

Favorite quotes from the Dowager Countess of Downton Abbey:

[Matthew enters in a black tie and dinner jacket. He holds his arms out for Mary see him.]

MARY (whisper)
Why are you not in white tie?

MATTHEW
Darling, please forgive me. I'm afraid they never sent my tails back.

[Robert enters in the same form of dress and Violet looks him over in surprise.]

VIOLET
You're not in white tie either? What have you come as?

ROBERT
I'm so sorry. Thomas has lost all my dress shirts.

[Martha enters behind the gentlemen and exaggerates her surprise when she sees Matthew and Robert's dinner jackets.]

MARTHA LEVINSON
Oh, you two are dressed for a barbecue.

ROBERT
I feel like a Chicago bootlegger.

VIOLET
I don't even know what that means, but it sounds almost as peculiar as you look.



November 7, 2014

You just can't have too many chicken stories. The word "chicken," BTW, is supposed to be one of the funniest words around. I think it has something to do with the C and K sounds. But other words like "cook" or "chink" or "cockle" or "chocker" aren't particularly funny, so maybe it does have something to do with the bird. But then, again, "hockypuck" is pretty funny, but maybe that's just because Don Rickles called everyone that and he's a funny guy.

Apparently there are also funny numbers. Like 42, which is the answer to the "ultimate

question of life, the universe, and everything," in The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. But it took a huge computer, named Deep Thought, 7½ million years to compute this answer and by that time everyone had forgotten what the question was. Trust me. Read the book. It still won't make sense. Comedy writers have claimed that 32 and 23 are both funny numbers, at least funnier than the number 15. Weird Al thinks 37 is funny, and Barney on How I Met Your Mother thinks 83 is funny. But we were talking about chickens.

So I went to the feed store to get feed for my dogs and saw on the counter packages of "Happy Hen Treats." Yup. Treats for chickens. Now that's funny. But the treats were actually pretty creepy: mealworms. Dried meal worms. If you picked up a package, which I did, and moved the worms around, which I did, they kinda looked like they were alive - like something crawling out of a corpse on a CSI tv show. Okay, everyone just shudder now and shake it off.

Apparently treats for chickens are a big seller. Can't keep them on the shelves. So I was curious about who feeds treats to chickens. I mean I feed treats to the dogs & cat - it's a good way to get everyone into the bedroom at the same time at night. But chickens? Turns out lots of people give treats to their backyard hens. And for the same reason - to get them to come into the coop at night.

So chickens love treats. Who knew? I read about one woman who feeds her chickens left over spaghetti and yogurt for treats, although probably not at the same time. She also fed one of her hens scrambled eggs when it wasn't feeling well (according to her post, the chicken had a cracked egg inside). Okay, everyone shudder. Anyway, that to me seemed a little weird-actually both things seemed a little weird: the cracked egg inside and feeding the hen essentially cracked eggs. Almost cannibalistic. Kinda like feeding scrambled dog to my dogs. Okay, everyone shudder again.

And on that note, guess what we got in the store yesterday? Chicken fabrics! Actually roosters, but roosters are chickens, too. Cockadoodledoo! That's the name of the fabric line. And that's a funny word.



HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL QUILT MARKET!

To celebrate our Houston experience, we are hosting an After Market Party where we will have show & tells, pictures, and give aways. Did I say FREE

STUFF! Absolutely. Everyone will win something!

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Date: Nov. 15

Place: Around the Block

Numbers: 40 quilters

Cost: \$10

I have a signup sheet at the front desk. Space is limited, so please sign up, and pay, early. Those of you who have already signed up, if you are still able to come (now that you know the date) please let me know ASAP and drop by to pay. Paying secures your ticket.



DOWNTON ABBEY BAGS ARE HERE!

