

THE BRYN MAWR COURTYARD

—❧ Every quilt tells a story. Every quilter builds a memory. ❧—

→ JULY EDITION ←

FROM MICHAEL'S SEWING ROOM

Hello, Friend!

There is something about July that feels like pure summer to me—long days, warm evenings, and the simple joy of spending time doing what we love. Whether I'm in my sewing room designing a new quilt, sketching ideas for a future fabric collection, or preparing for an upcoming class, this season always reminds me why I fell in love with quilting in the first place.

This edition of The Bryn Mawr Courtyard is filled with exciting things happening here at Bryn Mawr Quilts™. I'll be sharing a look at what's coming soon, giving you a behind-the-scenes peek at what's currently on my design wall, introducing you to my upcoming MoonLight fabric collection, and answering one of your quilting questions in our brand-new column, Winding the Bobbin.

More than anything, I hope this newsletter feels like pulling up a chair in my sewing room and spending a few minutes together talking about quilts, creativity, and the wonderful community we've built.

Thank you for being here and for allowing me to be part of your quilting journey. Your encouragement and support continue to inspire me every single day.

Happy quilting,

Michael F. Nardi Jr.

"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon;
to me those have always been the two
most beautiful words in the English language."

— HENRY JAMES



→ COMING SOON ←

at Bryn Mawr Quilts™

There is so much to look forward to over the coming months, and I'm thrilled to finally share a glimpse of what's on the horizon.



★ MILKY WAY JUNCTION™

2027 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

One of the projects I'm most excited about is Milky Way Junction™, my brand-new 2027 Block of the Month.

Inspired by nostalgic 1950s drive-in theaters, star-filled summer skies, and the magic of evenings spent beneath the stars, this 97" × 97" quilt is filled with vintage Americana charm.

The complete pattern will be available Black Friday weekend, with the Block of the Month officially beginning in January 2027.

It's a year-long quilting adventure I can't wait to share with you.



INSPIRED! BY COLOR – THROUGH THE SEASONS

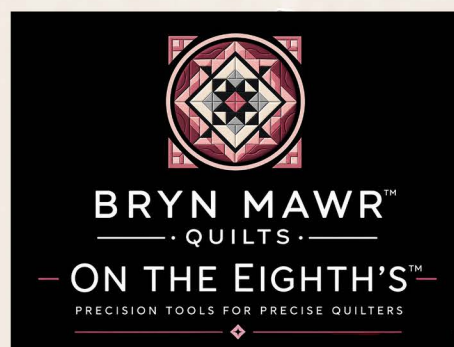
OUR NEXT QUILT JOURNEY BEGINS IN FEBRUARY 2027.

Inspired! By Color – *Through the Seasons* is a contemporary sampler quilt that grows one season at a time. Rather than following a traditional medallion layout, this quilt evolves naturally as each new season introduces fresh blocks, colors, and inspiration.

Beautiful kits featuring Renee Nanneman's Cottage Cloth fabrics will also be available.

COTTAGE
CLOTH

— by —
Renee Nanneman



ON THE EIGHTHS™

Exciting new additions are coming to the On the Eighths™ ruler family, including the new Goliath ruler and several exciting tools currently in development.

- ★ PRECISION.
- ★ CONFIDENCE.
- ★ BEAUTIFUL RESULTS.

Catch Me
Live!



BLACK FRIDAY LIVE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Join me on Black Friday at 10:00 AM Central for a special Facebook LIVE where we'll unveil new patterns, exciting announcements, behind-the-scenes previews, giveaways, and maybe even a surprise or two.

ON MY DESIGN WALL

— A PEEK INSIDE MY SEWING ROOM —

*One of the questions I'm asked most often is,
"What's currently on your design wall?"*



At the moment, my sewing room feels wonderfully busy.

Milky Way Junction™ has officially left my studio and is now in the talented hands of my friend Barb Jolley of MB Quilt, who is creating the beautiful quilting that will truly bring this project to life.

Watching one of my quilt designs reach this stage is always exciting. There's something special about seeing a quilt transform from individual pieces of fabric into a finished heirloom through the artistry of quilting.

While Barb is working her magic, I'm already sketching new designs, experimenting with color palettes, and dreaming about future quilts and fabric collections.

The design wall is never empty for long.

