



Around the  Block
QUILT SHOP

June 5, 2015

Weather is a favorite topic of mine-or rather weather forecasting. I'm always a fan of actually looking out the window to see what's going on. Not all weathercasters seem to do that. I remember one memorable rainy day when the radio report said it was partly sunny-and kept with that story for several hours of rain.

A couple of nights ago we had several storms blow through, part of the system that took out Lusk and all roads leading in & out of Lusk. A friend of mine sent me a text about 8:45 pm asking me what the sky looked like out my way. My first thought was the George Carlin, Hippy Dippy Weatherman routine: "Tonight's forecast: Dark. Continued mostly dark tonight, changing to widely scattered light towards morning." But I couldn't remember the entire line, so I just said it was black, expected to get lighter by morning. It was sunset time, after all, and cloudy.

But that led to a longer exchange of weather news, from rain to hail to lightning and which direction things were moving. So then I looked on the Accuweather site & discovered that the storm would last another 101 minutes. So I texted hat back, but said it might be only 100 minutes, given the time it took me to write the text.

A couple of minutes later, I wrote back & said, "But we'll have a break in the rain in 3 minutes." Then a minute later I sent, "1 minute." Then 2 minutes later, I wrote, "Rain starts in 65 minutes." And then 3 minutes later I wrote, "It's been less than 65 minutes & now the report says heavy rain will end in 5 minutes." It was like an ADHD weather report: "They says it's going to rain in 65 minutes or stop raining in 5 minutes. Oh look, a chicken!"

I don't know when the minute by minute rain report came into fashion. Most of the time the weather forecasts miss by miles. If they can't figure out exactly where a storm is going how can they predict within minutes if it's going to rain? And I get that weather is hard to predict. We just don't have that kind of control over the elements. But minute by minute rain reports? It's just asking for trouble and sarcasm.

And just so you know, I've been looking out the window all morning and it is getting darker & darker, a sure sign of rain. I've even heard thunder. So I will predict that it will rain sometime today. And I think I have a 50/50 chance of being correct. Accuweather says rain & a strong thunderstorm will start in 4 minutes (it's 11:25). It also says, "Thunderstorms, some severe, this morning through this evening; storms can bring downpours, large hail, damaging winds and a tornado." Note that it is only 1 ("a") tornado. Three minutes. One minute.....And holding. No rain yet.

But it could get a lot worse. So please pay attention to all of those minute by minute reports just in case. And take cover when necessary.

And be careful on Sunday. There is a chance for a stray thunderstorm. Straying from where, I have no idea.

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 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 cannot 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

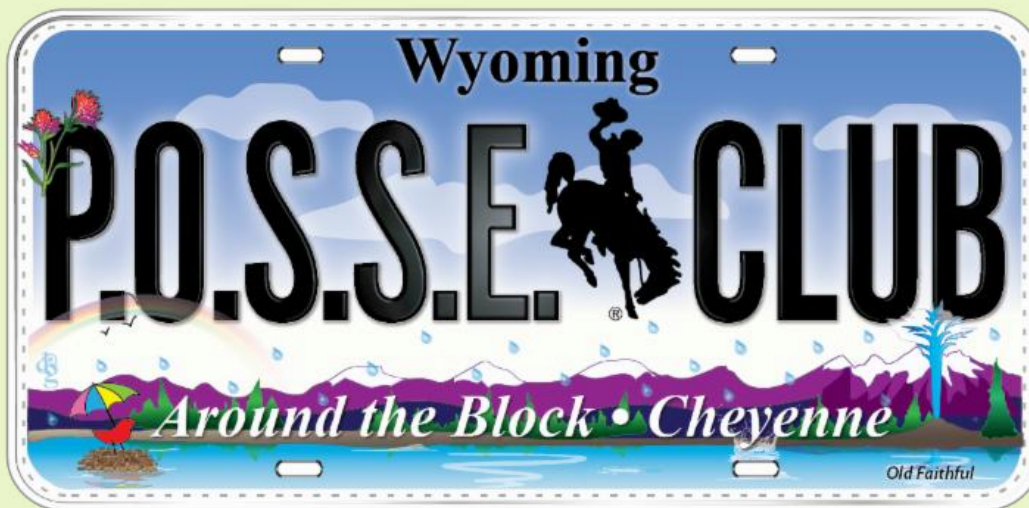
2. AccuQuilt GO Fabric Cutting Machine Start up Set - Donated in part by **Quilted Corner-Cheyenne**. Value \$550

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!

