



**April 15, 2016**

I have finally outsmarted Becca!

Becca harrumphed about that.

"What?" I asked her. "I'm definitely smarter than you are. I'm a genius, you just have the intelligence of a toddler."

"Just because a toddler is only 4 years old, doesn't mean that she can't be a genius."

"Let me rephrase that," I said. "I'm smarter than you." "No you're not." "Yes I am." "No you're not." "Yes I am." "No you're not." "That's an argument of a 4-year-old." That stopped her for a moment. "But that's what I am," she said, with a worried look on her face. "My point exactly."

Nothing like winning an argument with a mini Australian Shepherd.

"So, exactly, how have you outsmarted me?" Becca wanted to know.

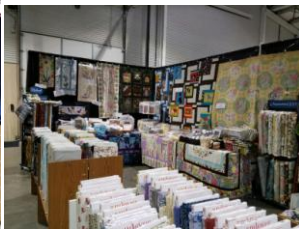
"You haven't gotten out of the fence in a week, and I'm not going to tell you my secret." Aussie owners know very well that they should never show their dog how something is done: From putting carpet into a dog house (2 hours to install, 45 minutes for dog to pull out); to putting shingles on same dog house (2 hours on, 30 minutes off); to putting up chicken wire on the inside of the fence to keep Becca in. But of course I didn't tell her that.

"It's going to snow this weekend, though," she said slyly. Again, I don't know how she gets her information. "I'm good at climbing fences when there's snow."

And speaking of snow, aren't you glad that Shop Hop was last weekend? Normally it is the third weekend in April, and this year we would have been able to get set up on Thursday in good weather, Friday would have been good, but Saturday, we might not have gotten home. And Becca would have gotten over the fence.

So have fun in the snow this weekend. I'll be in LA in sunshine. And Becca will be at a friend's house, inside a higher fence. She's worried about that, of course. But there are lots of new things to see, smell and pee on. She's a dog, after all.

**Springtime in the Rockies Quilt Shop Hop -  
2016 Pictures**





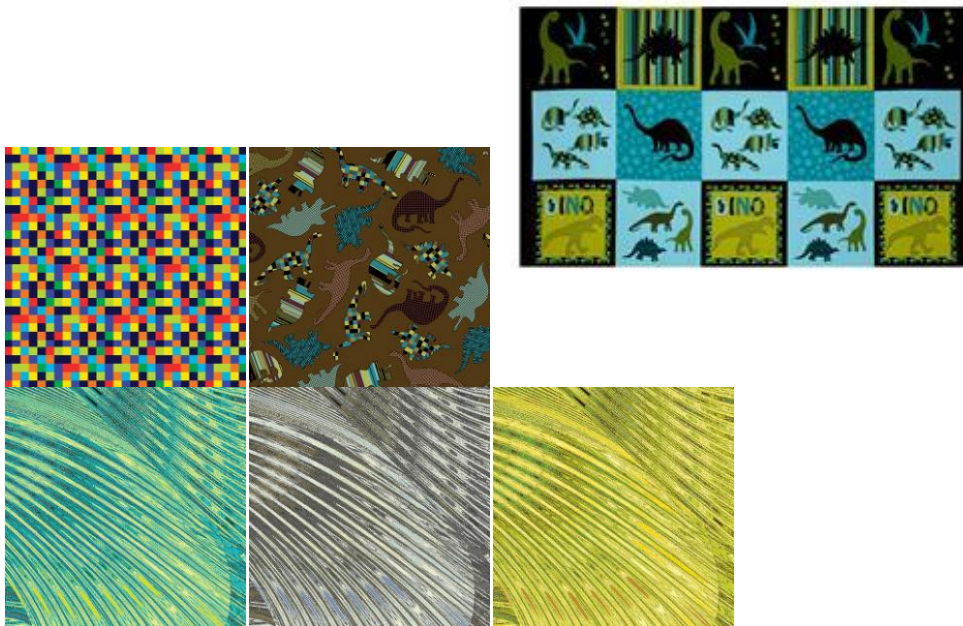
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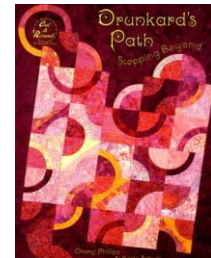




## April Classes and Special Events

### **Drunkard's Path** April 16 10:30-4 \$20 Jo Sunderman

Drunkard's Path is another curved pieced quilt. This quilt uses Elisa's Backporch templates, which make for an easy cut and easy sew. The curves are gentle and easy to sew. Lots of patterns exist for putting the blocks together and the class will discuss how to make sure your seams line up, if you want to make the classic circle quilt.



