



Around the Block  
QUILT SHOP

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**May 15, 2015**

Odd things in the news: China, sunflowers, dirt & anatomy:

A dinosaur bird-bat was dug up in China. Okay, maybe new dinosaurs aren't really all that odd. But because we keep digging in the earth we keep finding all sorts of things. But this dino had wings that it couldn't flap-think of a bi-plane with rigid wings with little clawed hands sticking out the sides. And some feathers. Not many. Its name is Yi qi, which is the shortest dino name in history. Even adults can pronounce it (EE- chee, in case you were wondering).

Okay, if you didn't like that odd tidbit, how about this one: Again from China, actually Taiwan. Now, I don't want letters telling me about the difference and why it's important. I just want to talk about a dress. Not that dress. Katy Perry's controversial sunflower dress. And actually, it wasn't about the dress, which I'll get back to, but a cape she wore-the Taiwan flag. Now this flag didn't even make it into the 2012 Olympics, no surprise. But Katy wears it on stage and it becomes a political uproar. And her dress didn't help. So now it's back to the dress. The dress had sunflowers on it and the flag boasts sunflowers as well. So she had a theme going.

Now I don't have an issue with Katy wearing the flag or whether she wanted to make a political statement of some type. It's the dress and the location of the sunflowers. If I had worn that dress, I can hear my mother now, "Young lady, you are not going to the prom looking like that. Take off that dress right now!" Is it just me and a boatload of mothers & grandmothers who object to the dress? I would think you wouldn't want to draw attention away from your songs and, maybe your political statement by wearing a dress with sunflowers strategically placed just there. It's a little like the ad for the new bikini line razor ad and the cute little heart shaped bonsai tree plants strategically placed right in front of - well that's another place mom would have object to.

And a final odd bit much more local. Wyomingites know what we sit on top of-how's that for a sentence. Wyomingites know that upon which we sit. So there. Anyway, when the world's largest volcano decides to burst forth, we'll be toast in a matter of minutes, I think. It's a place affectionately known as Yellowstone.

So to learn that scientists have recently discovered a giant blob-shaped reservoir of searing-hot rock bellow the super volcano in Yellowstone is no big deal. A ho hum, kind of thing.

But to give you a perspective on how much lava we're talking about-it could fill the Grand Canyon 11 times over. Now, if this comes out, I suspect Idaho, Montana, the Dakotas & maybe Colorado will join Wyoming as breakfast food. In other words, toast. This glob is 12-28 miles deep, 30 miles wide and 44 miles long. A scientist has dubbed the glob a giant frying pan with a handle that's 19 miles long. More breakfast imagery.

And the final topping to this breakfast meal: A 44 mile long, 50 mile wide mushroom-shaped plume of hot rock rising from the Earth's mantle, underneath this giant blob reservoir. In case you missed second grade science, the mantle is between the core and the crust-essentially everything under the dirt in the backyard. The closer this

plume gets to the crust, it flattens out like a, yup, pancake. I swear, whoever wrote the original story must have skipped breakfast that morning. And to top off the pancake: "Sugary stuff," a very scientific term for hot crystals that look like a shaved ice dessert.

Then after all of the breakfast imagery, the story takes a non sequitur turn: Scientists said the newly found magma chamber (that big lava river) connects a smaller reservoir above it to the mantle plume (mushroom) below it. "For the first time, we have imaged the continuous volcanic plumbing system under Yellowstone," study lead author Hsin-Hua Huang, a seismologist at the University of Utah, said. Plumbing. Maybe the writer didn't have breakfast & was constipated. I see the small reservoir bit as a stomach, the big lava river as a colon and the mushroom as well, ... Again those parts of the anatomy that shouldn't be displayed in public.

These stories all come from the news. It's one of the reasons I quit taking the paper.

**Bucking Horse and Rider fans!  
Fabric Is Here!! All preorders are cut. The rest  
of the fabric is available for sale.**

Colors: Cappuccino (new), Dijon (new), Saddle,  
Bison, Denim.



# **RETREAT WEEKEND AT THE SHOP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## **Magic Twist & Stitch 9-Patch Quilt Friday-Sunday, May 15-17**

**\$30** Barb Boyer

It's Depot Days & Model Train Show weekend in Cheyenne. So we thought it would be a good time to hold a quilting retreat at the shop. We will sew for 3 days and by Sunday, everyone should have a quilt top finished. You can sew on any project (UFOs) but the class project will be the Magic Twist & Stitch 9-Patch Quilt.



