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Welcome to my first newsletter for 2007, do hope you all had a safe and happy Christmas as well as an enjoyable summer holiday, if you were lucky enough to get away for a break. Geoffrey and I spent Christmas night with my parents, had an invigorating swim in the freezing cold ocean on Boxing Day morning before heading back to Nundle. Wow that was the extent of our holiday.

I have lots of new and exciting things happening in the shop for this year, lots of new quilts available as kits and patterns, there are some new fabrics in stock and lots more on there way. I have been busy making new quilts for shop samples and this year a couple of friends, Janelle and Betty offered to help so big thanks to both of you for making my job a lot easier.

The news I am most excited about is that I will be hosting a

Girls Day in the Country
in March 2008

with guest tutors for the day being **Leanne Beasley from Leanne's House** and **Rosalie Quinlan from Rosalie Quinlan Designs**. Both are wonderful women with lots of talent to share, this will be the first of its kind in northern NSW. Both Leanne and Rosalie have never taught in NSW before so they are looking forward to the experience. A final date hasn't been set as yet, as soon as I know it will be posted on my web site.

Names are now being taken and a payment plan will be in place for anyone wishing to pay it off. At this stage cost will be about \$130.00 for the day which will include tuition, sample bag of goodies, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. These days are run by lots of shops in Victoria, with wonderful results, so pencil it into your diary for next year and join us for a fantastic day in the country.

Easter is just around the corner, once again Nundle will come alive over Easter Saturday and Sunday with it's annual **Easter Go for Gold Chinese Festival**. So once again I am on the look out for Quilts to borrow to go into the Quilt Hanging I put together each year. So if anyone would like to lend me a Quilt or two for Easter it would be greatly appreciated.

Let me know so I can organise to collect them.

From Easter to Christmas in one short breath, or should I say **Christmas in July**. Each year I run a Christmas in July workshop with guest tutors. This year will be extract special with Rosalie Quinlan from Victoria excepting my invitation to join us

along with Janelle Wind and Natalie Ross. It should be a great 2 days, we always have lots of fun and Christmas cheer. If anyone would like to join us on Friday 13^h and Saturday 14th July please contact me for more information and cost.

While on the topic of Christmas, I will be running a

Christmas Club

by mail this year. Starting in March and running for 8 months, along the lines of a Block of the month. Each month over the 8 months there will be a different Australian designer featured. You will receive the fabrics and pattern to make a different Christmas project each month. So by October you will have 8 new Christmas Decorations to keep for yourself to decorate your own home or use them to give to friends as gifts at Christmas.

Cost will be \$28.50 per month over the 8 months, which will include postage within Australia.

Enrol now, kits are limited, the first month will feature well known Australian designer Barb Smith from The Woodcutters Daughter.



Retreat bookings are already very heavy for 2007, I have a few new groups coming to join me in the early part of the year which will be very nice. As well as lots of regular groups for the rest of the year. A few weeks back a group of us got together one Saturday to make this gorgeous doll and it was suggested to me to try and squeeze in a

few more Saturday classes, I have come up with a couple of dates, **Saturday 18th February** – come along and make a quilt top in the day using one of the new Jelly Rolls.

Saturday 12th May – this day I will be demonstrating a fun 'quilt as you go quilt' called Pleated Log Cabin.



For further details on both classes or to book in give us a call during shop hours.
Another Saturday class I have planned for later in the year will be a day learning the skills of English paper piecing, keep that in mind.
The next block of the month which will start in April is called

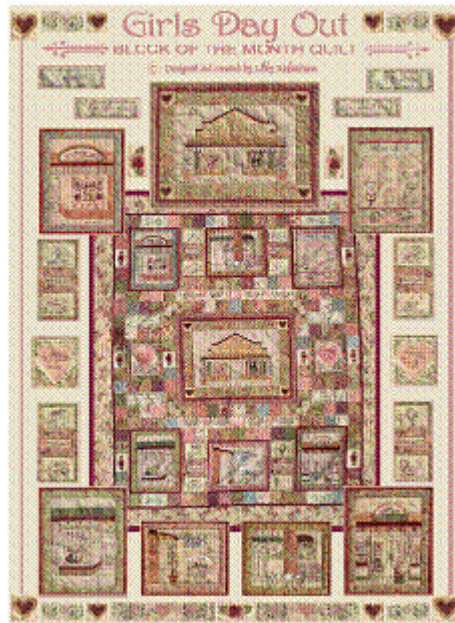
Girls Day Out

and is designed by Libby Richardson. The response so far has been incredible, I have only a photo to show, but the quilt is a mixture of piecing, appliqué and embroidery. It features a Patchwork shop in the quilt centre with other shops around, such as a Teddy shop, Café, Florist and Antique shop along with some small stitcheries and applique.

