



April 17, 2015

Springtime in the Rockies is here! We are set up and ready to go for tomorrow. And naturally, the weather is absolutely stunning--mid 70s, sunshine, no wind.

Okay, I'm kidding about the weather. It's Springtime in the Rockies, after all. So that means we've got some snow. And rain. And probably wind in Cheyenne.

But at least we got out of Cheyenne this year without having to drive through more inches of snow than my Subaru can handle. And we only dropped 1 bolt of fabric in a rain puddle.

And I can tell you that the quilt show is beautiful, the vendors have lots of new quilts to show, and I am convinced that the weather will be perfect tomorrow. Wherever the snow is supposed to be, it's not here in Loveland.

Also, there is a fiber arts show at the Embassy Suites, right next door to our show. We went tonight to check it out and I now understand how overwhelming a quilt show can be to new quilters. So much to look at. So it's a double reason to come to the show this year.

Hope to see you at our show tomorrow or Saturday--when I know it will be sunny and warm. b



Enjoy shopping quilt and sewing machine shops from Colorado and Wyoming in one location!

*Springtime
in the Rockies
Quilt Shophop*

*The Ranch,
Loveland, Colorado
First National Bank Building*

*Friday, April 17th
Saturday, April 18th
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

In addition to vendors, a quilt display and ongoing demonstrations are provided.

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11 a.m.	Around the Block	Silhouette Cutter
12 noon	Snowy River Quilts	Dresden Plate Tree Skirt
1 p.m.	Quilter's Stash	Leaf Series by Judy Niemeyer - taking the pain out of the vein
2:00 p.m.	The Sewing Circle	Tuffets - Little Miss Muffet
3:00 p.m.	Fig Leaf	Quick Curve Rulers
4:00 p.m.	Fig Leaf	Take Four Placements
Saturday	In Demo Area	
10:00 a.m.	Harriet's Treadle Arts	The Basics of Precision Quiltmaking
11:00 a.m.	Quilter's Stash	Get Wild with Wool
12:00 noon	Quilter's Dream	Bloc Loc Ruler
1:00 p.m.	Around the Block	The Hex 'n More Ruler - hexagons, jewels, half hexagons and triangles
2:00 p.m.	Inspirations Quilt Shop	Fresh & Trendy Quilt with the Quick Curve Ruler
3:00 p.m.	Country Crafts	Yo-Yo Mama - Free Make and take - Fun little pin cushion made with a fabric yo-yo. Great to put on your sewing machine to catch your pins.
Ongoing	Jukebox Quilts (in booth)	Longarm Quilting: Just for you or for a business!

Special Children's Workshop for this year!

Saturday 2-4, Workshop for children - 10 kids at a time can stuff a darling teddy bear, sew it shut and embellish it with ribbon for free! Child must be 6 or older, mom can shop while the child learns to sew this fun project sponsored by Sew Downtown.

Please visit www.RockiesShopHop.com for more information.

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Bucking Horse and Rider fans!

I am taking prepaid orders for Bucking Horse & Rider fabric. I am bringing in Bison, Saddle, Denim, and the 2 new colors: Cappuccino and Dijon. I have 8 bolts of bison & saddle, 10 of denim, and 15 each of the new colors. 11 bolts are sold.

If you are interested in getting more BH&R fabric, don't wait too long. All orders must be prepaid. I have started calling everyone on the list, and I have sent out a separate email to everyone who bought last year.

This fabric will be available end of May 2015.

Colors: Cappuccino (new), Dijon (new), Saddle, Bison, Denim.



QUILT CHALLENGE!

The Buckeye Community Club is hosting a 6th annual quilt and fabric arts show September 19 & 20. The show is celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Buckeye School, which now serves as a community center.

The show will have 30 contemporary quilts and fabric arts pieces, each displayed with an antique or traditional quilt, matched for color, fabric, technique or other connection.

The theme for this year's show is Happy Birthday! and the Buckeye Community Club is looking for quilters and artists to make a small quilt (about 48" X 48", doesn't have to be square) to donate to the show. The show will sell the pieces as unique birthday cards or presents -- so use your imagination in creating your quilt. Proceeds from the sale will help to preserve and improve the historic Buckeye School and rural community.

As an incentive, monetary prizes will be awarded for the Grand Champion (\$100?) and People's Choice, Best Technique, Artistic Merit and Innovation (\$50? each). (Monetary amounts still being decided.)