This quilt uses 2 charm packs (or 48, 5" squares) plus 7/8 yard for sashing and 1/3 yard for centers (add yardage for borders to finish it out). We'll cut on Friday & start sewing the 9-patches. We can sew all day on Saturday and put the borders on Sunday.

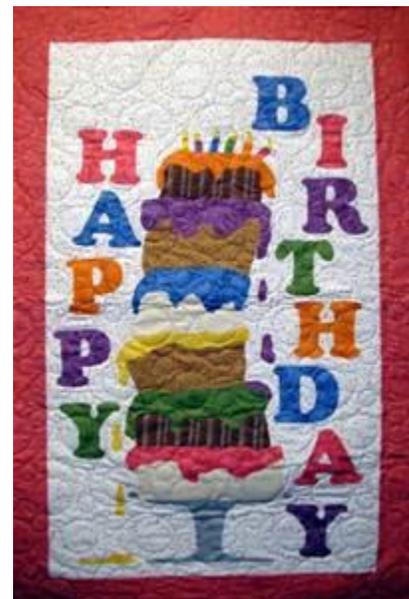


## **QUILT CHALLENGE!**

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 by May 1, 2015. You can contact Ed Harris at 970-568-3401 or at [eharris@frii.com](mailto:eharris@frii.com) to let him know that you plan to participate.



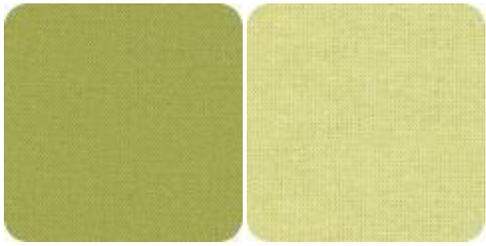
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From BJ Designs:

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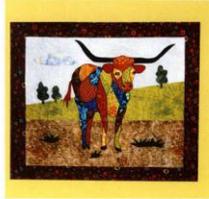
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From Log Cabin Quilts:

**NATURE'S SAMPLE**

72" x 72"



LOG CABIN QUILTS

**Horsin' Around**

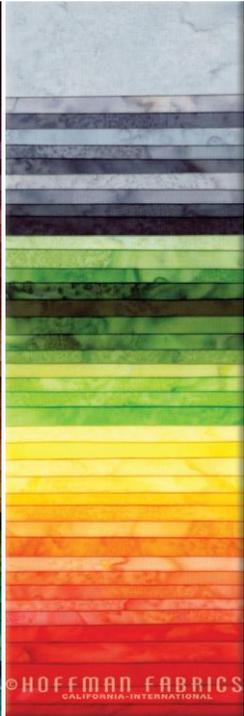
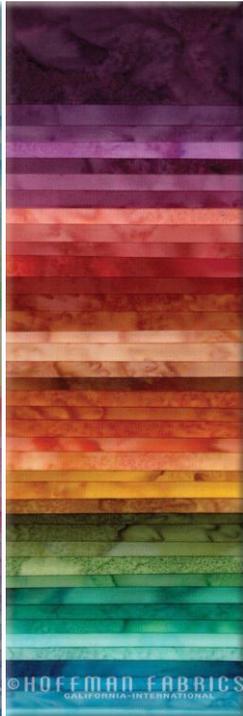
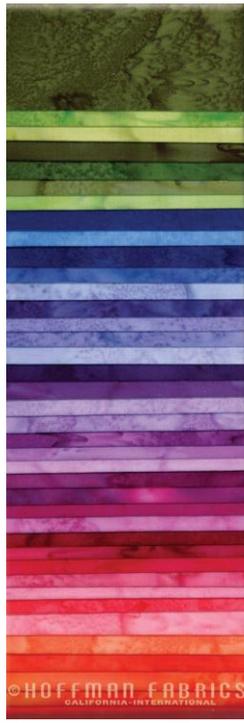
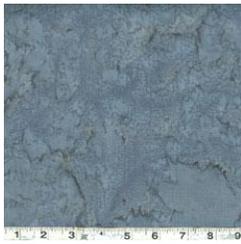
82" x 88"



LOG CABIN QUILTS

From Hoffman--the strips come in Pops (2 1/2"), Crackers (10) and Snaps (5"):





## May Classes & Special Events

### Mastering Curves & Free Motion Quilting

Thursday May 7, 14, 21 1:00-4 OR 6-9 \$50 Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich

This is a 4 part class, offered on consecutive Thursdays through May 21. We will work on a whole cloth project, each week adding new designs. Class #1: straight lines (with darning/hopping foot), grasses, zig zags, trees. Class #2: flowers & leaves. Class #3: stippling & fill stitches. Class #4: free hand shapes, from clouds to birds, to animals. In class students will practice the designs and then start adding the designs on the whole cloth quilt.