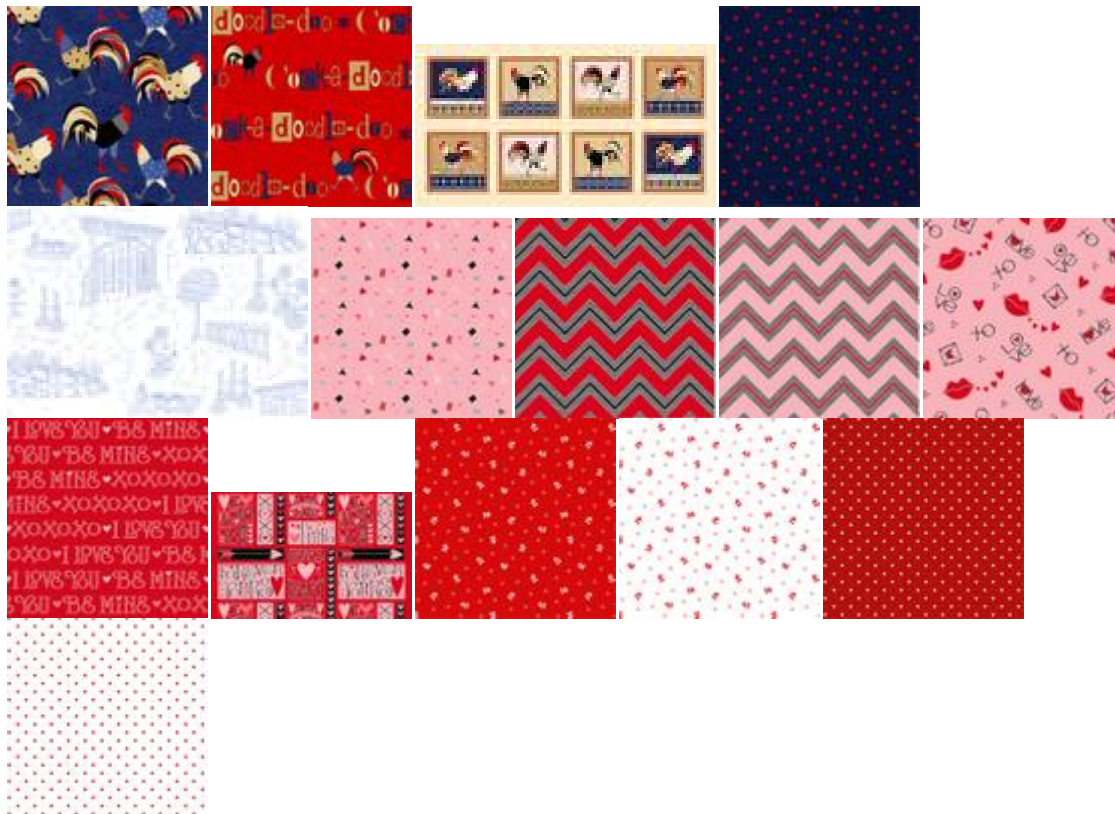
The Collector's Bags are here! They contain fat quarters of the 8 pieces of the Lord & Lady Collection, the 14 pieces of Lady Rose, and 14 Downstairs fabrics--shirtings. Plus there is one fat quarter with the castle (smaller than last year) and another with the words Downton Abbey. Those of you who have prepaid, please come and pick up your bags. We still have some left, so if you are interested in a fat quarter bundle of the entire collection, plus a collectible bag, don't wait too long. The bags are \$200.



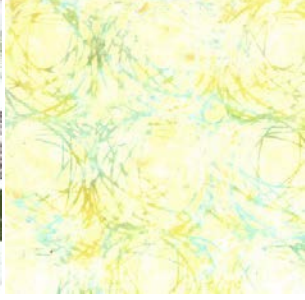
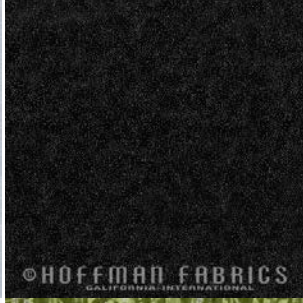
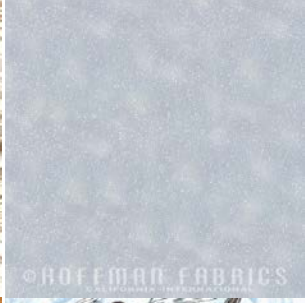
The bolts should be arriving in about 2 weeks.

WHAT'S NEW!!

From Henry Glass: Cock a Doodle Doo, Park Drive (the faint blue toile), I love You & A Year of Love:



From Hoffman: There may be a couple of others I've missed.





