

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE
20% OFF ALL CHRISTMAS FABRICS. SALE ENDS JULY 31.

Calling all Toad Toters!

July 31 is a Blue Moon!

Don't forget your bags for the 2nd full moon sale this month. Anything you can stuff in your bag is 20% off, and in celebration of the Blue Moon, we will give you an extra 5% off all blue fabrics! That's 25%!



July 31, 2015

"Blimey! That's a snake! With legs!"

A British paleontologist found a slab of stone labeled "unknown fossil vertebrate" in an obscure museum and knew that he had found something extraordinary.

Most new dino finds are recently dug up bones-we've had two new finds just this year, in fact. But most paleontologists don't go digging into archives in museums. Except this guy.

He believes this fossil shows the missing link between lizards & snakes. And the reason he knows it's a snake & not a lizard is because it ate a salamander, or something like it, before it died. And the only way it could do that was to unhinge its jaw, just like a snake does when it swallows its prey whole. It also has a long, slender neck and back and the fossil looks like it is coiling and writhing, which is what snakes do when they are squeezing their meals. Inside. Okay, everybody say "ew." Aren't you glad I paint you pictures?

Anyway, because of the way this dinosaur digested its meals, it was named: *Tetrapodophis amplexus*, or "four-footed snake that embraces." Or Huggy, for short. Seriously. That's its nickname.

Of course, there are the nay sayers, who don't think Huggy was a snake. Almost sounds the kid's poem, Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear.... So they say, Sluggy Huggy wasn't a snake (I'm making up that name.) They say Sluggy Huggy was a sea serpent.

So I suspect the controversy will continue, kinda like the, "Is Pluto a planet or isn't it?" debate.

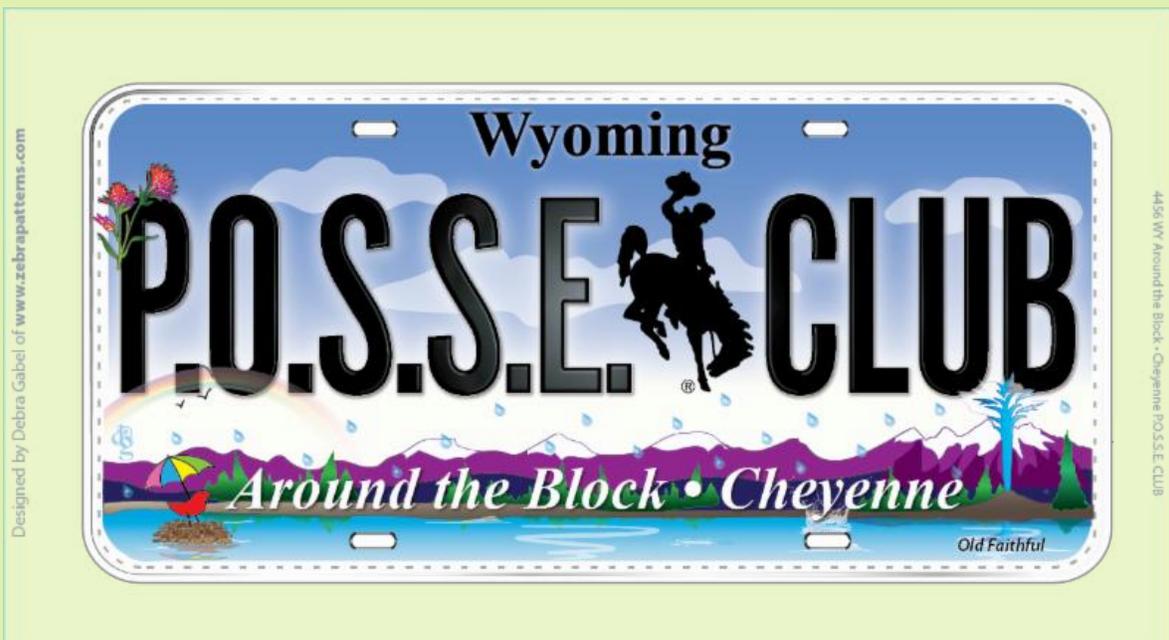
And in a year or two, Samuel L. will star in a sequel to "Snakes on a Plane," called: "Four Legged Snakes on a Plane."