DESIGN. CREATE.
INSPIRE.
→ REPEAT. ←



Milky Way Junction BOM 2027

*"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes.
Quilting is knowing which ones to keep."*

— UNKNOWN —



Between *the* Selvages

Stories, colors, and inspiration from Bryn Mawr Quilts for Andover



★ SPARROW FALLS

Although many of you already know Sparrow Falls, it feels only right to begin this new column with the collection that started my journey as a fabric designer for Andover.

Sparrow Falls was inspired by my grandmother and the summers I spent with her while I was growing up.

Her home felt like stepping into another time. It carried the warmth and character of the 1940s and 1950s, filled with familiar furniture, treasured objects, and the quiet routines that made every visit feel special. There was always time for a cup of tea or coffee, time to sit and talk, and time to notice the little things that made her home feel completely her own.

I remember her garden, the colons surrounding the house, and the sparrows that gathered just outside her window. Feeding those little birds was such a simple part of our days together, but it became one of the memories that stayed with me most.

That is where Sparrow Falls began.

The collection is filled with the colors, textures, and feelings I associate with those summers—garden florals, soft checks, scattered seeds, tea-inspired prints, and, of course, the sparrows themselves. The palette carries the warmth of cinnamon red, moss green, flax, ivory, teapot blue, and deep Prussian blue, giving the collection a nostalgic quality that feels both familiar and timeless.

More than anything, Sparrow Falls is about comfort, memory, and the beauty found in everyday moments. It is a tribute to my grandmother, to the home she created, and to the time we shared together.

Creating my first fabric collection was a dream I had carried for many years. To have that dream begin with her story made it even more meaningful.

Every time I see Sparrow Falls made into a quilt, I feel as though a small piece of those summers is being carried forward—stitched into something that can be used, loved, and passed down.

Sparrow Falls is scheduled to arrive in August 2026, and I cannot wait to see this collection making its way into quilt shops, sewing rooms, and projects of its own.

✿ A Note for Sparrow Falls Customers ✿

To everyone who has already purchased Sparrow Falls fabric, precuts, or a quilt kit directly from Bryn Mawr Quilts™, thank you so much for your patience, trust, and support.

As soon as the fabric arrives, every order will be carefully cut, prepared, and shipped as promptly as possible. Your order is already in our queue, and we are excited to get Sparrow Falls into your hands.

★ COMING NEXT: MOONLIGHT

— Featured in the October 2026 Andover Fabrics Catalog —

My second fabric collection for Andover, MoonLight, tells a very different story, but it is every bit as personal.

MoonLight was inspired by the summer evenings of my childhood on the South Side of Chicago.

We lived near the railroad tracks, and the sound of passing trains was part of the rhythm of the neighborhood. As evening settled in, the children would gather outside to play Ghost in the Graveyard, chase one another through the yards, and catch fireflies glowing against the darkness.

While everyone else was busy playing, I was often noticing the world around us—the wildflowers growing along the tracks, the movement of birds and wildlife at dusk, the weathered steel and wood of the railroad, and the way the entire neighborhood seemed to change once the sun went down.

One evening, I saw a barn owl moving silently through the night. I had never seen anything quite like it, and the memory stayed with me. That moment eventually became *Night Guardian*, one of the signature prints in the collection.

Throughout *MoonLight*, you'll find glowing fireflies, wildflowers, nighttime textures, railroad-inspired details, and deep evening colors. The collection has a strong, grounded quality, balanced by softer florals and the quiet beauty of the owl and fireflies.

It has a masculine presence with a gentle touch—much like the neighborhood and the memories that inspired it.

MoonLight will make its debut in the October 2026 Andover Fabrics catalog and will arrive in quilt shops in Summer 2027.

I'm not quite ready to reveal the collection just yet, but I cannot wait to share the prints, colors, and complete story with you very soon.

Until then, consider this your first glimpse between the selvages.

Collection
coming soon

MoonLight

Images coming soon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*I'm looking forward to seeing so many of you
over the next few months!*

AUGUST

1

SOUTHPORT QUILTERS GUILD
CURVED SQUARE WORKSHOP

AUGUST

4

SARAH'S GROVE QUILT CIRCLE
SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS
TRUNK SHOW

AUGUST

22

ROBERTS SEWING CENTER
TIPPY TIPPY TOE WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER

1-2

OTTUMWA QUILTERS GUILD
HOPE FLOATS WORKSHOP
TRUNK SHOW

SEPTEMBER

16-19

**MISSOURI STAR
BIRTHDAY BASH**

Visit me inside the Andover Fabrics
booth as we officially unveil
Sparrow Falls, enjoy
meet-and-greets, and attend
several exciting presentations
throughout the event.