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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!**



QUILT CHALLENGE!

The Buckeye Community Club is hosting a 6th annual quilt and fabric arts show September 19 & 20. The show is celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Buckeye School, which now serves as a community center.

The show will have 30 contemporary quilts and fabric arts pieces, each displayed with an antique or traditional quilt, matched for color, fabric, technique or other connection.

The theme for this year's show is Happy Birthday! and the Buckeye Community Club is looking for quilters and artists to make a small quilt (about 48" X 48", doesn't have to be square) to donate to the show. The show will sell the pieces as unique birthday cards or presents -- so use your imagination in creating your quilt. Proceeds from the sale will help to preserve and improve the historic Buckeye School and rural community.



As an incentive, monetary prizes will be awarded for the Grand Champion (\$100?) and People's Choice, Best Technique, Artistic Merit and Innovation (\$50? each). (Monetary amounts still being decided.)

Quilts do not need to be finished before September, but the Club needs your commitment. You can contact Ed Harris at 970-568-3401 or at eharris@frii.com to let him know that you plan to participate.

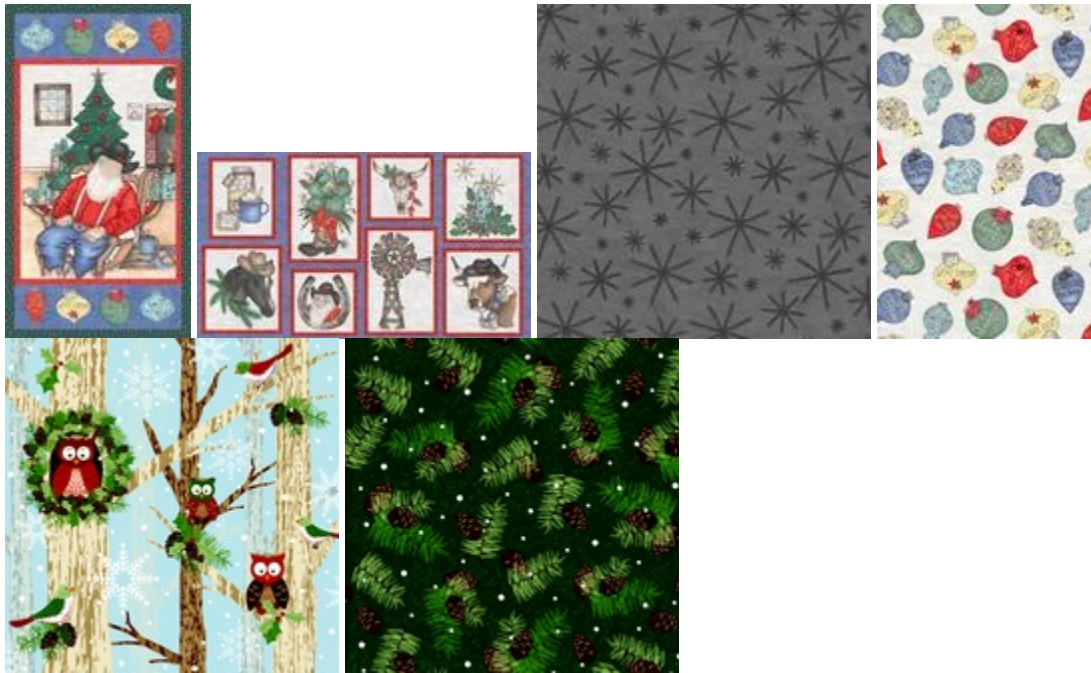
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From Benartex:

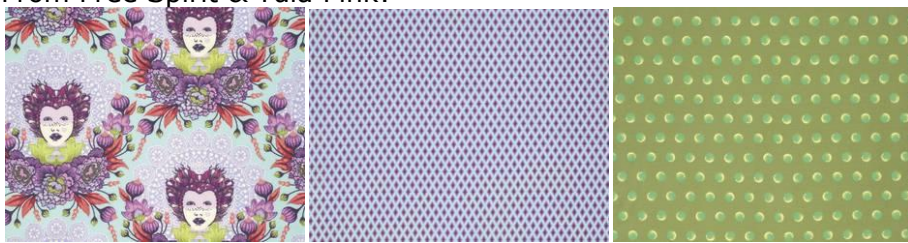




From Blank:



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 CLOSED	8	9	10 Beginning Quilt 1-4	11 Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30	12	13 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,

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