And in other news: My eagles have turned into hawks. I think the red tailed kind. I've been wondering for a while, but it wasn't until this morning that I saw dad a lot more up close & personal. Two babies have been hanging out on the farm poles & electrical wires the past couple of days. This morning when I went outside, mom & dad started screaming at me from a tree over in the shelter belt.

Then they take off, scattering lots of little birds in their wake, and dad comes swooping over the back yard - meaning me. He then perches on the close farm pole, right by the garage. Mom perches 2 poles away, keeping babies between them. Like I'm going to climb up a pole and tightrope walk across the wires to pet the babies. Nevertheless, mom & dad are there to keep me from trying.

And Lydia is inside, in case you're wondering. And don't send me emails about "how can you mistake a hawk for an eagle." I've looked at all the pics on line & all I can say is, it still is a really really big bird.

Get Ready for the Row by Row Experience!





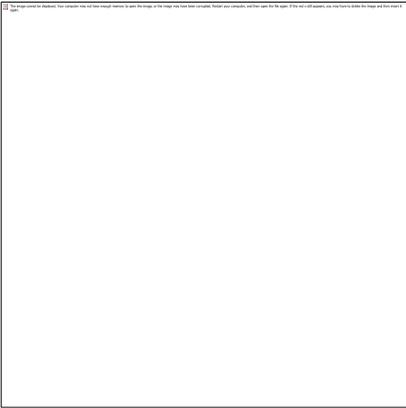
Our row! See the water? (Snow capped mountains)

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.

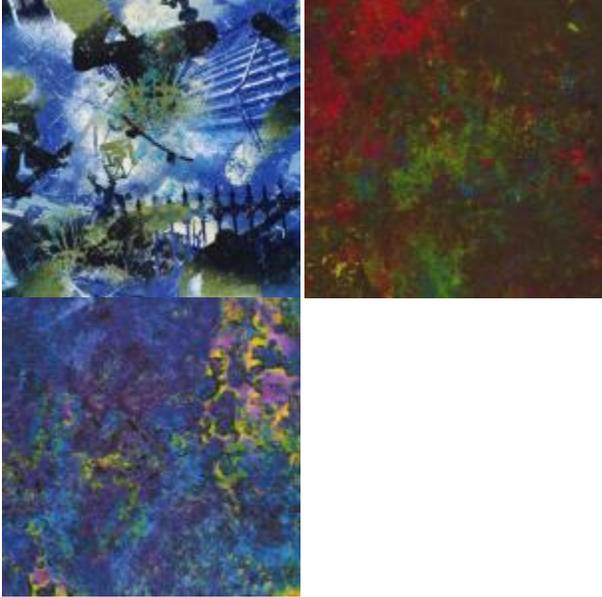
WHAT'S NEW!!



Also just came today: Minions! Christmas Story--complete with the leg lampshade-- and Elf on the Shelf. All sorts of fun things. Pictures next week. But if you're interested Minions, don't wait too long.



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



From Kanvas prints (flannel):



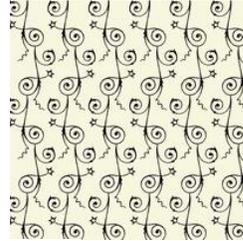
From AH:



From Benartex:



From Quilting Treasures:



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13	24	3	51	75	12	24	33	11	75
2	21	free	50	65	2	21	free	13	65
11	13	6	49	61	51	0	36	49	61
5	19	32	57	3	64	19	5	57	64
7	13	0	8	70	1	31	3	48	70
12	24	33	50	75	13	24	33	51	75
2	10	free	31	65	2	10	free	50	13
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July Classes & Special Events

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

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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.

August Classes & Special Events

Block of the Month

Sat. Aug 1, 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.

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

Knit Pickers' Club Thur. Aug 6, 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. 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 then 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.



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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 1-5
12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Disappearing 9-patch 1-5			Beginning Quilt 1-4		Open Sew1-4	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.