



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

July 10, 2015

Hey boys & girls! Can you say "snow in July"? Actually, I'm kidding. Kinda. I lit my pellet stove this week, after I got tired of huddling under a quilt while wearing fleece pants, t-shirt & hoodie. You can put up with that kind of cold in the winter, mainly because you tell yourself to just suck it up. But in July?

But it's going to be nice again this weekend-basically back to summer. Frankly, it was a little depressing to see the sun come out on Thursday. That meant there was nothing to complain about anymore. There was no wind, not too warm not too cold: Like the line from Miss Congeniality: "Describe your idea of a perfect date." "That's a tough one. I would have to say April 25th. Because it's not too hot, not too cold, all you need is a light jacket." Thursday was just like that.

But I really don't want to talk about the weather. I want to talk about dinosaurs. Diggers have found a new one-a horned one. I'm always amazed that new, old, creatures are still out there waiting to be dug up. They named the dinosaur *Wendiceratops pinhornensis*-after the woman who found it, Wendy Sloboda. The first word is a Latinized version of "Wendy's horned-face," and the second refers to the Pinhorn Provincial Grazing Reserve, where she found it. Who knew an ancient, dead language could be so creative. If I had discovered the dinosaur, it could have been named *Barbisauer*. Or *Barbiceratops*. Or *Barbinkenasaurus*. Boggles the mind, doesn't it.

Now Jurassic World doesn't rely on newly discovered dinos. [I went to the movies on Sunday, if that helps to explain the transition.] They just create them out of---well, that would be giving the plot away. But --Spoiler alert-- one of the best moments in the movie was when the raptors join forces with the Indominus Rex. I know, stupid name, even the characters in the movie thought the name was silly. The I-Rex was intended to be bigger and badder than the T-Rex, thus the name. Anyway, that critical moment in the movie was probably supposed to be scary & unnerving. I thought it was funny and chuckled out loud. Which probably upset the couple in front of me, especially the woman, who by that point in the movie was basically sitting in the lap of her boyfriend. I could imagine the whispers back & forth: "Oh this is a scary movie, don't let go of my hand." I almost laughed out loud at them.

But back to the dino's. Do you remember my report about the elf on the shelf (don't worry, I'll connect the dots in a moment) where the parents went to elaborate lengths every night to create elf mischief - supposedly to convince the kids to be "good" over the holidays? Like having the elf make snow angels in flour or sugar on the kitchen floor or taking a bath in mini marshmallows or hanging underwear on the Christmas tree or on the mantle?

Well, these parents are doing it with dinos. They started making dioramas with plastic dinosaurs because they hadn't been spending enough time with their 4 & 5 year old kids (they also have a 1 year old & month old, which explains their lack of expendable time). Anyway, they set up the dinosaurs in the bathroom, and the kids in the morning were excited that the dinosaurs had come to life at night and had brushed their teeth. Since then, each night the parents set up the dinosaurs doing different things: They've started a band, sung into microphones, wrapped themselves in toilet paper, strewn food around the kitchen, taken other toys hostage, graffitied the walls with spray paint in the garage. And all done under the cover of night. The youngest kid was worried that the dinosaurs were behaving so badly that her parents might have to sell them. The oldest started getting suspicious.

Takes Peeps dioramas to a whole new dimension.

Remember, I don't make this stuff up.

And speaking of raptors (go back a few paragraphs to help with this transition), a friend of mine brought over a rifle scope so we could look up close & personal at the eagles living at my place. The male was sitting on the farm pole, clearly irritated that we were watching him & his kids. He hung one of his talons over the edge of the pole, & it reminded me of the raptors in the original movie Jurassic Park, who tapped their talons impatiently like fingernails, on a metal table, while seeking their human prey. Just a bit spooky. I collected Lydia and went inside.

BTW we have 3 babies. One almost has his flight feathers.

