



Around the Block  
QUILT SHOP

May 29, 2015



I felt like I was in a Harry Potter film. I had just entered the Desert Dome at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. That's right. I took a vacation, and in case you're wondering, Omaha is a great place to visit. Plus that's where my brother lives.

I had not been to the zoo since 1992, give or take. That's when the Lied Jungle opened. My dad knew somebody associated with the zoo and he wanted me to see it. The place was amazing then and remains so today. No nets, lots of monkeys, birds, pigmy hippos, and bats. Did I mention there are no nets? Animals, like the monkeys, stay put because of water moats. Everything else is free ranging. Except for the hippos. They have their own pond. And when the howler monkeys started howling, the effect was amazing.

The aquarium is great--it doesn't have whales, but it does have sharks, sea turtles, jelly fish, sea horses, eels and lots and lots of big fish of all colors. You can walk through the ocean and watch the aquarium animals swim overhead.

There is also an indoor desert with a big geodesic dome on top of the whole thing. It is the world's largest indoor desert with about 42,000 square feet for the exhibit (an acre of land). The dome is 137 feet high and 230 feet wide with 1,760 acrylic windows with four shades (some clear) to give shade in the summer but allow maximum light in the winter.

And underneath the desert is the Kingdoms of the Night, the world's largest nocturnal animal exhibit. It features a wet cave, a 14 foot deep aquarium, a canyon, a bat cave and the world's largest indoor swamp.

Lots of the zoo's snakes live in the dome. And spiders. And other things that creep & crawl. Behind glass, of course. Remember Harry letting the boa constructor loose by dissolving the glass barrier? I visited the zoo on Memorial Day, so in addition to all of the zoo animals there were lots and lots of little Harry Potters running around.

Which was actually a bit helpful. Meaning the kids. One kid told me not to be afraid to touch the stingrays in the huge pool filled with millions of them. Well, not really millions, but I've never seen a larger or prettier display of rays. And for those of you who have never petted one, they are very velvety. And they seemed to really like being stroked, as the young girl wisely told me.

Another kid pointed out where the huge fruit bat hung plastered against a wall in the jungle. I was able to return the favor to another kid who was hunting desperately to find something in a desert display - but she wasn't looking up where the eyes were gleaming from the inside of a cave.

The gorillas were mostly napping when I went through their exhibit. Except for one I almost missed. Above the walkway between cages was a crawl space with a window. I happened to glance up at the right time, because a silverback was staring at me through the window above my head. Just a bit eerie. His head nearly filled the entire window.

I didn't go into the outdoor aviary-the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest free flight aviary. It houses 500 birds and is covered with a huge net to keep them contained. And the feathers are everywhere. At first I thought the cottonwood trees were blooming, then I realized where I was. You can't contain feathers. I thought it was a tad ironic that at one of the nearby concession stands it was advertising chicken fingers for lunch.

The zoo also has some volunteers. A group of wild turkeys moved in one day, & the zoo let them free roam the grounds. The zoo also put in a prairie dog section, but the prairie dogs didn't stay put. For those of us that live in the west, that's no surprise. They've started popping up in all sorts of places in the zoo. And it was remarkable to see how many people couldn't read the signs that said DO NOT FEED THE PRAIRIE DOGS. To my way of thinking, if you feed the things, they just multiply, like Tribbles. I hope the zoo has considered birth control.

I rode the Skyfari (ski lift), train, and tram. Saw almost everything, except the cats. This zoo is the largest zoo in the world and I have fake knees. There is only so much ground I can cover. When I say it's the largest (130 acres) it is the combination of acreage and animals (17,000 animals, 962 species) that combined make it the largest. Plus it has the largest cat complex, largest indoor swamp, largest indoor desert, and largest geodesic dome. China Zoo (219 acres), Bronx Zoo (265 acres), Toronto Zoo (710 acres) all have more land, but fewer animals or species. The San Diego Zoo, btw,



has 100 acres, 4,000 animals and more than 800 species.

I have visited many zoos and have favorites from each place: Smithsonian has the best Butterfly Pavilion, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo the best giraffes (soon to be rivaled by Henry Doorly after construction finishes next year), best tortoises in San Diego, best aquarium in Atlanta (it has beluga whales, you can't beat that).