### RETREAT WEEKEND AT THE SHOP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Magic Twist & Stitch 9-Patch Quilt** Friday-Sunday, May 15-17 \$30  
Barb Boyer

This quilt uses 2 charm packs (or 48, 5" squares) plus 7/8 yard for sashing and 1/3 yard for centers (add yardage for borders to finish it out). We'll cut on Friday & start sewing the 9-patches. We can sew all day on Saturday and put the borders on Sunday.

### Hand Applique Club

Thursday May 28 1:30-4 free

The last Thursday of each month, we're getting together to practice our hand appliqué skills. The Club is open to all skill levels. We want to share what we've learned, find new patterns, and simply just sit and sew. More and more patterns are showing appliqué work, and while sometimes you can just fuse it down, learning how to hand appliqué is a wonderful skill that can be carried anywhere you go.

**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 appliquéd with crazy quilt embroidery embellishments.

**Friday Nighters** Fri. May 29, 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.

**Hunter Star Quilt** Sat. May 30, 10:30-5 \$20 (free with kit) Barb Boyer

Hunter Star is a classic pattern and this one is done with no inset seams. Beautiful stars pop out of this dramatic quilt. Perfect size for a college grad to take to school, or add another row for a wedding quilt.

## June Classes & Special Events

**Monday Morning Quilt** Mon. June 1, 10-2 \$20 or free with kit Sue Frerich

This month Sue is doing a pillow. Very cute. All kitted & ready to go.

**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!

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### **Friday Nighters Fri. June 26, 5:30-9 \$10 (one-time fee for year)**

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# May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Open Sew1-4</b>	2 <b>BOM 10:30-11:30 Monthly Minis 4-6</b>
3 CLOSED	4 <b>Monday Morning Quilts 10- 2-Irish Chain</b>  Full Moon (observed)	5	6	7 <b>Mastering Curves &amp; Free Motion Quilting 1-4 &amp; 6-9</b>	8	9 <b>Embroidery Club 10- noon</b>  <b>Triangle Frenzy Table Runner 1- 6</b>
10	11	12	13	14 <b>Mastering Curves &amp; Free Motion Quilting 1-4 &amp; 6-9</b>	15 <b>Open Sew1-4 RETREAT Magic 9- Patch 3-8</b>	16 <b>RETREAT Magic 9- Patch 10-5</b>
17 <b>Magic 9- Patch 1- 4</b>	18	19	20	21 <b>Mastering Curves &amp; Free Motion Quilting 1-4 &amp; 6-9</b>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 <b>Hand Applique Club 1:30-4</b>	29 <b>Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?</b>	30 <b>Hunter Star 10:30- 5</b>
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# June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  <b>Full Moon Monday Morning Quilts 10-2 Pretty Pillow</b>	2	3	4	5  <b>Open Sew1-4</b>	6  <b>BOM 10:30-11:30  Monthly Minis 4-6</b>
7 <b>CLOSED</b>	8	9	10 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	11 <b>Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30</b>	12	13 <b>Embroidery Club 10-noon Scrap Crazy Table Runner 1-6 World Wide Knit in Public Day 10-6</b>
14 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	15	16	17 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	18	19 <b>Open Sew1-4</b>	20 <b>Bucking Horse &amp; Rider Quilt 10:30-5</b>
21 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	22	23	24 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	25	26 <b>Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?</b>	27
28 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	29	30				

**HAND APPLIQUE CLUB**

This is a get-together & stitch class. Many of us are trying hand appliqué these days-- patterns are calling for a lot more appliqué. The club is designed for quilters who already do some hand appliqué, 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.

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**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.

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**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

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Join the fun and come feel the difference of quality fabrics.

Happy quilting!

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