMAKER and numerous corporate sponsors supply all the fabric, patterns, tools and sewing machines for the day.

Shifts are 8:30 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided at noon for both shifts. To participate, please call Jane Flynn at 303-215-5600 beginning January 26 to reserve a space. If you wish to sew a donation quilt or blocks at home, QUILTMAKER's 2009 Project Linus pattern can be found on our website at [quiltmaker.com](http://quiltmaker.com) or in the Jan/Feb '09 (No. 125) issue of QUILTMAKER.

In addition our volunteers will have a chance to purchase fabric, books, and notions during lunchtime, all to benefit Project Linus.

## Journal Challenge

The first page of our journal is due at the January meeting. The theme was/is Landscape. You may use any pattern, idea, or technique but it cannot be larger than 9x12. We will share them at Show and Tell.

## Buckley Babies Project

To all of you quilters that took kits for the Buckley Project, I would like them returned at the January meeting. I will be taking them to the base on the January 22 so the can have the layettes at their meeting on January 28. Remember that this will be an on going project for Common Threads so you can pick up another kit to get started for the next quarter. 😊 If you are someplace and see bibs, receiving blankets, towels and wash cloths on sale, please pick them up and I will get them into the layettes. **This group is the best!**

Keep on Stitch'n, Shirley

## January Shop Hop

A club shop hop is scheduled for Saturday the 10th. We'll leave the Park n Ride at Jordan and Lincoln at 9:00 and head for Longmont, Lyons, and Westminster. Lunch will be in Longmont or Lyons. Please let me know if you are planning to join us.

## January Meeting Checklist

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Show and Tell                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fat quarter for lottery (Purples)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Journal Challenge (landscape) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Money for quilt cards ordered                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nametag                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sisters in stripping - 1 <sup>st</sup> 10 strips |

## December to Remember