But I grew up with the Riverview Park Zoo, as it was called from 1894 until 1963, when Margaret Hitchcock Doorly donated \$750,000 to improve the zoo and she stipulated the name change in memory of her husband, Henry. It grew from a little zoo with a few animals and pony rides on occasion surrounded by a hundred plus acres of lush trees & vegetation (the Missouri river is close by) to an award winning zoo on many levels.

And in 2 years, it will even be better. Unless the prairie dogs takeover.

## **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!**

<b>West Circle - 9 Shops</b>	<b>North Circle - 9 Shops</b>	<b>South Circle - 9 Shops</b>
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 -	Sheridan - Ben	Cheyenne - The

Keama's Quilts	Franklin / Ace	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](http://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.** Gather friends & family, take a current WY map, and hit the road! Stop by Quilt Wyoming 2015 in Rock Springs June 25-28 Western Wyo. Community College.
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:

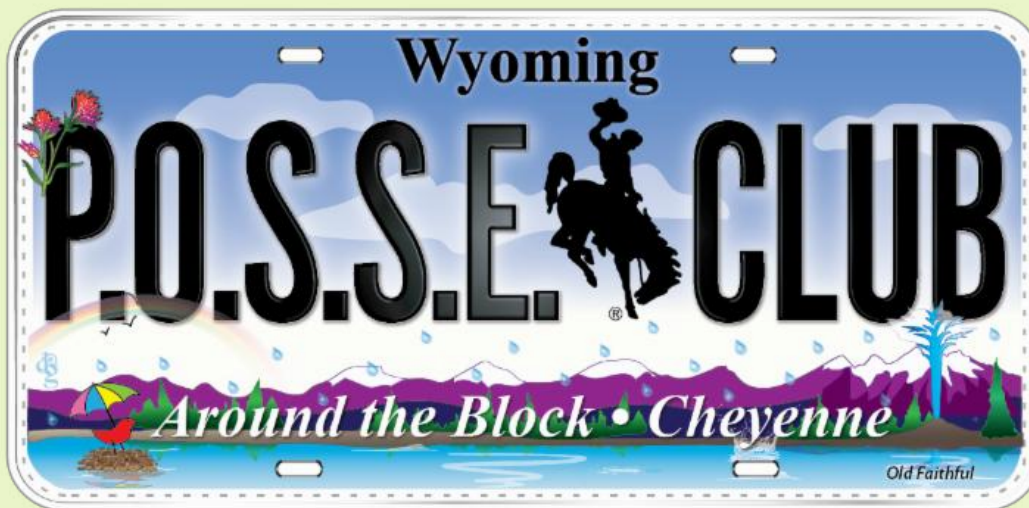
1. **Earn ONE ENTRY in the GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS by visiting ~45% of the participating shops (12 shops state-wide).** Every shop is unique. Visit them all - the more you shop, the more you can win. Appreciate every shop. ☺
2. **Earn ONE ENTRY in the GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS for EVERY Shopping Circle completed - 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](http://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](http://www.zebrapatterns.com)



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Our row! See the water? (Snow capped mountains)  
(More info to come)

## 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](mailto:eharris@frii.com) to let him know that you plan to participate.

## WHAT'S NEW!!

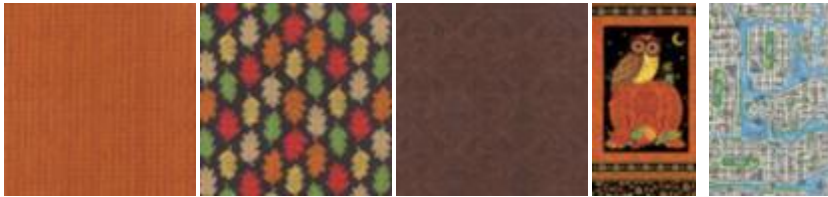
From Free Spirit & Tula Pink:



From Blank:



