

INSTRUCTOR BIOS

Chi Chi Radiuk is a veteran quilter/instructor/pattern designer from Moose Jaw. She has taught all over and is a regular instructor at the Saskatchewan Stitches Conference at Muenster, SK. Her machine quilting techniques are “the best”. She is a very patient and innovative instructor.

Lesli Retief began quilting in 1978 in Bloemfontein, South Africa. She is mostly self-taught but learned to hand appliqué in Ghent, Belgium in 2000. The last 3.5 years she has been a great addition to the staff at Quilters Haven and is known for her beautiful hand quilting/appliqué - there isn't anything she can't do.

Karen Goruick has been addicted to fabric since her mother finally allowed her to use the family sewing machine at 13 years. Karen started basic sewing then sewed clothing for her children and husband. She discovered quilting in 1998 while living in Whitehorse, YT. She is mostly self-taught. In Whitehorse, Karen operated an alteration business then moved to selling quilted items, consignment quilting and teaching classes at a local shop. Recently she has moved from bed quilts to more artistic work.

Heather Carruthers was involved in quilting and sewing at a very early age. Her paternal grandmother hosted the ladies aid and hand quilted quilts in her parlour. Heather's maternal grandfather was a tailor. She made her first quilt in 1977. Heather started quilting again 15 years ago and opened Quilters Haven with Arlyce 6 years ago. She has been quilting & teaching ever since being a certified instructor in Clearview 60 degree technique.

Dawna Matthews learned to knit as a child. Like many knitters, she didn't do much with it for some time. Dawna remembers knitting a sweater as a young teen that stood by itself it was so stiff. Dawna's grandmother defended her technique in spite of her awkwardness with needles – because Dawna is left handed. Dawna has been obsessed with knitting since the '70s owning a shop for 10 years. Dawna has taught and taken lots of classes herself. She finds knitting calming – loving the feel of fibre. Mostly she loves the creativity of making something that didn't exist before – with three or more

projects on the go at any given time. She now teaches at Stitcher's Nook and Hip to Knit.

Helen Wattam, as a child in England, was taught to knit by her mother. She started off knitting for her dolls and teddies and progressed to knitting for friends and family. Helen really enjoys finding new techniques and materials with which to work. Helen has taught many beginning knitters and puts in some time working at Stitcher's Nook in Moose Jaw.

Rita Smith began rug hooking in 2002. She has served as President of the Heritage Rug Hookers of Saskatoon and is a Director of Prairie Harvest Rug Hooking School. She is eligible for teacher certification from the Western Canada Rug Hooking Education Association.

SPECIAL EVENING EVENTS

Friday Evening (begins at 6:45) - Tickets \$10 “Inspiration Plus”

Spend the evening with an inspiring mixture of local Creative Divas and their creations. All things fibre to get *your* creative juices flowing for the weekend – and beyond. Refreshments served.

Saturday Evening (begins at 6:45) – Tickets \$10 “Fun with Sulky Blendables – a Sew Exciting Seminar”

Be dazzled and amazed at this event featuring creative projects using Sulky's unique colour changing Blendables and Solid Coloured Cotton Threads. Presented by Cathy McClean (National Sulky Educator Product Specialist). A kit will be available at a special Creative Diva's price. Refreshments served.

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CREATIVE DIVA'S RETREAT

CLASS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION



MARCH 2-4, 2012
WOODACRES
MOOSE JAW, SK

TWO DAY WORKSHOPS

DOLL MAKING

Instructor: Chi Chi Radiuk

Cost: \$110

Time: All Weekend

Kit: \$25.99

Learn to make these beautiful dolls. Your choice of granny-like to fairy dolls. They are beautifully detailed with fingers, nylons, hair and clothing. So much fun – like being a kid again.

RUG HOOKING

Instructor: Rita Smith

Cost: \$110

Time: All Weekend

Kit: \$50

Participants will hook a design that can be finished as a chair pad, trivet, cushion or runner. Basic hooking techniques such as turning corners and hooking points, circles or diagonals will be reviewed. Hooks available for purchase. Participants will require a strong hoop or a frame. Design only is \$20 (participant provides the linen).

ONE DAY WORKSHOPS

KNITTING LACE

Instructor: Helen Wattam

Cost: \$60

Time: Sat (all day)

Kit: \$20

Helen will guide you through art of knitting lace. The morning will focus on the basics of lace knitting from cast on through finishing. The afternoon will cover chart reading and discussion of materials for lace knitting

KNIT A CRAZY QUILT (REALLY?!)

Instructor: Dawna Matthews

Cost: \$60

Time: Sat (all day)

Dawna has created a Crazy Quilt block for you to work on. Knit the square, then embellish like CRAZY. The square can be the foundation for an entire quilt or be used to make a snazzy knitting/sewing retreat bag or pillow top.

HAND APPLIQUE/HAND QUILTING

Instructor: Lesli Retief

Cost: \$60

Time: Sat (all day)

Kit: \$15

Just like grandma used to do but with a modern twist. In this class, re-invigorate your hand appliqué and hand quilting techniques by beginning at the beginning.

“QUILTED SYMPHONY”

Instructor: Karen Goruick

Cost: \$60

Time: Fri (aft) & Sat (morn)

Book: \$34.99

This unique technique uses the “fusion of fabric, texture and design” by Gloria Loughman. The project is called Mosaic Applique and is a great chance to use new shapes, sewing techniques and threads. Make a wall hanging.

CREATIVE STITCHES

Instructor: Karen Goruick

Cost: \$60

Time: Sat (aft) & Sun (morn)

Does your sewing machine have decorative stitches that you never use? This class teaches you how to make a beautiful wall hanging using many of these stitches. You will also get a chance to use some of those lovely threads you have been collecting.

TURNING TWENTY/TWENTY AGAIN

Instructor: Heather Carruthers

Cost: \$60

Time: Sat (all day)

Book: \$12.99 each

Make yourself a quilt (you choose the size) that will allow you lots of fun with your fat quarter stash. Beginner quilter friendly workshop and a dream if you are an experienced quilt maker. Choose one or both books to get you started.

***Needs lists will be available
for all workshops on registration***

HALF DAY WORKSHOPS

GREENITTING

Instructor: Helen Wattam

Cost: \$30

Time: Fri (afternoon)

Green knitting started in the ‘70’s with using cut up plastic bags – and it’s continuing! Join Helen as she walks you through using some very odd materials to knit very useful things out of. The class project will turn an old/unused bed sheet into a bowl/basket.

THE LOWLY I-CORD

Instructor: Dawna Matthews

Cost: \$30

Time: Fri (afternoon)

Learn how to make I-cords – and then learn what to do with them! There’s more to it than you might think – tying your mittens together is only the beginning.

CATHEDRAL WINDOWS (for knitters)

Instructor: Dawna Matthews

Cost: \$30

Time: Sun (morning)

Spend a half day with Dawna who will guide you through the process of creating your own cathedral windows style quilt block in two versions. We will make a pillow top or surprise top – you could carry on and make a blanket!

CREATE YOUR OWN RETREAT

**If you want to come to the retreat
but want to work on your own projects on
your own time – you can do that!
The Creative Diva's team will arrange a
great space for you to create away.
Cost is \$25 per half day.**