*I'll also be participating in the
FUTURE DESIGNERS
TRUNK SHOW.*



And yes...

**INSPIRED CONVERSATIONS
RETURNS THIS SEPTEMBER!**



COMMUNITY

Spotlight



One of the greatest blessings of this journey has been the incredible quilting community that surrounds Bryn Mawr Quilts™.



Our *Inspired! By Color* Facebook community has now grown to 1,900 wonderful members, and thanks to all of you, everyone is officially caught up with their monthly blocks.



I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the **Southport Quilters Guild** for their incredible hospitality during my recent visit. Spending time with passionate quilters who love sharing ideas and encouraging one another is always one of the highlights of teaching. I'm looking forward to returning in August for the **Curved Square workshop**.



Ann & Robert H.
Lurie Children's
Hospital of Chicago®

Looking ahead, I'm also excited to begin sharing more about a future charitable initiative benefiting **Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago**. While I'm not quite ready to reveal all the details, I can't wait to tell you more in a future edition.



And finally...

Yes...



There are even more **Andover Fabrics** collections already in the works.

★ STAY TUNED ★



"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."

— HELEN KELLER





Winding THE BOBBIN



Every great quilt begins by winding the bobbin, and every quilter has questions along the way. In this new monthly feature, I'll answer one of your quilting questions and share a few tips I've learned over the years.



Mary Beth from Kenosha, Wisconsin asks:

“I struggle with making flying geese. No matter which technique I try, I always find them tedious and difficult. Do you have any suggestions that might make the process easier?”



Michael's Answer:

Absolutely!

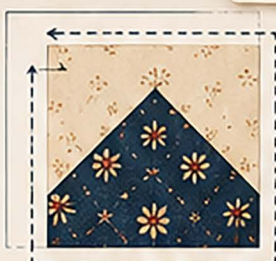
When I'm making flying geese using the traditional snowball method—which is still my favorite—I cut the two smaller corner squares $\frac{1}{8}$ inch larger than the pattern calls for.

That tiny adjustment gives you just a little extra real estate when stitching and trimming. Instead of worrying about clipping your points, you'll have just enough room to square up your unit while keeping those beautiful sharp points intact.

Sometimes the smallest changes make the biggest difference.

Give it a try on your next project!

A LITTLE EXTRA
MAKES ALL THE
DIFFERENCE!



Cut corner squares
 $\frac{1}{8}$ " larger.



Sew and trim
with confidence.



Square up and enjoy
perfect points!



THE SEWCIAL CLUB & Special Events

Retreats, travel, and unforgettable quilting adventures.



