



Around the Block  
QUILT SHOP

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**April 4, 2015**

Example of a non sequitur ad on television: "It's Spring! Time to make some cookies with a loved one." I could comment, but that would be like trying to explain why February 14 is Valentine's Day.

Which leads me to the topic of cars. Another non sequitur. Or a new paragraph without a good transition sentence. Or incomplete sentences. Take your pick.

I ask for very few things in a car.

1. A 6 cd disc changer. I listen to a lot of book tapes and like to load 6 at once.
2. Good ground clearance. I tend to drive through deep snow drifts at my house. I have better luck with greater clearance.
3. Leather seats. Not because I'm vain, well maybe, but it's easier to slide into the seat. Cloth seats grab the butt more-harder on the knees. If you have bad knees, you understand.
4. Driver seat at butt height. Knees, again. With lower to the ground cars (see reason 3) I can't get in and out of them and (see reason 2) I can't get out of my driveway.
5. Lots of inside space. I haul a lot of stuff around, like quilting stuff, a bike, kennels for dogs, pellets for the stove, etc. I've taken dog kennels and my bike to dealerships to make sure they fit into whatever new model I'm looking at.

Getting those things, though, is a little like looking for tv/cable packages: The channels you want aren't standard and each thing/channel requires a separate package. Translation: Cars priced under \$20,000 aren't going to work. I have to go for the cars that are about  $\frac{1}{4}$  the price of my house. And consequently, I get all sorts of things I don't need.

I know this, because I went for a test drive on a new car this past week. The incentive was a \$25 gift card, and as my brother says, 25 bucks is 25 bucks. So, because I asked for leather seats, I got one of the fancier cars. Translation: Worth more than my house-okay  $\frac{1}{4}$  the price.

Anyway, this car I test drove does quite a few things, things I don't need. Non sequitur kinds of things. Things that increase the cost:

- 1) It tracks where I am and if I break down, it automatically alerts the dealership. I think it might also make an appointment for service, which is thoughtful of the car, but not really necessary.
- 2) It keeps track of tire pressure, which I understand is a good thing because it saves on gas, but if cars got 80-100 mpg I wouldn't have to worry about tire pressure as much-but that's not happening anytime soon in this country.
- 3) It has 3 modes of driving: normal, curvy, and eco friendly. It was explained that normal is like driving normal. Honestly, that was the explanation. Eco saves on gas and curvy tightens the steering allowing for greater control (meaning you can drive faster) on curvy roads. That's like adding turbo boost capacity for city cars so you can get to the

next red light faster than the car next to you.

4) It has a hard drive computer with more capacity than my laptop. I can download all the music, books tapes, movies-anything-I want onto the car's hard drive. I also think it has 3 million radio channels, plus another 3 million pay for radio channels. It also syncs with everything imaginable: my phone, iPad, alarm system for the house, garage door opener, microwave oven. I'm kidding, I don't think it can tell the house what to cook for supper. But I'm guessing here.

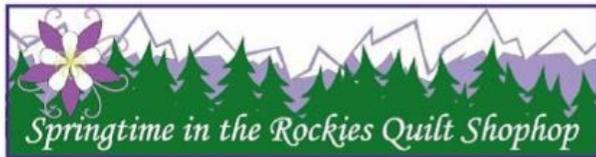
5) It has an air conditioned glove box. I have no idea. To keep candy bars cold? Keep the car manual preserved & fresh? Seriously, who thought this one up. Now I can see a cup holder that keeps a beverage cold, or hot-and I actually think this is an option in some cars, but those cars are worth more than the cost of my house.

6) It has a "conversation mirror" so you can take your eyes off the road to chat with passengers in the back seat via a mirror. That's a clever addition.

7) It has lounging seats, kinda like a recliner in a car. I think it's weird that airplanes are getting tighter and tighter on space, while cars are getting more & more spacious. Most people probably spend about 15-20 minutes per trip in a car. They spend 2-3 hours in a plane. Makes you wonder. Now I understand that some people have long commutes, but because most of us don't car pool, lounging seats in a car won't be practical until the cars start driving themselves.

