



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

August 7, 2015

There was a convention of old people driving into McDonald's the other day, and I was going the wrong direction.

I actually had just left the other convention of old people who were doing their morning grocery shopping.

Being retired has its getting used to.

If I were writing a 7th grade essay, I would so be marked down for that last sentence.

But I don't want to talk about being retired & living on a "fixed income." I've never really liked that phrase. When I was working, I had a fixed income. It was called a salary. Working for the state, you never really got raises. I worked for about 10 years before I saw my first salary increase, called a "bonus": The state gave all of its workers an extra \$500 one year. When the oil prices finally went up, everyone living in all the other 49 states complained about the cost of living going up. And Wyoming employees finally got their first raises.

I mention this only because I bought myself a treat this month-no, not the heater for the porch. I bought a new pair of tennis shoes. That's a big ticket item anymore, and I wait as long as possible to buy a new pair. The old pair was so old that the style wasn't even on the sale racks-at least that's what the young salesman told me. He was so polite.

And it was in the shoe store that I ran into a quilter friend, whom I automatically asked, "So, what are you getting here?" Awkward pause. The convention of young people (everyone in the store but me) just ducked their heads & didn't say anything. Score: Young people 1, old people 0.

Which leads me to one of my favorite Obie Boyer stories (my dad). We were cruising in the Caribbean and had taken a tour of Grenada, the spice island. We were sitting in the car, waiting for the tour guide and the other couple to come back to the car. Dad spotted a banana tree, with - wait for it - a bunch of bananas hanging in it. On board the ship we had had these delicious bananas, little ones, very sweet. Dad wanted to know the name of the bananas and thought that the ones hanging in the tree looked like the ones on the ship.

So he told me, "I'm going to ask the tour guide what those (pointing to the bananas) are called."

I looked at him and said, "Dad, he's going to tell you they are bananas."

He growled at me & said, "I know they're bananas. I want to know what kind."

I said, "This guy barely speaks English. He's not going to know the brand name."

But dad didn't care. So when the tour guide got back to the car, dad pointed to the bananas and asked, "What do you call those?"

And the guide said, "Bananas."

Score: Young people 1, old people 0. I never let him forget it.

WHAT'S NEW!!

I only have panels left. The tossed bolts sold out. If you are interested in getting what I don't have, let me know. Orders have to be placed by next week, and fabric won't be here until October.



Quilting Treasures: Christmas Story:



From Camelot:



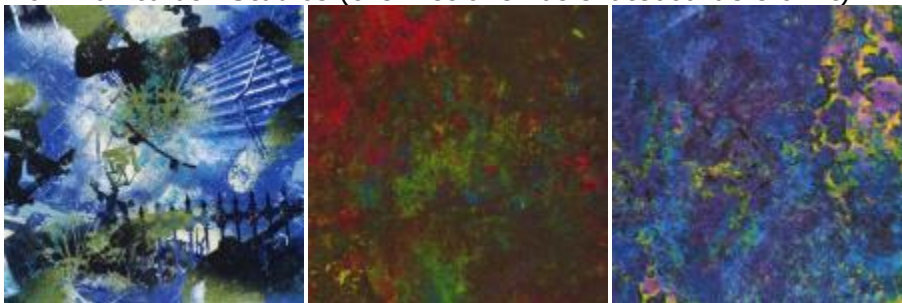
Seasonal Silhouettes are back!



Patterns:



From Paintbrush Studios (the first one has skateboarders on it):



From Kanvas prints (flannel):



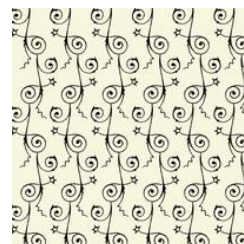
From AH:



From Benartex:



From Quilting Treasures:



August Classes & Special Events

Hand Embroidery Club Sat. Aug 8, 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.

T-Shirt Quilt Class Sat. Aug 8 & 22 1-5 \$20

This class will get you started on king your own T-shirt quilt. To prepare for class, bring washed t-shirts, pair of scissors and your imagination. Any and all sized t-shirts will work. Your homework will be to finish preparing your t-shirts. Class #2 will be cutting your t-shirts to a uniform size, and hen planning how you will sew them back together. If we need an extra class, we can schedule if need be.

MINE CRAFT QUILT CLASS AUG 13 & 20, 1-5 \$20

The oh so ever popular Mine Craft computer game has interesting pixelated characters that translate easily into quilt blocks. For the uninitiated, the "quilt blocks" will be made up of 2" squares (or smaller), with the colors placed to imitate the Mine Craft

character. Sewing is simple--sew all the squares together. The hard part is choosing which green to put where. Patterns of various Mine Craft characters and images will be provided. Students are expected to bring fabric suited to the game--ask your kids, they'll know what I'm talking about. (Essentially, lots of greens, some pink, some red, gold, brown, silver & blue.) Patterned fabrics will work, but stick mostly with tone on tone prints and some solids. Class will be divided into choosing & cutting your squares, and starting to sew your squares. I will have fat quarter bundles suitable for the blocks, but please bring your own fabrics and plan to exchange colors with other class members.

Take 5 Quilt Sun. Aug 9 & 16 1-5 \$20

Take 5 is a fun and fast quilt to make on a Monday holiday. This is always a popular class and you can usually get your top completed in class (the smaller versions, not the king size). And we have lots of new spring fabrics that will help relieve the doldrums of winter. This is a perfect graduation gift--think ahead to May. You can get it done! So if you need a quick quilt project, this is the perfect quilt class.

BJ Designs Sat. Aug 15, 10:30-5 \$20

Dakota or Lobo or Morley or Randolph

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.



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)

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.

August 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 CLOSED	3	4	5	6 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	7 Open Sew1-4	8 Embroidery Club 10-noon T-shirt class 1-5
9 Take 5 1-5	10	11	12	13 Minecraft 1-5	14	15 BJ Designs Your Choice 10:30-5
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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!