



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

August 28, 2015

I'm sure this never happens to you. I go to my yearly mammogram appointment at 1:30 on Wednesday, step up to the desk, give my name, and I'm told, "You were a no show for your 11 appointment." And I say, "No, it was for 1:30," and I dig my appointment card out & hand it over to prove that it was 1:30. She looks at the card & says, "No, this is for August 31," and actually, it was for August 31, 2016. My next year's doc appointment. So I check my phone, and, yup, mammogram set for 11.

Clearly, I am someone who should not be out without a keeper.

But that's not what I want to talk about. That's just one thing that went wrong this week. I want to talk about cell phones. And cars.

The problem with having a cell phone is you have to always carry it with you. Otherwise it isn't any good.

For example, on Sunday, driving to the shop, I noticed that my car didn't really want to shift gears. So this posed a variety of problems, the least of which was whether the car would still be driveable on Monday-I had a doc appointment on Monday, that yearly appointment that you can't cancel because it's impossible to reschedule. The other problem was, the car was most comfortable in second. Meaning, it was the only gear I could get engaged.

So I used my cell phone to text Jean to remind her about covering for me at the shop and to tell her my car woes. This is an important part of the story, because it meant I pulled my phone out of my pocket and set it by my sewing machine.

After I closed the shop, I drove to a friend's house for supper, all in second gear. After supper, I made the mistake of trying to get the car into first gear. Which meant I took it out of second and tried to put it into first. For those of you not familiar with clutch cars, you don't go from a stop into second gear. You always start with first gear. That's why it's called first.

Three minutes later I managed to get it back into second and I drove home. In second. At some point while driving, I realized my phone was still at the shop, but I didn't want to drive back because I didn't want to get stuck at the shop. That was my second mistake. The first, obviously, was leaving the phone in the first place. Now the mistake that I didn't make was pulling into the garage. I was smart enough to realize that backing up required putting the car into reverse. Another gear I was sure I couldn't use.

So Monday morning, I get an early start, just in case. The car starts just fine. In second gear. But I get bold. Part way down the road I decide to try 3rd gear. Getting the gear out of 2nd was easy, getting it back in gear was impossible. So now I'm in neutral. And going no where. I coast over to the side of the road and sit for a while, trying to convince the gears to shift back into second.

And that's when I realize I don't have a phone. My 2nd mistake.

And walking the mile & ½ back home won't do me much good. Because when the phones at the shop died, I took the house phones to the shop. Which meant no phones at home. All I could do would be to send an email and hope someone was on line.

A little more wiggling, though, and I got the car back into 2nd gear. I get to the shop, pushing 30mph the whole way. Now I call for help. The service place can't get to my car until Wednesday. Between then & now I have a doc appt, bank deposit to make, choir practice, and, of course, the shop and the mammogram. And a car that may just completely unclutch, stranding me somewhere in neutral.

So it's car rental time. But first I have to get to the service station, across town. So I drive in 2nd through town-it was that or the interstate and I didn't think traveling 30 would work in a 65 mph zone. I just hoped I won't stall out somewhere, like in a round about lane, or on top of the viaduct.

After I get back to the shop, it's car rental time. Are you all on the edge of your seats by now? Isn't this compelling drama? Anyway within 15 minutes the car is hired & the rental car place picks me up-in a car blasting air conditioning making the inside of the car colder than most winter days.

The guys at the car rental place are nice, & I even get an upgrade. But they definitely want too much info & I'm not in the mood to be chatty: So your car is getting fixed? Will insurance cover it? What is your deductible? What year & make of the car getting repaired? I almost asked, what difference does that make? But I kept my mouth shut. What they didn't ask to see was a current insurance card. They just asked me which insurance I had & whether it was full coverage or just liability. And in the end I had to put up 5 days of rental plus a deposit for the car.

Fifteen minutes later, while I'm driving back to the shop, a friend offers me a loaner truck.

