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December 2008 **Welcome to Michelle's Designs Monthly Newsletter**

Everything is Coming Up Roses...and Free Design

Hello to all my sewing friends,

I am writing this newsletter on Thanksgiving weekend and thinking about how thankful I am to have been lucky enough to meet such wonderful people this year. This has been a busy year with many new products, traveling, teaching and a fabric line. It started with a trip to Puyallup, Washington, where I taught 9 classes at the Sewing and Stitchery Expo. I really don't even remember being in our booth much but I do remember meeting new friends and thinking how blessed I am to have a business that is so much fun and rewarding. It is always so nice to see everyone year after year and catching up with all their sewing adventures.

From Washington it was off to Portland, Oregon, for the Spring Quilt Market. May was our annual Michelle's Designs Retreat called Victorian Romance. Of course there were all the sewing machine manufacturers' yearly conventions during the summer too! We ended our trips with a retreat in Clovis, California, followed by my son, daughter-in-law and their two children moving in with us for three months. Needless to say, Grandma didn't get too much work done, but I sure got lots of hugs and kisses.

Everything is Coming Up Roses

Well, everyone knows how much I love roses; so I thought it would be fun to search all of our design collections, books and patterns for those with roses. I don't know a girl who doesn't love roses! I found 7 items! All of them are going to be on sale from now until the end



of December at 25% off the retail price.

They are the following:

[#3723 Ribbons and Bows \(designs\)](#)

[#3732 Cottage Rose Collections \(designs\)](#)

[#3712 Heirloom Tea Party Projects](#)

[#3727 Heirloom Essentials](#)

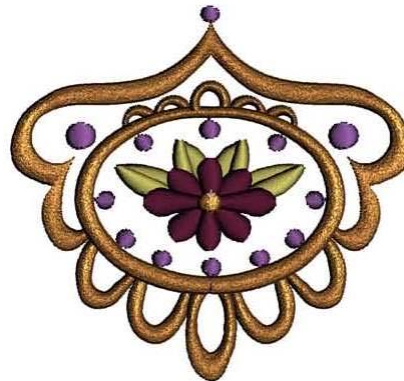
[#3705 Rose Pincushion](#)

[#3731 Cottage Rose Sewing Room Collection](#)

[#3730 Cottage Rose Quilt Book](#)

December Freebie

My end-of-the-year gift to everyone is a very pretty motif design with flowers and a sweet scroll frame. This is available in 8 formats. I hope you like it. I also want you to know how special you all are to me and I look forward to meeting you at our [upcoming events for 2009](#).



Special Thank Yous

I want to say a special thank you to the ladies who helped me during the year. Without them, I know all of this would not be possible. First, Andi Stout, who travels with me during the year, edits all of our books, patterns, etc., handles all of the retreat signups, double checks all the pattern measurements, and so much more. I am so grateful to her and her many talents. Also, I want to thank Margo Mandelbaum. She has been a dear friend and has always been there whenever I need extra help and input as well as test sewing! There is Gina Wilson, who was able to travel with me at the last minute to one of our summer conventions. She was there every morning until

late at night helping in the booth and greeting everyone. Plus she has been there for all of our test sewing and has provided wonderful input too.

And where would we be without all of our test sewers? I would like to thank each of them for their time and input. Every one of them has contributed to making our products a success.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you, for your continued support and encouragement.

Until next year,
Michelle Griffith

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