

# Calico Cottage

OCTOBER 2023

## HAPPENINGS AT CALICO COTTAGE!

October is here and there is lots happening here at Calico Cottage.



- **Returned to Regular Hours** our hours returned to normal after Labor Day, the shop hours on Saturday are from 9:30 AM until 5:00 PM.
- Join us any Thursday evening anytime from 5 PM to 9 PM for "Girls Night Out", bring something to work on. Someone is always on site to offer assistance if you need some extra help or advice. We will have great conversation and maybe get some projects done.
- Shop with us at Threads Across Nebraska in Kearney @ the Buffalo County Fairgrounds on October 13th and 14th.
- Quilts of Valor Sew day is October 18th from 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM
- Exploring Embroidery is resuming on October 19th from 7 to 9 PM
- Happy Hour is scheduled for October 20th! Julie will be on Facebook Live Friday night October 20th for Happy Hour, to show you what is new at Calico Cottage.
- October 24th features "Wool Club" from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. You can join the wool club at any time!
- Sew....It's Friday, will not be happening in October due to the Calico Cottage Retreat
- Don't forget the once-a-month Fat Quarter Friday Sale - see sale section for details.
- **Guest Teacher coming to Calico Cottage** - Save the Date November 3rd for Jan Gill from Northcott Fabrics. More details below. There are only a few spaces left.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We have not taken the opportunity to say Congratulations to the Adams County Fair and NE State Fair exhibitors. There were many amazing exhibits, it was so much fun to see the creativity in these exhibits. Again Congratulations!

## GETTING TO KNOW US!

By now most of you have had the opportunity to stop in and meet Julie and the staff at Calico Cottage. During the next few months, we will be featuring an employee so you get to know us just a bit better. Next up is Deb Thompson!



I married my high school sweetheart, Wendell, and this year we just celebrated our 49th anniversary. We both graduated from Elm Creek High School and came to Hastings for college and never left.

We have two sons. Both boys were involved in school sports as well as 4-H and Boy Scouts with both completing their Eagle Scout awards. Our oldest son, Weston, lives in Lincoln and has 9-year-old Ryker and 5-year-old Paisley. Our youngest son, Jared, and his wife Nicole live in Foxborough, MA. They have a 6-month-old baby boy named Calvin.

While working full time and keeping up with the kids' activities I also completed my Bachelor's Degree. I worked at Central Community College on the Hastings campus for 26 years and the Grand Island Administrative offices for 17 years. I have been retired 5 years.

I enjoy working at Calico Cottage to keep up on the latest fabric and notion updates. Has anyone ever told you it's not healthy to work at a quilt store when you are a quilter?

**Favorite Season:** I love the spring before all the weeds pop up and planting a new garden. I also love fall for the colors and the end of gardening season and those pesky weeds.

**Morning/Night Owl:** I would say I'm a morning person simply because I do have more energy and like the peacefulness early mornings have.

**Childhood Dreams:** I always wanted to be an Airline Attendant or an Archeologist. I changed my mind fast on the Airline Attendant having flown a few times. I guess in some ways I am an Archeologist when I started digging through old stuff in our house trying to minimize junk.

**Inspiration:** I am inspired by people going through serious health issues and making the best of the situation they are going through.

**Favorite Food:** My mom's home-grown fried chicken with fresh creamed peas and potatoes from her garden. Those were the best.

**Favorite Color:** Turquoise or good lavender purple. I also like red, white and blues together.

**Best Vacation:** Anytime we can get our family together these days is my favorite time. It gets harder as they get older and it's even more special when we meet.

**My top five favorite notions:** 1. Rotary Cutter with sharp blades, 2. Good cutting mat, 3. Easy to read rulers, 4. Dependable sewing machine, 5. Good chocolate.

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE "COTTAGE"

### MORE FABRICS & NOTIONS ARRIVING DAILY!

Our delivery drivers think we are working them way too hard and we are exploding at the seams.

We have way too many new items to share here in the newsletter, so as always please check in with us on our Facebook page as we post new items on a very regular basis.

FACEBOOK - [calicocottagenebraska](#)

Also, be sure to check them out on our website [www.calicocottagenebraska.com](http://www.calicocottagenebraska.com)

## WELCOME QUILT WITH DETACHABLE FLAGS (ORIGINAL CALICO COTTAGE PATTERNS)

And the "Welcome Flag" series continues with:

"October"

Each month on the first Wednesday of the month a new flag for the month will be released!

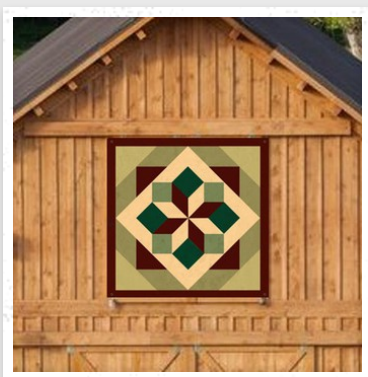
Stop by and pick up your free pattern and/or Kit (kit includes pattern) Welcome Kit is \$17.99 and each Detachable Flag is \$7.99 per month.