PREVIEW OF FALL CLASSES

I know it's early, but with everyone shop hopping this summer I'd like to give you a goal--something to look for.

In September, we will have another English Paper Piecing class--this time on a miniature scale. Don't let that scare you off--what it means is, you can finish it because it is small!

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.

My challenge to you is to 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.

And I will be collecting tiny prints available at the shop (and my home stash) and will provide a packet of 4"-6" squares of a variety of tiny images that will be part of the class fee--everyone who signs up will get the packet of squares. And during class we can exchange fabrics as well.

So start collecting and think tiny.

WYOMING QUILT and FABRIC SHOP HOP

Sat. May 30 through Fri. September 4 (3 months)

THREE SHOPPING CIRCLES - 27 SHOPS STATE WIDE!

West Circle - 9 Shops	North Circle - 9 Shops	South Circle - 9 Shops
Afton - The Cottage Quilt Shop	Shoshoni-Sheep Camp Quilt Supply	Newcastle - Strawberry Patch
Pinedale - Heritage Quilt Shoppe	Lovell - Mayes Fabrics	Lusk - Lickety Stitch Quilt
Kemmerer - Ben Franklin/Ace	Cody - Friends & Company Quilts	Douglas - The Prairie Stitcher
Evanston - Common Threads	Worland - Heart-N-Home	Casper - Kalico Kat Quilt Shop
Rock Springs - Willow Ridge Crafts	Sheridan - The Quilters Fix	Casper - Prism Quilt & Sew
Green River - Keama's Quilts	Sheridan - Ben Franklin / Ace	Cheyenne - The Quilted Corner
Grn. River - Little Country Character	Story - Pinewood Cottage	Cheyenne - Around the Block
Lyman - Valley Fabric Shop	Buffalo - E.T. Quilts	Laramie - QuiltEssentials
Thayne - Beyond Bolts /True Value	Clearmont - The Best Kept Secret	Laramie - Snowy River Quilts

HOW TO BEGIN:

1. Pick up a **PASSPORT** at the first shop visited. Available to download on line at www.wsqg.org. **Shop Hoppers must be min.18 years old to receive a Passport and do not need to be WY residents. Passports can not be shared, and individuals must be physically present for a passport to be signed.**

2. **Visit every shop you can during the three month period.** At each location, have your Passport verified, sign up for **DOOR PRIZES**, and receive a **FREE QUILT BLOCK PATTERN**. Enter the QUILT BLOCK CHALLENGE. Make a project using blocks you have collected and post your finished quilt on <https://www.facebook.com/WYShopHop>.

HOW TO WIN:

1. **Earn ONE ENTRY in the GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS by visiting ~45% of the participating shops (12 shops state-wide).**

2. **Earn ONE ENTRY in the GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS for EVERY Shopping Circle completed - THREE possible.**

3. Submit completed or partially completed Passports (at least one circle completed or 12 or more shops visited) by **September 10, 2015** to the address provided on the Passport. **Drawing on September 17, 2015.** Winners will be notified and names posted on the **Wyoming State Quilt Guild Web Site (www.wsqg.org) and Facebook page.**

GRAND PRIZES:

