



Around the  Block
QUILT SHOP

May 8, 2015

You know we've had enough rain when the worms start seeking higher ground, only to die on my garage floor. If they had lived I would have been able to open a bait shop. I guess it's that or stay on the grass & get eaten by birds. Not what I'd call a win win situation.

You also know when it's rained enough because little mushrooms grow overnight in the lawn, not a normal occurrence for Cheyenne.

It's so damp that even my titanium knees ache. Imagine Wolverine suffering from arthritis. (For those of you who don't follow Marvel comics, Wolverine has adamantium (fictional metal alloy) running through his body-it produces long wolverine-like claws in his hands & allows him to magically heal and live forever-apparently live forever, or at least until Hugh Jackman gets too old to play the part.)

The problem with the rain is that it encourages the grass to grow. So much so that by the time things begin to dry out, & I remember to mow, I'll have thigh high grass in the back yard. And then it's hard to mow. This happens every year to me. Don't everyone laugh at once.

And, as my friend pointed out, the weather forecasters have all agreed it's Mother's Day. Translation: 6-12 inches of snow on Sunday.

In other news:

One of the Kardashian look-a-likes is in the news. I know. I don't follow these people either, but it's really hard to get away from them and when the headline reads: "Kylie Jenner comes clean about her lip lies, admits to plumping," you just gotta look. Well, maybe not, but I was curious.

Apparently, Jenner had her lips "done," which on further investigation means she got temporary lip fillers. Now what I find strange about all of this (and no, not the lip filling part) is that this 17-year-old got her lips done, took lots of pictures and posted them, refused to talk to reporters about it for months, then finally admitted to it and said, "I have temporary lip fillers, it's just an insecurity of mine and it's what I wanted to do." Probably said in a pouty tone of voice, of course, to go with the lips.

Haven't figured out the strange part yet? "It's just an insecurity of mine." When I'm insecure about something, I don't post pictures of it. I'm just saying.

The problem with all of this - okay there's more than one problem, but that's beside this point - is the Kylie Jenner Lip Challenge, whereby lots of misguided teens are

trying to get the pouty lip look by sticking a shot glass over their lips and sucking in. Unfortunately that's just left teens with bruised, swollen & painful lips.

I know it's a time honored tradition to imitate movie stars and other celebrities, but to deform your face to get the look of a 17-year-old non entity whose only claim to fame is being related to other non entities? Clearly, I'm not a Kardashian fan. I just don't get the fascination.

And, now here, I've wasted your time talking about them. Maybe that's how it happens.

Come to my concert tonight! Music, bake sale, silent auction. You're indoors, away from the rain! What could be better!

We're singing lots of fun songs: Seasonings by PDQ Bach, complete with kazoos, train whistles and more.

Fun solos, duets & trios, dancing, dulcimer and a Snap Crackle Pop tune.

The flyer is for a concert by the Cheyenne Capital Chorale. The title 'TASTEFUL TAPESTRIES' is written in large, white, serif capital letters on a dark background. Below the title, the date 'Friday, May 8, 2015' and time '7:30 p.m.' are listed. The venue is 'First United Methodist Church, Allison Hall • 108 East 18th Street'. A paragraph describes the concert as a fun evening showcasing members' talents, including a bake sale and silent auction. Ticket information states '\$10.00 at the door' and 'Free for children 12 and under'. The director is Sheila Green. At the bottom, there are logos for 'Accessible', 'ARTS-CHEYENNE', 'ART WORKS', and 'National Endowment for the Arts'. A small 'C.L.D.' logo is in the top right corner. A disclaimer at the very bottom states the organization is a non-profit supported by members, sponsors, and grants from the Wyoming Arts Council and the Wyoming State Legislature.

**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 & Cheyenne. So we hold a quilting for 3 days and by quilt top finished. but the class project Patch Quilt.



Model Train Show weekend in thought it would be a good time to retreat at the shop. We will sew Sunday, everyone should have a You can sew on any project (UFOs) will be the Magic Twist & Stitch 9-

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 to let him know that you plan to participate.

Project Linus Needs New Coordinator

The Coordinator position requires a volunteer with energy, enthusiasm and a strong desire to help children in need. The volunteer works 10 to 20 hours per week, and duties include reporting to the national headquarters, raising funds, maintaining a checking account, writing and distributing the newsletter, conducting monthly meetings for labeling and bundling of quilts, and coordinating pickups and deliveries.

If you are interested, please call Rose at 307-701-7703.



Mission Statement for Linus Project:

Provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

www.projectlinus.org

WHAT'S NEW!!