## CLASSES

We are gearing up for fall with classes! Don't forget we are also here for you! If you need help with your project give us a call and we will set up a time with you to provide our 1 on 1 assistance with no charge.

All classes with the exception of Barn Quilts and Embroidery Classes require a sewing machine and basic sewing supplies: mat, rulers, cutter, thread, scissors, pins, marking pencils, seam ripper, etc. Call, stop in or e-mail the store for a more detailed supply list on any specific class.



### "BARN QUILTS"

Evening Classes on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

November 6th & 7th

December 4th & 5th

Class Fee - 2' x 2' = \$45.00, 3' x 3' = \$55.00, 4' x 4' = \$65.00

Choose a two - day evening class. Find a time that fits your schedule. These classes tend to fill quickly so sign up early.

Wear your painting clothes and learn the technique on plywood. The class fee includes wood, paint and all the materials. Instructor, Rickie Crandell, suggests that you bring a book or something to do while the paint is drying. You might also bring a hair dryer to speed up the process. If you're painting a 4' x 4', make sure it will fit in your vehicle so you can take it home after it dries.

# EXPLORING EMBROIDERY AND EMBELLISHMENTS - "FREE CLASS WITH JULIE"

Select a panel (any panel of your choice) to work on during the classes October 19th, November 16th, No class in December. Each class will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Please note you do not need to attend all the classes but you do need to call and let us know that you will be attending
- Please bring scissors, embroidery floss, specialty threads, beads, a hoop & needles to the class.

Class is for Beginning Level to Experienced Embroiderers - Everyone will learn something new! New Embroidery Class starting in January!

## MACHINE EMBROIDERS (M.E.) CLUB & M.E. IN ACTION

- Oct 16th (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm) - M.E (Machine Embroidery) Club
- Oct 17th (10:00 am - noon) - M.E. (Machine Embroidery) in Action
- This is a group that focuses on Machine Embroidery, it doesn't matter what brand of machine you have or even if you have an embroidery machine. You may just want to be exposed to an embroidery machine to see if it is for you. At M.E. club you will see a demo of the "lesson" of the month then you have the "hands on experience" at M.E. in action.
- Lesson - Single Color Thread Line Design
- Cost – One-time fee of \$10.00 which includes a flash drive and \$5.00 per session you attend.
- Supply list will be available when you sign up for each session.
- Teacher - Sue Brown & Ann Hinton

## "RAG QUILTS" MAKING A COME BACK!

- Oct 20th & 21st (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)
- beginner
- Make it cozy for fall. We've all seen these great simple quilts, but have you made one? Jo will lead the journey as you dive into creating a rag quilt.
- \$20.00, includes pattern
- Supplies – Available when you sign up.
- Teacher - Jo Wright



## T-SHIRTS GALORE

- Oct 26th – 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Confident Beginner
- Here's your chance to get a head start on holiday gift making! Learn how to make beautiful t-shirt quilts from start to finish. You will see how to interface and prepare your t-shirts, how to cut and arrange them and how to finish it off with sashing strips.
- \$15 for the class
- Class Fee includes: The T-Shirt Quilt Book & Fusible Interfacing
- You supply the T-Shirts – do not cut them to size
- Teacher - Lorinda Bailey

## SWIRLY TABLE TOPPER

- Nov 3rd (10:00 am to 3:00 pm)
- intermediate level or advanced beginners)
- Limit 12 participants
- Join us as we feature our guest teacher from Northcott Fabrics. Cut some triangles, spin them around, arrange them, sew them together. The possibilities are endless. It's a Triangle Frenzy
- Cost - \$20.00, includes the pattern
- Supply List – Available when you sign up.
- you must have a 60 degree triangle ruler (creative grids)
- Teacher - Jan Gill



## RETREATS AT CALICO COTTAGE

October 27, 28 & 29 - SOLD OUT

November 10 & 11 - A few spaces available, call soon to reserve your spot

## SALES!!

- Special Word Sale - Check out the web site for a special word and receive a discount when you tell us the word
- Fat Quarter Friday on October 13th. Take a chance and draw for your discount on the fat quarters. You may draw prior to shopping for the fat quarters. There will be some great deals on the "fats".
- Manic Monday October 16th "All Fabric Sale" - Buy 1 yard get the second yard off the same bolt 1/2 off
- Tag Sale 20% off when you show us your NIFS tag on Oct 20th



# QUILTING ACROSS NEBRASKA 2023

Did someone say...Road Trip! There is still time to join the Nebraska Independent Fabric Shops on a journey across Nebraska throughout the rest of the year. Visit any of the participating shops to get your stamp for a chance to win a Gift Certificate. Checkout <http://nebraskaquiltshops.com>

## COME TO SHOP!

Monday through Friday; 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Summer Saturdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day); closing at 3:00 PM

Regular Saturdays; 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday; Closed

Julie, and her Calico Cottage Piecemaker's - Diane, Lorinda, Ann, Carla, Deb T, Eileen, Jo, Deb K & Sharon will be happy to assist you!




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