The quilt is made up using fabrics from the Antique Flower ranges, there is a new range on its way.

Cost will be \$28.50 per month over 12 months, which will include pre cut fabrics, patterns and postage with in Australia. There will be an optional thread pack and handmade button pack.

Once again places will be limited so enrol now.



Every year in the shop I run a **friendship swap**, last year we did the table runners, with over 50 ladies participating this years theme will be **Pin Cushions**, so get to work, make a pin cushion, be part of this great swap and wait for further information. It was suggested to me if you are coming to visit me for a retreat that you try and make the Pin Cushion before you come so that you can bring it with you. We all work well to dead lines, especially me.



Before Christmas Leanne Beasley's new Book **"Romancing the Road Trip"**

was released. I think this is a great book, so well put together and I love the main quilt, **"with Love from"** it features a simple block which incorporates a stitched postcard.

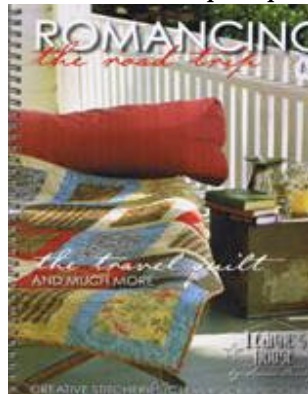
A great quilt to make to remember all your road trips.

There is another quilt in the book called **"P.S. Don't forget the Chocolate"**

I have cut kits for this quilt using the Cholocat range of fabrics from Moda, kit cost is \$85.00 quilt measures – 50" x 65"

The book also features some bags and other simple ideas.

Book cost is \$35.00 plus postage.



Just arrived in store are the latest Jelly Rolls and Charm Packs from Moda, **"Bound to the Prairie 2"** this is a country range with gorgeous colours ranging from caramels through to rust, greens, purples, burgundy and navy blues. I think this is one of the nicest country ranges I have seen for a long time.

The Jelly rolls are made up of, 40 - 2 & ½" pre cut strips cost \$60.00

Charm packs consist of 40 - 5" squares – cost \$20.00



As mentioned previously I have made up a few new quilts.

Butterscotch Pie is available as kit or pattern
Kit cost is \$250.00 pattern \$12.50



Circus Time is available as a kit or pattern, kit cost is \$120.00 pattern \$10.00
This quilt could be adapted to use any range of fabrics, it would look great made in a
fairy range for a little girl.



Chocolate Treats

This kit comes with pre cut squares as well as the ric rac, borders and binding. Kit cost is
\$95.00

Border fabrics vary from mine shown



I am currently working on my web site, lots of new products are on there way, so leave it a few weeks then check back to see all the new stuff. As all the new quilts come back from being quilted they will also be put on.

A big sorry to all those in the **Flannel Club** I still haven't any new flannels through, as soon as some arrive I will post of samples straight away.

Fabric Bundle from Nundle

Membership to this my fabric club is \$38.00 per year which includes 4 mailings, each of 20 – 5" squares, a free pattern, and 10% off fabric purchases.

This quarters bundle is made up of a variety of fabrics.

Fabric 1 and 6,7,8,9,10,11 & 12 are all from a bright cheery range from RJR fabrics called **Painted Meadows**. Fabric 1 is a very soft pale water washed large floral, and the rest are brighter florals with some mix and match tonal prints.

These are priced at \$22.00 per metre

Fabrics 2,3,4,5 are all from another RJR range called **English Manor** and once again these are \$22.00 per metre, one medium sized old world floral with two tiny florals and one paisley that mix and match .

Fabrics 13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20 & 21 are from a range from Timeless Treasures called **Fleur**, this is a stronger muted fabric range, with coordinating florals, paisley prints in green or burgundy backgrounds as well as a border print fabric, these are also priced at \$22.00 per metre.

Tuesday classes have recommenced for 2007, anyone is welcome to join us each Tuesday, bring your own lunch and work on your own project, then the last Tuesday of each month we have a set project which is achievable in the day. Contact me if you would like any further information about these classes or anything else I have spoken about in this newsletter.

For those that drop by my blog, to keep an eye on what I am up to, thanks for doing so hope you have enjoyed the reading over the past 12 months. My Blog will be one year old this month, so leave a comment and you can go into the draw to win a prize.

Until May, happy stitching

Kerry