### **Postponed to June: Machine Applied Binding** \$20 Barb Boyer

This style of binding uses cording to help keep the binding straight & true. Bring a small quilt, your binding and your sewing machine-check the supply list to make sure you have the right tools (cording, the correct foot, binding cut at the correct width). Putting binding on by machine cuts your time more than in half-and by using cording, you can have a perfectly applied binding with no messy "oops" where your stitching just didn't quite catch the binding on the back side.

### **Postponed to June: Mastering Curves & Free Motion Quilting** Barb Boyer \$50

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.

### **Postponed to May 28: LOTP: Churn Dash** Sat. May 28, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

We are highlighting Little House of the Prairie fabrics this Spring, and this is our 4th quilt. This is a perfect quilt for scraps. This quilt uses the Churn Dash block and a modified Hold in the Barn Door block for the center of the quilt-which is on point. The Flowers collection from Little House makes this a perfect old fashioned looking quilt-and Mary was tall enough to actually use the churn, so she was able to help her mother churn the butter.

### **Postponed to May: Pillow Case Party** Sun. FREE

If you've never made a pillow case, or just want some time to sew a pillow case, this class is for

you. This is a great mother/daughter styled class and pillow cases make great presents!

**Bertie's Year & Companions** last Friday of the month, 1-4 \$20, free if you buy the kit  
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### **Friday Nighters** Fri. April 29 5:30-? \$10 Barb Boyer

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### **Postpone to May: S.O.S. Quilts Cascading Strips** , 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

Save Our Scraps! Quilts! On the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (when it occurs-the next one is in April) we will make a scrappy quilt. This quilt is called Cascading Strips and it works with 2 ½" precuts plus a background. The pattern is free and instructions for the extra border will be given in class.

## **May Classes & Special Events**

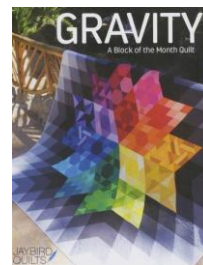
### **English Paper Piecing** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays ongoing

### **Block of the Month** Sat. May 7 10:30-11:15 FREE Barb Boyer

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 red, white & blue quilt-patriotic theme, if you like.

### **Postponed until this fall Gravity** \$25 Barb Boyer

Gravity is a "color wheel" styled quilt made with the Hex N More and Sidekick Rulers. We have limited kits available, and we also have Hoffman 10" squares & strips that can be used to create the blocks. Each month we will do 1-2 blocks. Quilt should be ready for Christmas!



### **Ornament Club** 1st Sat of the month, 1:30-3:30 Free, if you buy that month's kit

Each month we will feature a different pieced ornament. Some of the ornaments can be used as gift tags & gift card holders. You can pick & choose which ornaments you want to make-each ornament will be displayed prior to class. You can make the March ornament & skip the April ornament, for example. Kits are limited, though, so if you are

interested in a particular kit, be sure to sign up for that month & let me know.

**Monthly Minis** First Saturday of the Month, Jan-Dec. 4-6 \$10 for the year (plus patterns or kits)

This year we are doing various table runners/ door banners/small wall hanging celebrating each month. Some of the quilts are long & skinny, some square, some round. Most of the quilts will be kitted.

**Knit Pickers' Club** Thur. May 12, 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. May 14, 10-noon FREE Kathy Sconce  
(Club normally meets the 2nd Sat. of each month from 10-noon)

This year we're still 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.

**Lace Houses, block of the month** Sat. May 14 1-3 Kathy Sconce ongoing.

**Christmas Row Quilt** 3rd Sat of the month, starting May 21, 1-4 \$20 Barb Boyer

Each row uses a different pieced block. There are log cabins, stockings, wreaths, ornaments, snowmen, trees, houses, bells, and stars. Each month we will piece a different row. There are 7 rows (2 rows use multiple blocks), plus a pieced border. You should be able to have the quilt done by Christmas!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED	2	3	4	5	6 Open Sew1-4	7 BOM 10:30-11:30  <b>Ornament Club 1: 30-4</b>  <b>Monthly Minis 4-6</b>
8  Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	13	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon  <b>Lace Houses 1-3</b>
15	16 English Paper Piecing 2-4	17	18	19	20 Open Sew1-4	21 Christmas Row Quilt 1-4 Full Moon
22 Pillow Case party 1-4	23	24	25	26	27 Bertie's Year 1-4 <b>Friday Nighters 5:30 -?</b>	28 LOTP: Churn Dash: 10:30-4
29	30  Memorial Day	31	<b>Color of the month: Neutrals- whites/beiges</b>			

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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: January 24; February 22; March 23; April 22 , May 21.

**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**

January purple; February red; March green; April yellow, May neutrals .

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

Happy quilting!