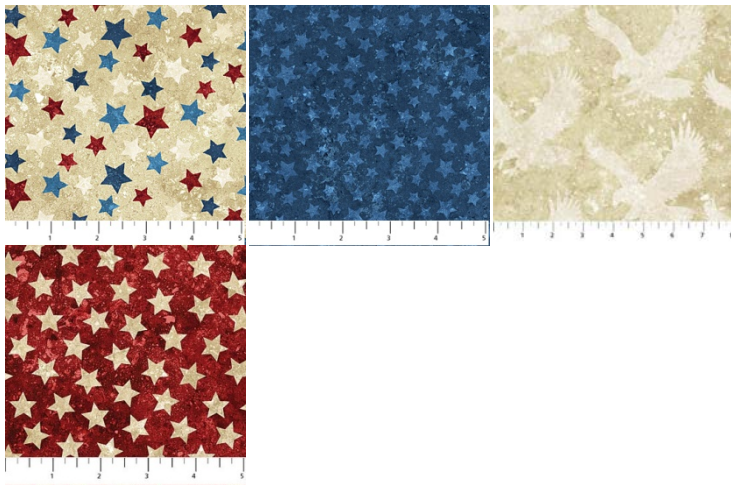


Quilts do not need to be finished before September, but the Club needs your commitment by May 1, 2015. You can contact Ed Harris at 970-568-3401 or at eharris@frii.com to let him know that you plan to participate.



WHAT'S NEW!!

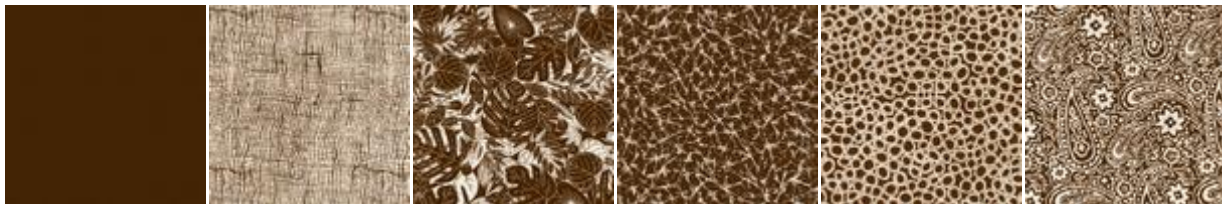
From Northcott:



From Henry Glass, French Laundry:



Bohemian Bold:



April Classes & Special Events

Shop Hop At the Ranch April 17 & 18

Bertie's Year last Friday of the month, 1-4

Bertie's Year is a small wall hanging, (or you can make each block into a mini quilt for display each month). Bertie is done in flannels and wool (kit only includes flannel). Bertie (the bird) and friends (squirrel, pumpkins) are appliqued with crazy quilt embroidery embellishments.

Friday Nighters Fri. April 24, 5:30-9 \$10 (one time fee for year)

This class will help you get organized for Christmas 2015 -- 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.

Woodland Fairies Quilt Sat. April 25 20:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

The perfect quilt for a little girl or anyone who likes purple. The quilt takes about 20 fat quarters plus borders. Michael Miller's fairies are popular, and these fairies glisten & sparkle. Kits will be available.

Pillow Case Party Sun. April 26 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!

Mastering Curves & Free Motion Quilting

Thursday April 30 1:00-4 OR 6-9 \$50 Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich

This is a 4 part class, offered on consecutive Thursdays through May 21. We will work on a whole cloth project, each week adding new designs. Class #1: straight lines (with darning/hopping foot), grasses, zig zags, trees. Class #2: flowers & leaves. Class #3: stippling & fill stitches. Class #4: free hand shapes, from clouds to birds, to animals. In class students will practice the designs and then start adding the designs on the whole cloth quilt.

Hand Applique Club

Thursday April 30 1:30-4 free

The last Thursday of each month, 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 while sometimes you can just fuse it down, learning how to hand applique is a wonderful skill that can be carried anywhere you go.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Beginning Machine Applique 1-4 or 6-9	2 Back Basting 1:00-3:00	3 Open Sew1-4	4 BOM 10:30- 11:30 Binding demo noon- 1 Monthly Minis 4-6 Full Moon
5 CLOSED	6 Monday Morning Quilts 10- 2	7	8	9 Downton Abbey Sampler 1-4 Knit	10	11 Embroidery Club 10- noon Hexagon Table

				Pickers' Club 6-8:30		Runner 1-5
12	13 Knitting: Back to Basics: Knitting in the Round 6-8:30	14	15	16	17 Shop Hop	18 Shop Hop
19	20	21	22	23	24 Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	25 Fairies Quilt 10:30-5
26 Pillowcase Party 1-4	27	28	29 Mastering Curves & Free Motion Quilting 1-4	30 Hand Applique Club 1:30-4		
Color of the Month: Yellow						

HAND APPLIQUE CLUB

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: January 5 (observed), February 3, March 5, April 4.

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

January purple, February red, March green, April yellow