I drive 7 miles to work on basically deserted roads. Maybe 30 days a year I contend with difficult snow situations. How much luxury do I really need?

But that's a non sequitur way of thinking. And besides, my Subaru should last another 100,000 miles. By then, the cars will drive themselves and cook supper. I think I'll hold out until then and use my \$25 gift card for a nice dinner somewhere. So in a way, the car I test drove did cook me dinner. Logical conclusion.



*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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12 noon	Snowy River Quilts	Dresden Plate Tree Skirt
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3:00 p.m.	Fig Leaf	Quick Curve Rulers
4:00 p.m.	Fig Leaf	Take Four Placements
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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 8 or older, mom can shop while the child learns to sew this fun project sponsored by Sew Downtown.

*Please visit [www.RockiesShopHop.com](http://www.RockiesShopHop.com) for more information.*

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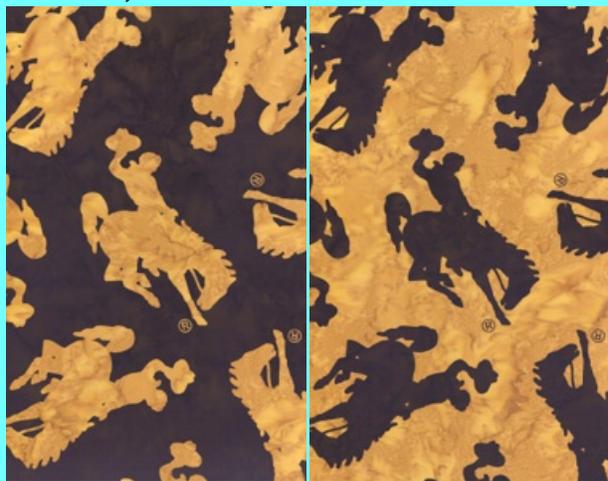
## Bucking Horse and Rider fans!

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.**



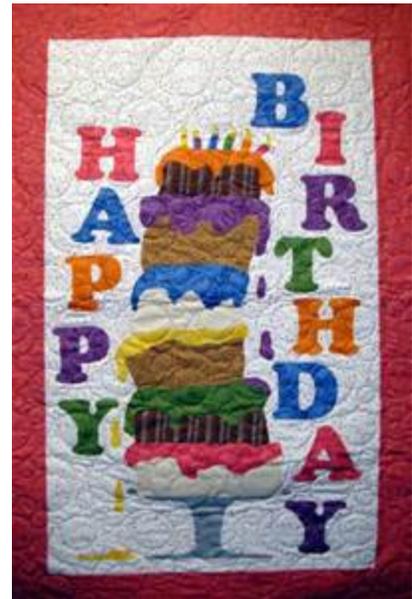


# QUILT CHALLENGE!

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.



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](mailto:eharris@frii.com) to let him know that you plan to participate.



**We have one quilt that was submitted for the challenge. It will hang in the store for the next couple of weeks. Be sure to stop by to see it. I will post a picture next week.**

They face adversity and endure hardships; yet all too often their troubles go unnoticed. We also honor those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines who must miss holidays, birthdays, and family moments in far-away distant lands. It is for the family members who keep the house running while their husband, wife, son or daughter is away. It is for the children who dearly miss their deployed parent, brother, sister, uncle, or aunt. We say thank you to the men and women who have volunteered to serve our country and

preserve our freedom.

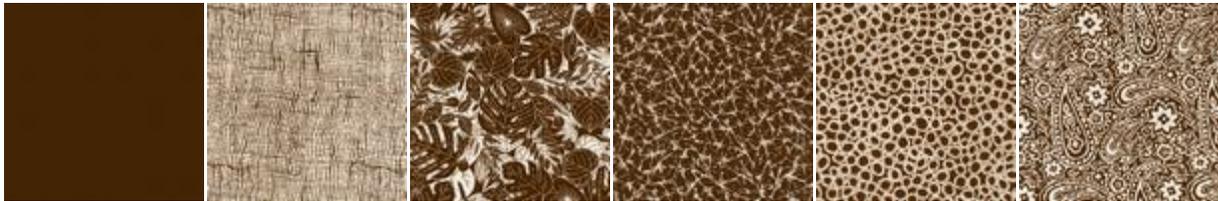
## WHAT'S NEW!!