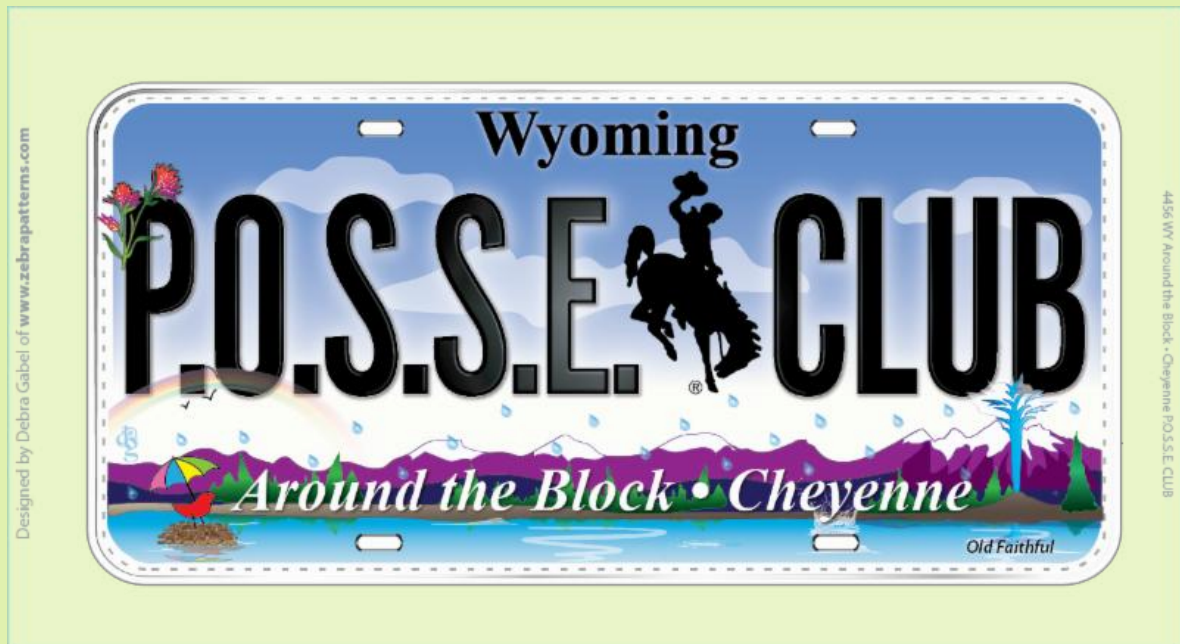
1. **Janome Sewing Machine** - Donated in part by **Pinewood Cottage of Story** - Value \$600

2. **AccuQuilt GO Fabric Cutting Machine Start up Set** - Donated in part by **Quilted Corner-Cheyenne**. Value \$550

3. Arrow Sewing Chair and Gidget 1 Portable Sewing Cabinet - \$450

4. Custom Machine Quilting for a queen sized or smaller quilt by Carla Aurelius (Carla's Quilting) of Casper. (Quilt top must be submitted by 3-1-16. Value \$300 + Quilt Kit donated by Kalico Kat in Casper Value (\$100)

Get Ready for the Row by Row Experience!



Our row! See the water? (Snow capped mountains)

Visit any participating quilt shop during the summer and ask for their free row by row pattern. More than 2500 shops across the country are participating. The 2015 theme is Row by Row H₂O, and each shop will have a row with the water theme. The patterns are free, limit 1 to a customer. Patterns are not available online or by mail. Shops may also have their row kitted for your convenience. **The Row By Row runs from June 21 through September 8**, then the "hibernation/sewing" period begins. To be eligible for a prize, you must complete your quilt using a minimum of 8 different row patterns (or 8 row patterns, arranged anyway you like, quilted & bound) and return it to a participating shop by no later than October 31. The first person to bring in her finished quilt gets 25 fat quarters. If you bring your quilt to a shop whose row is in your quilt, you will get a bonus prize.

At the participating shops, you may also find specialty fabric produced especially for the water themed rows, license plates and pins. More information can be found at the Row By Row Experience website and on Wyoming's Facebook site. (just google search the terms)

Participating Wyoming shops include:

