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Dear Textile Artist,

On the Fourth of July I am reminded of the power of words. These are only words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Yet these words established a nation. We celebrate the birth of our nation on the Fourth of July, the date on which fifty-six dissidents signed their names to a document claiming independence for citizens of the United States of America.



As you celebrate this Fourth of July, before you set up your lawn chair for the parade, slather mustard on your hot dog or ooh and aaah at the fireworks, honor the courage of those fifty six patriots who pledged their "lives," their "fortunes" and their "sacred honor" to claim our freedom, by taking a few minutes to read the Declaration of Independence. Or, watch a video. There is a wonderful reading of the Declaration in this [youtube video](#).

**Note: The Ruby Street Staff will be pursuing some happiness on the Fourth of July. We hope you will be too. Ruby Street Quiltworks will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2011.**

### Book Clearance Sale

We believe books are a valuable source of inspiration for quilters and we are determined to make them accessible to our customers. As a first step in re-inventing the way we sell books, we are clearing the shelves to make way for some new titles.

Starting tomorrow, Friday, July 1, 2011 every book on our shelves will be on sale for 50% off our regular price. This sale will run for three days only,



July 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Ruby Street Quiltworks will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2011 to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday.

Come on down to Ruby Street, this weekend, for some inspiration at an outstanding price. Then, watch for more exciting changes in the book department.



### See the 2011 Shop Hop Quilt at Ruby Street Quiltworks

Thank you to everyone who hopped by Ruby Street Quiltworks during the 2011 Western Washington Shop Hop. Especially those of you who were so patient with us Thursday afternoon when our computer was down and we were scrambling to complete your sale the old fashioned way!

It was a wonderful event with great fabric, creative patterns and lots of happy hoppers. If you didn't hop, you can still see the 2011 Shop Hop Quilt on Ruby Street through the end of July. This quilt is a marvel! The shops really outdid themselves with creative designs this year.

We still have lots of shop hop fabric (including two finishing kits) and you can still pick up our "Inspiration Takes Wing" block kit for just \$1.00 including tax!

Visit the [Shop Hop website](#) for instructions for finishing your own shop hop quilt.

## Friendship Triangle Exchange

If you love Civil War reproductions and the look of traditional quilts, our July Friendship Triangle Exchange is for you.

To participate in the exchange just purchase one (or a bunch) of our Cinnamon Stix. These appealingly, tidy little rolls of fabric contain two pre-cut pieces of fabric and a sheet of triangle exchange paper, tied with a raffish bow. Each Cinnamon Stix makes 28 half square triangles in about 15 minutes. Just finish your squares as directed in the instructions inside each Cinnamon Stix and return them by the exchange deadline. We will mix the squares with others and return a scrappy variety of squares back to you. Each month our Cinnamon Stix feature wonderful coordinating prints from a different fabric collection.



**Second Chance for Mambo Lovers.** If you love summer-bright solids and groovy graphics, you're in luck! Unfortunately for us we cut too many Mambo Cinnamon Stix in June and we have a bunch left over. Fortunately for you, we're repeating our June "Mambo" exchange in July!

**Not to worry!** We will not be combining the Civil War squares with Mambo squares. If you turn in Civil War squares you will receive Civil War squares. If you turn in Mambo squares, you will receive Mambo squares. Viva la difference!

The deadline for returning squares for the July exchange is Friday, July 29, 2011. Your squares will be ready to pick up on Monday, August 1, 2011.

For details about our Cinnamon Stix and the Friendship Triangle Exchange you can download an [information sheet here](#) or just stop by Ruby Street Quiltworks and ask one of the friendly Ruby Street Staff to explain.



## Christmas in July

Christmas fabric has been arriving at an alarming rate and it is gorgeous! We haven't had time to get the collections up on our website so you'll just have to visit the shop to see how beautiful they are. I know it's hard to think about Christmas in July, but if you want to have finished projects by December ... you know.

Shop now. The selection is amazing!

Thank you for reading this edition of "On Ruby Street." Until the next edition I hope you will visit our website or follow us on facebook. You can find links to both in the footer below. Better yet, we would love to see you in person ...

On Ruby Street,

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