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





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20431 OCEAN #75

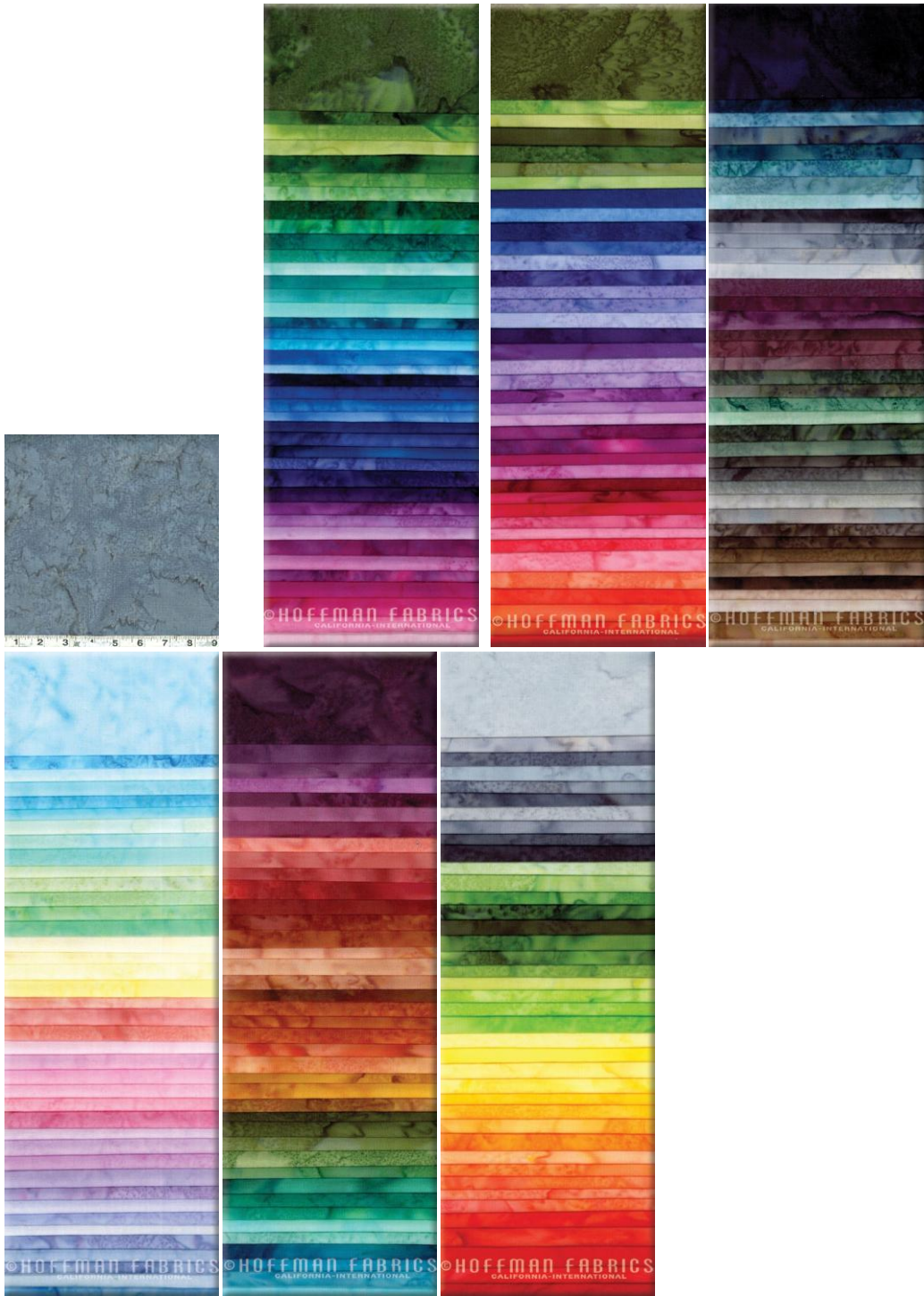


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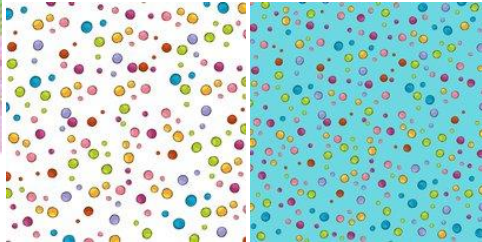
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From Quilting Treasures:



From Moda:



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.

Hand Embroidery Club Sat. May 9, 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.

Table Runner of the Month

Triangle Frenzy Sat. May 9 1-6 \$20 or free if you buy the kit Barb Boyer

We will be making different table runners each month. This table runner uses 11" wide border fabrics and a 12" triangle ruler. We have 3 different patterns to choose from. Easy to cut. Easy to sew. Spectacular to see.

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Barb Boyer

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Hand Applique Club

Thursday May 28 1:30-4 free

The last Thursday of each month, we're getting together to practice our hand applique 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 applique work, and while sometimes you can just fuse it down, learning how to hand applique 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 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.

May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Open Sew1-4	2 BOM 10:30-11:30 Monthly Minis 4-6
3 CLOSED	4 Monday Morning Quilts 10-2-Irish Chain	5	6	7 Mastering Curves & Free Motion Quilting 1-4 & 6-9	8	9 Embroidery Club 10-noon Triangle Frenzy Table Runner 1-6

	Full Moon (observed)					
10	11	12	13	14 Mastering Curves & Free Motion Quilting 1-4 & 6-9	15 Open Sew1-4 RETREAT Magic 9- Patch 3-8	16 RETREAT Magic 9- Patch 10-5
17 Magic 9- Patch 1-4	18	19	20	21 Mastering Curves & Free Motion Quilting 1-4 & 6-9	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Hand Applique Club 1:30-4	29 Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	30 Hunter Star 10:30- 5
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June 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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	Full Moon Monday Morning Quilts 10-2 Pretty Pillow				Open Sew1-4	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				

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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