A Little Country Character, 1740 Uinta Dr., Green River, WY 82935
Around the Block Quilt Shop, 453 Vandehei, Suite 120, Cheyenne, WY 82009
ET Quilts, 80 S. Main St., Buffalo, WY 82834
Friends and Co Quilt Shop, 402 Warren, Cody, WY 82414
Heritage Quilts & Fabric Shoppe, 21 E Pine St., Pinedale, WY 82941
Keama's Quilts, 91 W. Flaming Gorge Way, Green River, WY 82935
Lickety Stitch Quilts, 206 S. Main St., Lusk, WY 82225
Pinewood Cottage Quilt & Gift Shop, 36 N. Piney Road, Story, WY 82842
Quilt Essentials, 314 S. 2nd St., Laramie, WY 82070
Sheep Camp Quilt Supply, 865 Paradise Valley Rd., Shoshoni, WY 82649
Thayne True Value - Beyond Bolts, 120 Petersen Pkwy, Thayne, WY 83127
The Quilted Corner, Inc., 309 W. Lincolnway, Cheyenne, WY 82001
The Quilters' Fix, 1135 N. Main Street, Sheridan, WY 82801
Valley Fabric Shop, 102 Mountain Meadow Street, Lyman, WY 82937

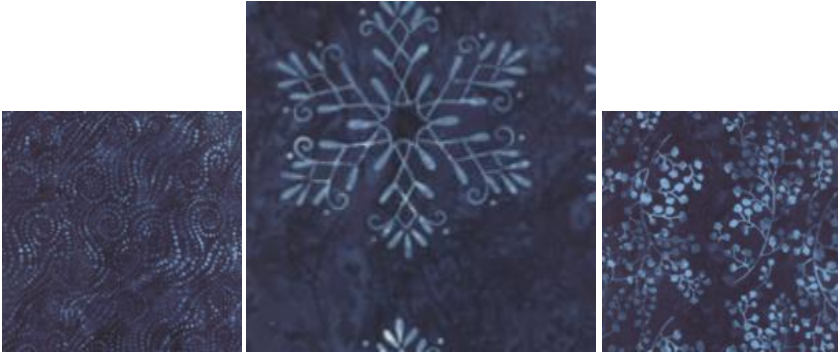
WHAT'S NEW!!

From Adornit:





From Moda:



From Elizabeth Studios:



From Hoffman:





From Moda:





The blue on blue floral is a 108 wide backing.

July Classes & Special Events

Beginning Quilting Starting Sun. 1-4, June 14 OR Wednesday June 17 1-4 \$65 Barb Boyer

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.

Hand Embroidery Club Sat. July 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.

Silhouette Cutter Instruction Sat. July 11, 1-5 \$20

The Silhouette Cutter will take any drawing, clip art or other image and cut it out of fabric. You don't need die cuts or special molds--just an image. The Cutter was originally designed for scrapbooking, but it cuts through fabric, as well as paper, vinyl, leather, cardboard and much more. If you have wanted to do an fusible appliqued quilt (stars, hearts, turtles, pigs, anything you can imagine) the Silhouette Cutter will do it! Come watch the demo and learn some of the tricks to getting good cuts.

CHANGE OF DATE!!! MINE CRAFT QUILT CLASS **AUGUST 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.

Disappearing 9-patch Sun. July 12 or 19, 1-5 \$20

If you missed the class the first time, we're doing it again! Take 5" squares (48 variety, like a charm pack or 2), combine with 48 5" squares of 1 color, plus 12 squares for a "center" color and you have the making of a quick & easy quilt!

Jelly Roll Race Sat. July 18, 10:30-5 \$20

On your marks, get set.....sew! Learn the mechanics of manipulating impossibly long strips of fabric that quickly turn into a 60" X 70" (with borders even larger) quilt. Choose from jelly rolls we have at the store, or cut your own for a specially themed quilt (western, cats, fishing, kids). You have all day and you will finish your quilt. I promise!

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. July. 27, 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.

July 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Full Moon	2	3 Open Sew1-4	4 BOM 10:30- 11:30 Monthly Minis 4- 6
5 CLOSED	6	7	8 Beginning Quilt 1-4	9 Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30	10	11 Embroidery Club 10- noon Silhouette Cutter Instruction

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12 Disappearing 9-patch 1-5	13	14	15 Beginning Quilt 1-4	16 Mine Craft 1-5	17 Open Sew1-4	18 Jelly Roll Race 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!