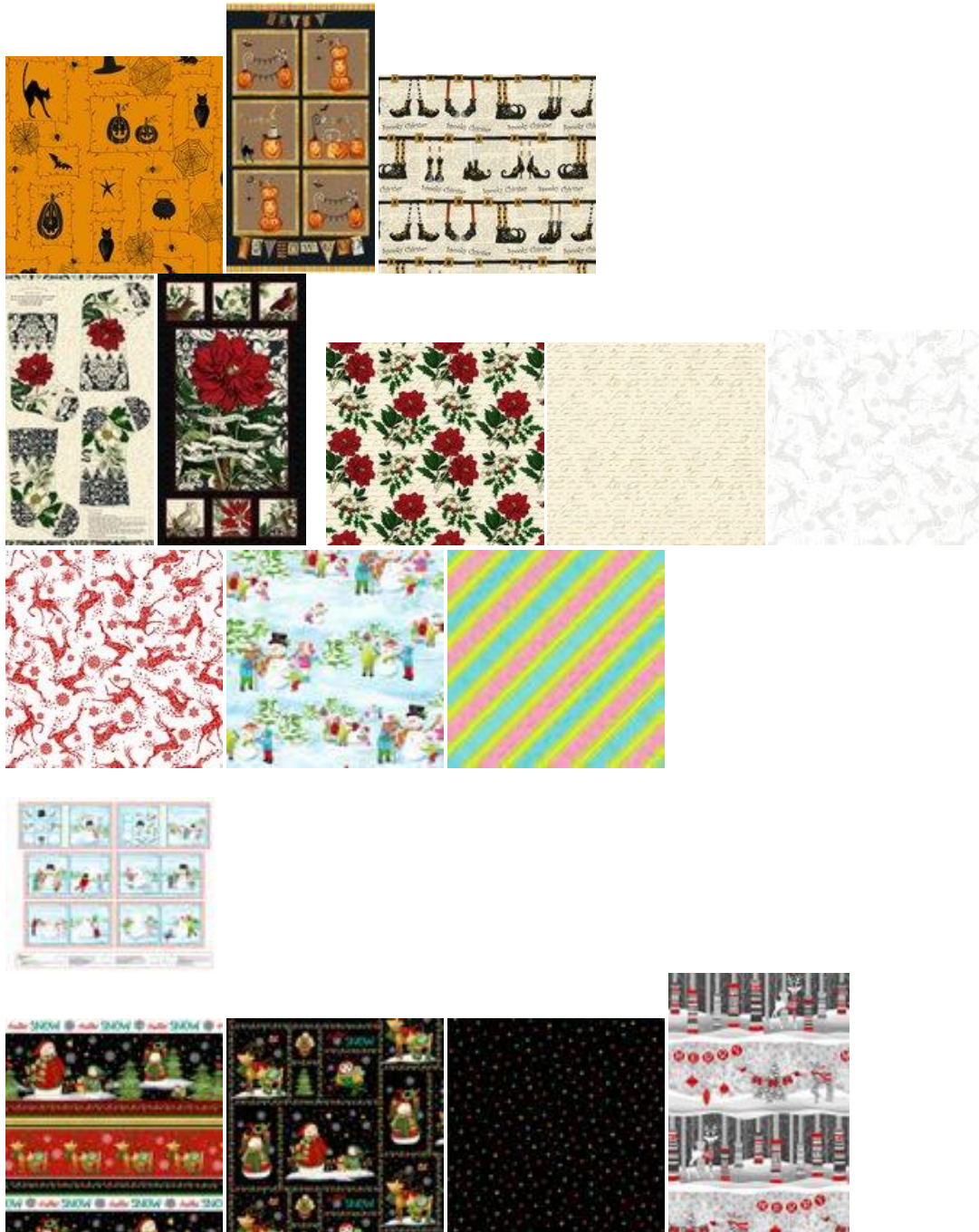
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## May Classes & Special Events

**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. 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Open Sew1-4</b>	2 <b>BOM</b> 10:30-11:30 Monthly Minis 4-6
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 BOM 10:30-11:30  <b>Monthly Minis 4-6</b>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

CLOSED			<b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	<b>Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30</b>		<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 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.

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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!

Sincerely,

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