

## Register Now For Our 2008 Thimbleberries Club!

We're getting ready for another great Thimbleberries Club year. We have set a limit of 100 members this year and have lots of interesting and fun program plans underway!

The official 2008 Club program is called "Lodge & Lakeside" and offers members four quarterly projects and a large quilt. Once again, we will offer the Club projects individually—membership does not include or require purchasing any of these projects. The 2008 Club fabric line is very nice, with two color ways that include a lot of blues this year and will be easy to use in a wide variety of projects.

Outside of the "official" Club projects, we will continue to offer members a range of information and projects on a wide variety of topics. Monthly demonstrations and special work sessions will continue and we plan to offer members the opportunity to sign up first for some additional days of classes on Fridays throughout the year, with the first one coming up in February. We will continue to offer sessions for members interested in hand applique.

For the first time, we will also offer members seeking more help and advice on their quilting the opportunity to attend, at no cost, additional monthly demo/discussion small group sessions to be held in the shop. Information on our "**Skills Booster Sampler**" program is at the end of this article.

Members will continue to receive **20 % off all Thimbleberries fabrics, books, patterns and kits** throughout the year, whether purchased at the meeting or in the shop. Members will continue to receive both monthly newsletters and a variety of free patterns from both Thimbleberries and from the shop throughout the year.

We have ideas for more special challenges this year to keep members motivated and *sewing*, which continues to be everyone's top goal! We'll continue to show what's new in fabrics, books, patterns, models and new and different techniques. Basic skill review will also be a continuing part of our programming and our teachers will continue to be available to members for consultation on their work.

Of course, we'll continue to offer our "portable store" and brunch (to keep up your strength!) at the meetings.

The cost of 2008 Club membership will be \$12.50 per month for a total of \$150, which can be paid in full or in two 6-month segments at \$75.00 in December or January and again in June.

Our meetings are held at the New Market Grange Hall in New Market, MD, just off Route 70 East. Doors open at 9 am and the program begins promptly at 9:30. We are usually finished by noon. **The 2008 meeting dates are: January 19, February 16, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 6, October 11 and November 15. December Holiday Tea date to be announced.**

We hope to have you join us in January for another year of fun, great company and learning!

## Skills Booster Sampler Program For New & “Nearly-New” Quilters

Make 2008 your year for honing your piecing skills! We’re offering an inexpensive sampler program starting in January that is designed to help build the confidence of new and nearly-new quilters.

During this 12-month program, you will meet once a month with one of our teachers and no more than 7 other quilters for an hour demo/ q&a session that month’s block. You’ll see the finished block and go over the construction, helpful tools, pressing suggestions, etc. You will be able to ask questions, discuss piecing problems and share ideas with other quilters. After January, you’ll be able to bring in your completed blocks to show and to get help where needed.

The program charge is \$5 per monthly session. **Participants must have some basic piecing experience and/ or must have taken our beginner’s 3 hour individual class prior to beginning this program.** The book used for the sampler blocks: *Thimbleberries’ Big Book of Quilt Blocks*, is required (20% discount on the book). Fabric selection is your own choice; you may wish to use fabrics from your own supply or purchase fabric as you go.

We will begin with three available sessions: the second Wednesday of the month at 11 am or 1 pm the first Sunday of the month at 2:30 pm (the 1 pm session is filled; the 2:30 session is new) and (also new) a 7 pm session on the third or fourth Tuesday (it will be the fourth Tuesday in January, April, June, July, and September). You may sign up at any time beginning December 1st. Questions? Please give us a call!