



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

June 12, 2015

Becca's worried again. She read my newsletter about going to the zoo and she was quick to point out that I didn't need to go all the way to Omaha (without her, she added) to see wild animals. We've got wild animals right here. In the yard. And it's your job to do something about it, she added.

Becca's my mini Australian Shepherd and she worries a lot. It took me two years to be able to rub her eyes, because she was worried that I'd poke my finger in them. Now she trusts me to rub her eyes because she lives in grass all day long and she has allergies and her eyes itch. She also worries about who gets to go out the door first. Who gets a treat first (Cassidy, because she eats so slowly, Becca will steal the bits and pieces away like a vacuum sucking up crumbs). And whether it's time to go to bed. Or not.

Anyway, Becca's now worried about the wild animals that have been roaming around. Her big concern are the golden eagles who have built a nest in my shelter belt. I think it's the pair that I saw & heard last fall. The male sat on my farm post out in the pasture for about 45 minutes, talking to his mate somewhere in the vicinity. I suspect she was scouting possible housing locations, relaying info back to her mate: No, this tree is too small. Not enough grocery stores in the area (think ground squirrels & rabbits). Too much noise (barking dogs).

They opted for a tall tree in my shelter belt. I saw the nest but wasn't sure it was occupied. So I went out to the barn, which is a lot closer than my stoop, & looked through my binoculars & yup. There was mama golden huddled on top of the nest. She spotted me, got a bit uncomfortable and flew off to join her mate on the farm poles. They then started talking to me with that eerie cry you always hear on tv shows when the bad guys are chasing the good guys in the mountains.

So I collected my cat and went inside.

I explained to Becca that night the she really was a little too big for the eagles to handle. Not that you're over weight, I told her. She glared at me. They'd rather pick up something a little smaller. Like Lydia, the cat. That made her happy.

Or a jack rabbit, which is another wild animal that Becca was worried about. Rabbits she understands. They are cute, small, and like to hide. Kinda like Becca. She likes to hide under the bed at night. She still fits, barely.

But jack rabbits are big, bigger than Becca. They run faster and jump further and it's no wonder that jackalopes were created. I can't tell Becca about jackalopes because she'd

worry what somebody might turn her into. But after following one down the road this week, a jack rabbit not a jackalope, watching it jump & turn like an antelope, it wouldn't surprise me at all to find it had horns.

And last, but not least on the wild animal worry list, were the coyotes. It's baby antelope birthing time and there are also cattle & horses (plus a foal) pasturing in the section west of my house. Both big attractors for coyotes. And on the same week that the goldens & jack showed up, the coyotes started howling east of my house-where all of the houses are. Not to the west, where all of the food is.

Becca hid under the bed and didn't come out until morning.

WYOMING QUILT and FABRIC SHOP HOP **Sat. May 30 through Fri. September 4 (3 months)**

**FOUR GRAND
PRIZES &
FOUR CHANCES TO
WIN!
DOOR PRIZE**
Drawings at every
shop and Free Quilt
Block Patterns. Enter
the Block Challenge.
Post your project on
Facebook for votes and
prizes. !!

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 Quilts
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	Story - Pinewood	Cheyenne -

Country Character	Cottage	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

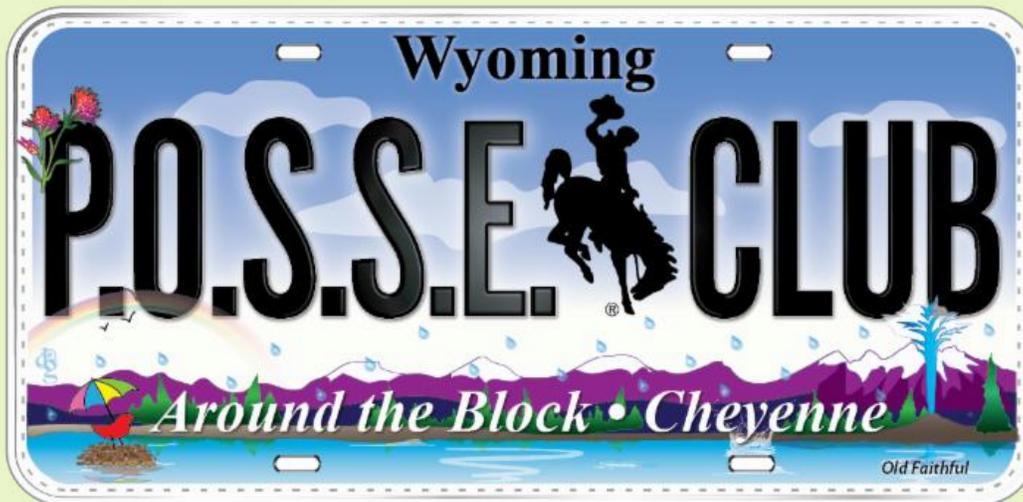
2. AccuQuilt GO Fabric Cutting Machine Start up Set - Donated in part by **Quilted Corner-Cheyenne**. Value \$550

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!

Designed by Debra Gabel of www.zebrapatterns.com



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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

Get ready for the Fair! I have a list of the classes at the shop. Registration is totally on line this year. If you need help entering your quilts and other needlework, come to the shop, we'll get online, & help you enter.

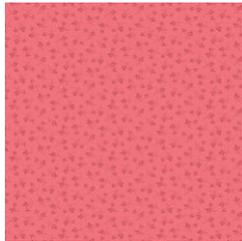
I'll give more info next week, but for now you need to know that:

**ENTRIES ARE DUE
JUNE 30!**

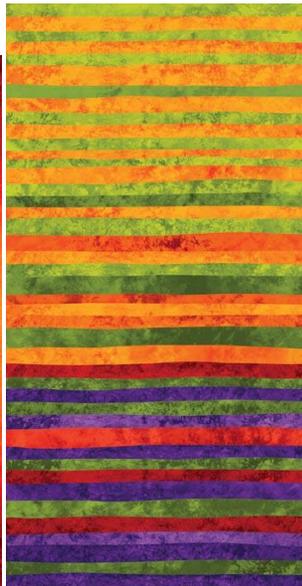




From Andover:



From Northcott:





From Benartex:



From Blank:



From Free Spirit & Tula Pink:



From Benartex:



June Classes & Special Events

Block of the Month Sat. June 6, 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

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.

Knit Pickers' Club Thur. June 11, 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. June 13, 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.

**Crazy Scrap Quilt Table Runner Sat. June 13,
1-6 \$20 or free with kit Barb Boyer**

We will work with a set of templates to make a fun table runner.

Bucking Horse & Rider Quilt Sat. June 20, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer
Fussy cut Steamboat & turn them into perfect squares for your own Bucking Horse & Rider Quilt!

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. June 26, 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.

June 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1 Full Moon Monday Morning Quilts 10-2 Pretty Pillow	2	3	4	5 Open Sew1-4	6 BOM 10:30-11:30 Monthly Minis 4-6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

CLOSED			Beginning Quilt 1-4	Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30		Embroidery Club 10- noon Scrap Crazy Table Runner 1-6 World Wide Knit in Public Day 10-6
14 Beginning Quilt 1-4	15	16	17 Beginning Quilt 1-4	18	19 Open Sew1-4	20 Bucking Horse & Rider Quilt 10:30-5
21 Beginning Quilt 1-4	22	23	24 Beginning Quilt 1-4	25	26 Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	27
28 Beginning Quilt 1-4	29	30				

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!

Sincerely,