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QUILT RETREATS

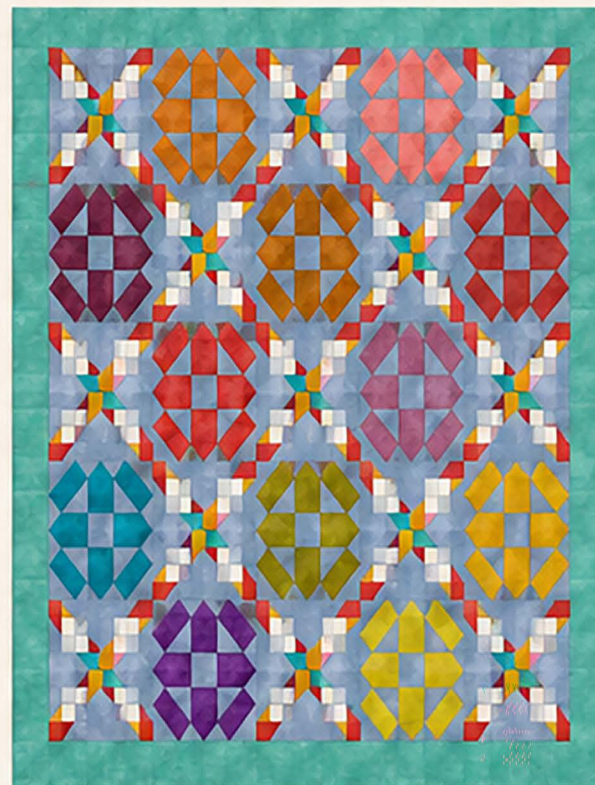
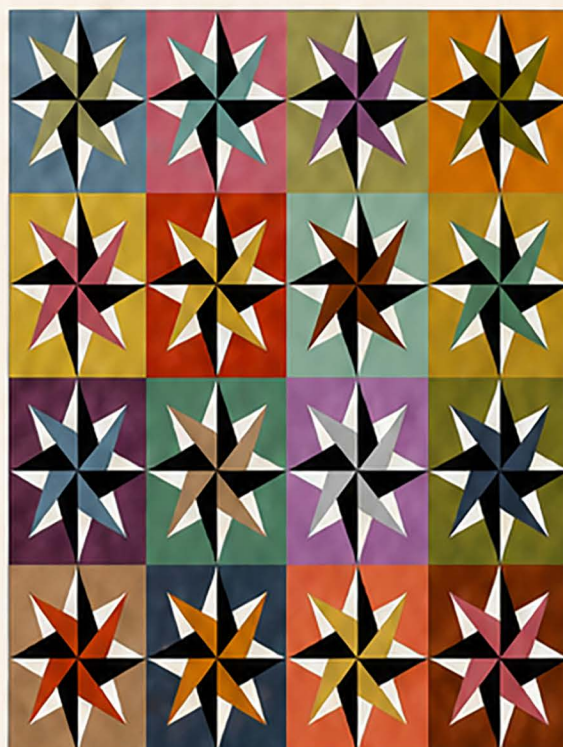
1. The Sewcial Club Quilt Retreat

June 13-17, 2027 • Hotel Hamilton • Hamilton, Missouri

I am so excited for our Sewcial Club Quilt Retreat, taking place next June at the beautiful Hotel Hamilton in Hamilton, Missouri. This retreat is designed as a joyful and welcoming getaway filled with quilting, creativity, friendship, and memorable moments.

Guests will enjoy two complete class projects—*Carnivale!* and *Temperance Lights*—along with a meet-and-greet, attendee swap, High Tea, a festive hat contest, a trunk show, Show & Tell, and all the camaraderie that comes from spending a few wonderful days with fellow quilters.

Both Stay Passes and Commuter Passes are available. If you hope to stay at Hotel Hamilton, please reserve sooner rather than later, as Stay Passes are filling quickly.



RESERVE YOUR PLACE
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Carnivale!

Temperance Lights



2. Exploring the Textiles, Traditions, and Treasures of Sicily

April 10-20, 2027 • A Creative Journey with Craftours

I am equally thrilled to be hosting an unforgettable journey to Sicily with Craftours in April 2027. This immersive creative experience will be filled with history, art, culture, beautiful scenery, delicious food, and the rich textile traditions of Sicily. Together, we will explore remarkable artistic heritage, local traditions, and endless inspiration in the colors, architecture, landscapes, and craftsmanship of Sicily.

If you have ever dreamed of combining travel, creativity, friendship, and quilting in one extraordinary adventure, I would be honored to have you join me.

DISCOVER THE SICILY EXPERIENCE
craftours.com/tour/exploring-the-textiles-traditions-and-treasures-of-sicily/



LOOKING Ahead



Thank you for spending a little time with me here in The Bryn Mawr Courtyard.

My hope has always been that this newsletter feels less like an announcement and more like a place where we can gather to celebrate quilting, creativity, friendship, and the stories that connect us.

There is so much to look forward to in the months ahead. We'll continue exploring new quilt designs, introducing fabric collections, sharing behind-the-scenes glimpses from my sewing room, answering your quilting questions in *Winding the Bobbin*, and celebrating the incredible quilting community that makes all of this possible.

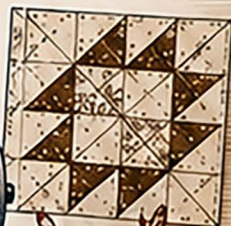
Whether we've met at a quilt guild, crossed paths at a quilt show, connected online, or this is your very first visit to Bryn Mawr Quilts™, I'm grateful you're here.

Until next time...

Happy quilting,

Michael F. Nardi Jr.

Michael F. Nardi Jr.
Founder & Designer
Bryn Mawr Quilts™



May your bobbin
always be full,
your points always
stay sharp, and
your heart always
be happy.



Thank you for being part of
The Bryn Mawr Quilts family.