That was Monday. You already know what happened Wednesday.

So why is this all about cell phones? You need to carry them to make them work. This is not the first time I've had car trouble and my phone is somewhere other than with me. And the cell phone is always right when it comes to appointments. So always know where your cell phone is. Even better, always carry it.

Seriously, how did we survive 20 years ago without them?

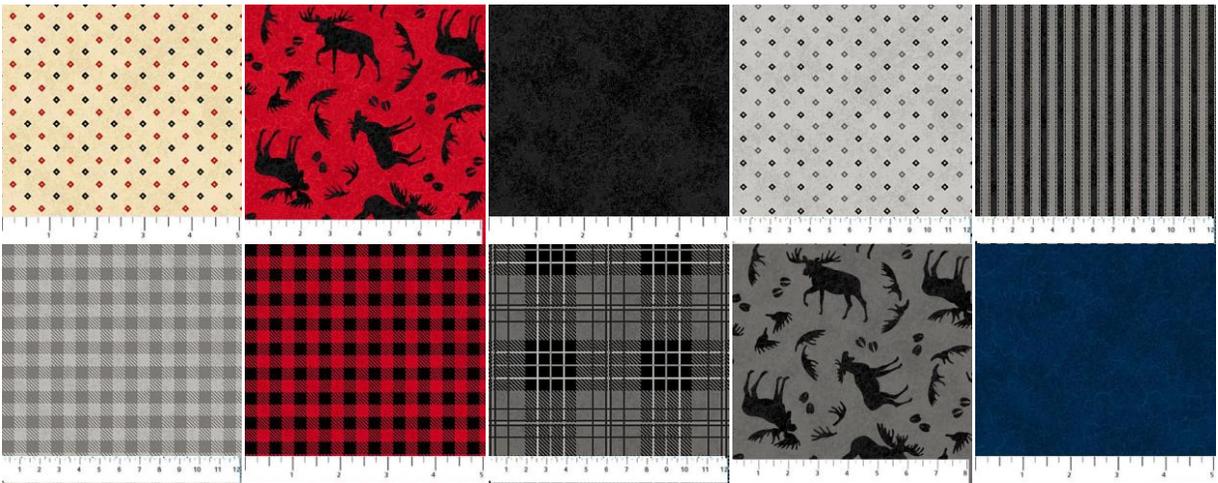
Oh-almost forgot. I just needed a clutch hose. All the fluid had drained out. I'm a happy camper again. I have my Subaru back. And my phone is sitting on the table next to me.

Better put it in my pocket.

WHAT'S NEW!!



Flannels from Northcott:



This is a pattern, we are kitting.

We got about 13 more batiks from Hoffman. I'll try to put the colors in next week.

From Northcott:



From Timeless Treasures:



From Timeless Treasures, flannel :



From Alexander Henry:



From Robert Kaufman (plus we got 9 or 10 solid blues):





From Kanvas:



From Alexander Henry:



August Classes & Special Events

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. Aug 28, 5:30-9 \$10 (one time fee for year)

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September Classes & Special Events

Finish Your Quilt Sale Sept 5, Oct 4, Nov 7, Dec 5

Bring your finished quilt top to the store, and we'll help you find the perfect back and binding. Plus, we'll give you 20% off your backing, binding and/or batting. It's time to finish your quilts!

Block of the Month Sat. September 5, 10:30-11:15 FREE

Barb Boyer

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 Christmas Quilt -shaped like a tree. Each month will feature a different block, mostly 12" finished blocks.

Chit Chat Quilt Sat. Sept 5, 1:30-3:30 \$20 Barb Boyer

English Paper Piecing in miniature! The blocks are tiny, about an inch wide and maybe 2" long, pointed on each end and you will need about 105 of them. The quilt is called a "Chit Chat" quilt or a "Conversation" quilt. Find fabrics that "chit chat" about your life. For example, I will have dogs, cats, parakeets, ducks and horses in my quilt. Plus roses, the word "huskers" because I was born in Nebraska. Find images on fabric that represent your life, where you have traveled, what you have accomplished, your job, your kids, your family, where you've lived, what you like to read, what you like to eat. Favorite flowers, birds, time of year. If you've wanted to learn how to English paper piece, this quilt is quick and easy to learn.



Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month, Jan-Dec. 4-6 ongoing

Labor Day Special: BQ4-Working with panels

Mon Sept 7, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

Learn to work with panels (in this case 2) to make a quilt that doesn't look like a panel quilt. We'll use the BQ4 pattern, cut up the panels, add a few more fabrics, and you'll have

a quilt! The quilt shown is done using the Princess & the Pea fabric, but any panel will work.

Knit Pickin' Club Thurs. Sept 10, 6-8:30

Carol Moler

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 to knit, you can still join the club--it's time for you to simply sit & knit & share ideas.

Hand Embroidery Club Sat. Sept 12, 10-noon FREE

Kathy Sconce

(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.

License Plate Tote Sat. Sept 12 1-6 Barb Boyer \$20

If you're wondering what to do with the license plates, come learn to sew a simple License Plate Tote bag, that can carry your credentials, credit cards, money, etc., around your neck. Perfect for events like Quilt-A-Fair and Shop Hop! .

Beginning Quilting Sun. 1-4, Sept 13, 20, 27; Oct11, 18, 25; Nov.8, 15

OR

Wednesdays: 6-9 Sept 16, 23, 30; Oct7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4

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This comprehensive 8-week course will introduce to you almost everything you need to know about piecing a quilt top. Along the way you will learn about color, batting, thread, machines and various techniques to give you the skills to make almost any quilt.

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Arcadia Avenue Thurs. Sept. 17; Oct. 1, 15; Nov. 5 & 19; Dec. 3 & 17 Sue Frerich \$25

This beautiful color wheel looking quilt uses 12-14 different colors of the rainbow, in 12 different paper pieced blocks. Even novice quilters can learn to paper piece with ease. The blocks look challenging, but with guidance from Sue you will make a stunning quilt in no time. We also have fabrics for you to choose from if you want to make a rainbow quilt.



Halloween I Spy

Sat. Sept. 19 10:30-5 Barb Boyer \$20

Hexagon quilts are all the rage, and this I-Spy quilt uses hexies and triangles to make this quilt--no inset seams, no hand piecing. Just straight sewing. The quilt is done with all sorts of Halloween images, but you can make it Christmas themed or just use interesting images of animals, boats, cars, etc.

Back Basting Applique Thur. Sept. 23 1-4 Sandra Freeburg \$25

Back basting is a template free method of needle turn applique. No slippery freezer paper or chalked lines on top that never seem to get turned under quite right. This method is especially great for traveling, because your pieces will be basted onto your background -- no need for pins to get in the way. This class is great for beginners and all levels of appliquers. Don't let hand applique frustrate you. It's really easy and relaxing!

Let's Finish Downton Abbey!

Thurs Sept 24; Oct 14; Nov 19 Barb Boyer \$20

We started this quilt last spring, but life got in the way for all of us. Now all the blocks are done (meaning the patterns are all written) and all we have to do is finish the blocks and finish the quilt. If you didn't start last spring, you can still come to class and, if you are diligent, you will have your Downton Abbey Quilt ready for cuddling under for the final season starting in January.

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Ombre' Lonestar Sat Sept 26, 10:30-5 \$20 Sue Frerich

This quilt uses ombre fabrics and half square triangles to make a stunning Lone Star Quilt. No set in seams! You can use any fabrics, but we have the ombres in the store.



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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: May 4 (observed), June 1, July 1, August 29.

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

May flowers/floral, June baby novelties, July blue, August black & gray

Join the fun and come feel the difference of quality fabrics.

Happy quilting!