November Classes and Events

Hand Embroidery Club Sat. Nov 8, 10-11:30 FREE **Kathy Sconce**

(Club normally meets the 2nd Sat. of each month from 10-noon)

This year we're stitching "penny squares" using simple drawings that we create! During class we will draw various designs and stitch then on 5" squares. Each month we will learn new stitches and trade designs and ideas. Then these 5" squares can be made into a sampler quilts, or stitched into a "book" of stitches. You will also make your own notebooks so you can keep your squares, ideas, floss, needles & scissors in one place. You can join anytime.

Park Bench Sampler Sat. Nov 8 Barb Boyer \$20 ongoing

This quilt uses 2 special rulers, the Hex N' More and the Sidekick rulers. There are 8 different blocks and we will cover 2 blocks per class. In December or January, we will schedule a finishing class to put the whole quilt together.

Beginning Quilting Sun. 1-4, Nov.9, 16 ongoing

Learn to knit fingerless mitts--with a new stretchy bind off technique! Mon. Nov 10 1:30-3:30 OR 6-8:30 \$20

Carol Moler

These mitts are easy and perfect for the cold weather that may some day get here. But the really cool technique you'll learn is what's called a tubular bind off. Nice & stretchy, perfect for the mitts.

Beginning Machine Quilting Wed. Nov 12, 1:30-4 OR 6-8:30 \$25 **Sue Frerich**

Be prepared to quilt! You will practice your quilting skills on various samples, using both your walking foot and darning foot. Batting, threads, needles and patterns will be discussed. Who knows? By the time you leave you may even be able to write/quilt your name!

Underground Railroad Quilt -- ongoing
Thurs Nov 13, 20; Dec 11, 18 1-4 Barb Boyer \$25

To celebrate the ending of the Civil War, we will make a sampler quilt featuring 15 different blocks from the Eleanor Burns book, *The Underground Railroad*. We'll explore a little history during class and learn to make the blocks at the same time.

Knit Pickin' Club Thur. Nov 13, 6-8:30

to knit, it's time for you to simply sit & knit & share ideas. Every second Thursday, we're getting together to practice our knitting. The Club is open to all skill levels. We want to share what we've learned, find new patterns, and simply just sit and knit. You can start simply by making a dishcloth. Carol will teach you the essentials to get you started. For those of you who already know how .

Go With the Flow Fri Nov 14, 10:30-3 Jo Sunderman
\$20

This is a wonderful geometric modern quilt. It is a perfect fat quarter quilt and looks stunning done with contrasting batiks. The simple blocks going in different directions give this quilt a lot of movement.



Table Topper with Winter Birds Sat Nov 15 10:30-5
\$20 Barb Boyer

This cute table topper or wall hanging is a perfect decoration for winter. Winter birds in blues, yellows and red (and even a green bird, if you want) sit on aspen branches. The project is fused and appliqued (I used metallic thread for a little glitz). Easy to do, easy to finish.



English Paper Piecing

Mon. Nov 17, Dec 15, 1-3 Barb Boyer \$20

English paper piecing dates back to the early 1800s. It is a hand sewing method that uses paper templates to help sew complex angles together, like hexagons. Any number of different designs can be made, including Grandmother's Flower Garden. The new Downton Abbey line is showing a hexie quilt, using the English paper piecing method. We'll get started on a purse using iron on templates, and then move on to larger quilts and learn different methods of paper piecing.

Beginning Machine Applique Wed. Nov 19, 1:30-4 or 6-8:30 \$25
Barb Boyer

So many quilts use applique these days. Learn the ins and outs of machine applique, from points to curves. We will practice the blanket stitch, satin stitch, and you can also play around with your decorative stitches. Threads, fusibles and stabilizers will be discussed.

Hand Applique Club

Thursday Nov 20 6-8:30 free

Every 3rd Thursday, we're getting together to practice our hand applique skills. The Club is open to all skill levels. We want to share what we've learned, find new patterns,

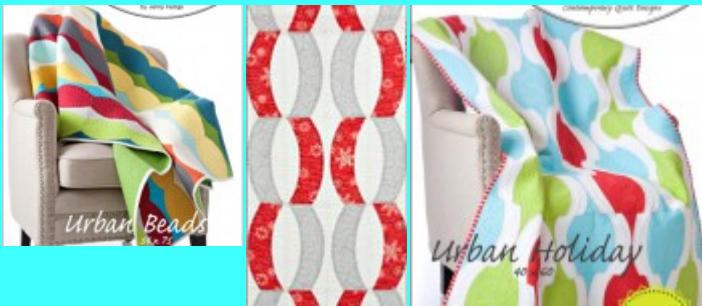
and simply just sit and sew. More and more patterns are showing applique work, and learning how to hand applique is a wonderful skill that can be carried anywhere you go.

