



December 1, 2009

Dear QSC Member,

The Quilters of South Carolina is extending an invitation to you to come to the annual Spring Meeting and optional workshops. The 2010 Spring Meeting will be held at the historic Newberry Opera House in Newberry SC on Saturday, March 27, 2010. The theme for the 2010 event is **Follow the Stars to the Newberry Opera House**. Hospitality will be provide by the guilds and quilters of District III, which includes Abbeville, Aiken, N. Augusta, Greenwood, Newberry, Laurens, McCormick, Edgefield, and Saluda. Our guest speaker and teacher will be Laura Wasilowski. Laura is a textile artist, author, teacher, and creator of hand dyed fabrics and threads. She has an undergraduate degree in Costuming from the College of Benedict, St. Joseph, MN and a Master of Art degree in Fiber from Northern Illinois University, DeKalk, IL. She is the owner of ARTFABRIK and she will present her lecture to QSC on Saturday titled **Chicago School of Fusing Guided Tour**. You can learn more about Laura through her website. www.artfabrik.com Laura will be conducting three optional workshops: Tree Tip Be-Bop on Thursday, Mar 25; Bad Dog! And Cute Cat! Quilts on Friday, Mar 26; and Garden of Eden on Sunday, Mar 28. Please note that NO SEWING MACHINE REQUIRED for any of Laura's classes; however, having an iron will be very important.

Our Saturday meeting will be held at the Newberry Opera House in Newberry SC and lunch will be at the Newberry Firehouse Conference Center next door. Both facilities are refurbished buildings that represent many memories for Newberry County and we look forward to holding our event in these facilities. Both buildings are handicap accessible. Our vendors will open for business at 8:30am on Saturday, Mar 27, with our meeting to begin at 10:00am. We will have show & tell, mini-demonstrations, and the ugly fabric challenge results. Don't forget to bring your "Follow the Stars" block party challenge block.

For anyone interested in staying in Newberry, a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn-Opera House located across from the Newberry Opera House is being held for QSC members until March 10. Please call directly to the Hampton Inn to make your reservations. QSC has a block of rooms reserved for members, so be sure and mention your affiliation with QSC to get the special room rate of \$92 with no extra per person charge. Continental breakfast is provided at the Hampton Inn. Their telephone number is (803)276-6666 and their address is 1201 Nance St, Newberry SC 29108.

Other hotels in Newberry include: Budget Inn (803) 276-2410; Days Inn (located at Ext 74 on I-26)(803) 276-2294; Holiday Inn Express (newest hotel located at Ext 76 on I-26) (803)321-3955; and Newberry Economy Inn (803)276-2212.

Please plan on joining us for this great day of quilting related fun. Send in your registration early, especially if you want to participate in a workshop. Each class is limited to 25 participants.

There are some other wonderful attractions in Newberry that will entertain you, so I hope you will allow yourself time to examine some fun events, such as, Carter and Holmes Orchid Greenhouses, Enoree River Vineyard, Newberry College and many antique shops while you are in Newberry.

SUPPLY LISTS FOR LAURA'S CLASSES

See information at Laura's website: www.artfabrik.com

For all of Laura's classes there is **no sewing machine required!** Please bring an iron and ironing surface and power strip & extension cord.

Tree Top Be-Bop Thursday, March 25, 2010:

Build a small, peaceful, landscape quilt from cheerful fused fabrics. Learn fusing basics like free cutting, strip-fusing, bias fusing, and collage construction to make an art quilt with rolling hills, swaying trees, and unique surface patterning. With fusing, your landscape design possibilities are endless! (No sewing machine necessary.)

\$20 Kit Fee: includes hand out and hand-dyed fabric for project.

Supply list:

2 yards regular weight Wonder-Under fusible web (paper backed, #805). Please DO NOT BRING HEAT 'N BOND or STEAM A SEAM.
Small sharp scissors like 5" knife blade scissors

Paper scissors

Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat

Specialty rotary cutter blades like Pinking, Wavy or Scallop (optional)

Batting, 1 piece about 16"X18". Hobbs Heirloom Cotton Batting 80/20 recommended.

Quilt backing fabric, 1 piece measuring about 16"X18"

Teflon pressing sheet (optional)

Tweezers (optional)

Small baggie for fabric scraps

Bad Dog! And Cute Cat! Quilts Friday, March 26, 2010:

Bad Dog and Cute Cat quilts are like the Sunbonnet Sue quilts of the canine or cat world. In this class you create your own dog or cat quilt with colorful fused fabrics and an easy pattern transfer technique. You learn to construct an improvised background for Fido or Fluffy and fusing techniques like free-cutting, collage building, and other textural devices. Dog and cat patterns and a kit of hand-dyed fabrics are provided, just bring kibble. (No sewing machine necessary.)

\$25 Kit Fee: Includes hand out, pattern, and hand dyed fabrics

Supply List:

2 yards or regular weight Wonder-Under fusible web (paper backed, #805). Please DO NOT BRING HEAT 'N BOND or STEAM A SEAM

Small sharp scissors like 5" knife blade scissors

Paper scissors

Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler

Specialty rotary cutter blades, such as Pinking, Wavy or Scallop (optional)

Black fine point sharpie marker or lead pencil

Batting, 1 piece about 18"X18". Hobbs Heirloom Cotton Batting 80/20 recommended

Quilt backing fabric, 1 piece 18"X18"

Iron and ironing surface

Tweezers (optional)

Small plastic bag for fabric scraps

Garden of Eden Sunday, March 28, 2010

In this tempting class, create a small art quilt teeming with every flower in creation. Build a blooming garden on a green base of lush leaves, curly ferns and wavy blades of grass. Add simple daisies, jolly tulips and colorful chrysanthemums to the mix and you have a garden that Eve would envy. All from colorful fused fabrics. Directions for free cutting flowers and bias leaves and fused quilt assembly processes are covered. (No sewing machine needed.)

\$20 Kit Fee

Supply List:

2 yards of regular weight Wonder-Under (paper backed, #805). Please DO NOT BRING HEAT 'N BOND or STEAM A SEAM.

Small sharp scissors like 5" knife blade scissors

Paper scissors

Rotary cutter, ruler and mat

Specialty rotary cutter blades, such as Pinking, Wavy, or Scallop (optional)

Batting, 1 piece about 18"X18". Hobbs Heirloom Cotton Batting 80/20 recommended

Quilt backing fabric, 1 piece about 18"X18"

Iron and ironing surface

Tweezers (optional)

Small plastic bag for fabric scraps