Notions are here! Various rulers, patterns, books, thread, Kona Snow, Michael Miller's Jet Black, 2 Bolts of wool (cream & white), scissors--if you don't see something that you've been wanting or needing, just ask. We packed some things for Shop Hop, but we can dig through the boxes to find what you need.

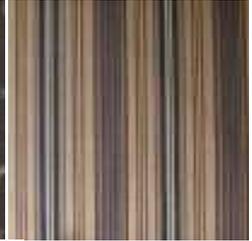
From Henry Glass, French Laundry:



Bohemian Bold:



Working the West from Maywood:



More batiks from Hoffman:



## April Classes & Special Events

**Block of the Month** Sat. April 4, 10:30-11:15 FREE

Join at any time. You get a free fat quarter if you come to class with the previous month's completed block. This year we're making a neutrally colored quilt (tans, taupes, greys, etc.)- come to class in January to see an example.

**ABCs of Binding** Sat. April 4, noon-1 \$20 Jo Sunderman

Learn the ins and outs of selecting binding, cutting binding and applying binding. It's easier than you think. If you have a project you are working on, be sure to bring it to class for some hands on advice.

**Monthly Minis** First Saturday of the Month, Jan-Dec. 4-6 Barb Boyer \$20 ongoing

**Monday Morning Quilts** April 6 10-2

Free, if you buy that month's kit

Each month we will feature quilts from the Quilter's World magazine or other fun quilts. We will choose one of the quilts from the magazine and make limited kits. In class, we will show you how to put the quilt together and you will have time to get started. Quilts will be big or small or in between. Quilt TBA.

Downton Abbey Sampler Quilt Thurs. April 9, 1-4 ongoing

Knit Pickers' Club Thur. April 9, 6-8:30

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. If you are in the Monday knitting classes, you can work on your project and get help, if you need it.

Hand Embroidery Club Sat. April 11, 10-11:30 FREE

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

This year we're doing birds-state birds. We will have between 40-50 birds (some states use the same bird) for you to stitch. Various setting for turning the birds into a quilt will be provided. Color suggestions for the birds will also be offered. As a bonus, you will get the state outlines, state flowers, and other patterns to compliment the birds. You can join anytime.

Table Runner of the Month:

Triangle Frenzy Hexagon Table Topper Sat. April 11 1-6 \$20

or free if you buy the kit Barb Boyer

We will be making different table runners each month. This table runner uses the 12" 60 degree triangle and a large (10"-11") border stripe. Kit will include fabric and the ruler (if you already have a ruler, ruler price will be deducted from kit price).

Knitting: Back to Basics. Mon. April 13 6-8:30 \$20 Carol Moler

Each month we will offer a selection of projects for the beginner and more advanced knitter. In April we learn how to join in the round. Beginning project will either be a hat or a cowl. For more experienced knitters, the project will be a longer twisted cowl or a bag suitable for felting at a later date.

## **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

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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.

## April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>Beginning Machine Applique 1-4 or 6-9</b>	2 <b>Back Basting 1:00-3:00</b>	3 <b>Open Sew1-4</b>	4 <b>BOM 10:30- 11:30 Binding demo noon- 1 Monthly Minis 4-6 Full Moon</b>
5 <b>CLOSED</b>	6 <b>Monday Morning Quilts 10- 2</b>	7	8	9 <b>Downton Abbey Sampler 1-4 Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30</b>	10	11 <b>Embroidery Club 10- noon Hexagon Table Runner 1-5</b>
12	13 <b>Knitting: Back to Basics: Knitting in the Round 6- 8:30</b>	14	15	16	17 <b>Shop Hop</b>	18 <b>Shop Hop</b>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

					<b>Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?</b>	<b>Fairies Quilt 10:30-5</b>
26 <b>Pillowcase Party 1-4</b>	27	28	29 <b>Mastering Curves &amp; Free Motion Quilting 1-4</b>	30 <b>Hand Applique Club 1:30-4</b>		
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.

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**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.

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**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