**Friday Nighters Fri. Nov 21, 5:30-9 \$10 (Note new day)
(one time fee for year)**

This class will help you get organized for Christmas 2014 -- or just help you get things done. You give me a list of your "to dos" or unfinished projects you want to finish and then each month I check off what you've completed. Trust me. If you need incentive to stay on track, this is it. You can bring your sewing machine or do hand work.

Quick Curve Ruler Quilt Sat. Nov 22 10:30-5 \$25 Sue Frerich

The gentle curves in this ruler do not require pinning (although pinning is allowed). The special ruler has easy to use markings to help you cut a wide variety of curves from strips. Lots of patterns are available and all use the same piecing and cutting techniques. The quilts are very striking and modern looking.



Pillow Case Party Sun. Nov 23 1-4 FREE

If you've never made a pillow case, or just want some time to sew a pillow case, this class is for you. This is a great mother/daughter styled class and pillow cases make great presents!

**Dakota or Lobo or Morley or Randolph Sat Nov 29,
10:30-5 \$20**

This is a 1) fusible 2) machine appliqued and 3) a pieced wall hanging. These make great gifts and are fun to put together. You can choose any of the patterns you want (bear, moose, reindeer, lobo, bison, horse and others) and you can use your own fabrics or buy one of our kits. The kits are good sellers and we have a hard time keeping them in stock.



This is a get-together & stitch class. Many of us are trying hand applique these days-- patterns are calling for a lot more applique. The club is designed for quilters who already do some hand applique, but beginners are welcome as well. We will share techniques, suggest patterns, talk about threads and, in general, just stitch. A little quiet time away from the distractions of home is what we need to get our projects done.

HAND EMBROIDERY CLUB

If you want to learn to hand embroider or just brush up your technique, join us on the second Saturday of the month from 10 to noon. We provide free vintage patterns, and this year we will have free patterns of girls with hats, that you can embroider, embellish and color. Each month Kathy Sconce shows us a new stitch to try, plus, she guides us through thread choices, how to knot, fabrics to use, and tracing techniques.

Knit Pickin' Club

This is another get-together class to sit & knit, work on our projects, share information and get some help. We will share techniques, suggest patterns, but mainly we'll sit & knit (or pick).

Toad Toters

On full moon days (as noted in the calendar) you will get 20% off all purchases (not otherwise discounted) that you can fit in your bag. You must bring your bag to participate.

Full Moon Days: October 8, November 6, December 6.

Discount Policy

We will honor only one discount -- whichever is largest. You can't combine a 10% with a 25% discount to get a 35% discount. On this we can't be bribed.

Color of the Month

September brown, October orange, November green, December flannels

October 2014							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursda y	Friday	Saturday	

			1 Beginning Quilting 1-4 OR 6-9	2	3 Open Sew1-4	4 BOM 10:30-11:30 Christmas Row 1- 3:30 Monthly Minis 4-6 Finish Your Quilt Sale
5 CLOSED	6 Monday Morning Quilts 10-2 Quilt Table Runner	7 Binding demo 10:30- noon	8 <u>FullMoon</u> Beginning Quilting 1-4 OR 6-9	9 Underground Railroad Quilt 1-4 Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30	10	11 Embroidery Club 10-noon Park Bench 1-5
12 Beginning Quilting 1-4	13 Learn to knit cables - make a simple scarf 1:30- 3:30 or 6-8:30 Columbus Day	14	15 Beginning Quilting 1-4 OR 6-9	16 Underground Railroad Quilt 1-4 Hand Applique Club 6- 8:30	17 Open Sew1-4	18 Monthly Mini Catch Up class 10:30-5

19 Beginning Quilting 1-4	20 English Paper Piecing 1-3	21	22 Beginning Quilting 1-4 OR 6-9	23	24	25 Diamond Alley 10:30- 5
26 Beginning Quilting 1-4	27	28	29 Beginning Quilting 1-4 OR 6-9	30 Beyond Basics: Inset Seams 1- 3:30 OR 6-8:30	31 Halloween Jelly Roll Race, 10:30-5 Friday Nighters 5:30 -? Halloween	

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