



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

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Have you ever had one of those weeks? So many things happened. I could tell, you about the search for a bobbin case for a Singer Featherweight. A friend told me a particular store had them, but when I went in, not only did they not have any, they even said they'd never had any. But that's just irritating.

Or about the 12 year old (I swear that's how old he looked) who tried to explain his ice therapy equipment and why he could just stick a motor on a 15 year old cyro cuff for \$20 and it would work just fine. You betcha.

Or the handyman who was coming to the house to pick up old hoses and wooden pallets, but had to cancel because it was raining. Do you remember the rain on Wednesday? Didn't think so.

Instead I'll tell you about how my satellite dvr receiver had stopped working and the on line techie who tried to help me. I had already tried quite a few things before I got on line. I unplugged the machine. Twice. I changed the batteries in the remote. I even tried to find a front panel on the dvr where there would be buttons to push. But nothing opened up to reveal hidden buttons. I considered using a nail file to pry open the machine. But I figured that was a little drastic.

So instead I got on line and asked a tech guy for help. After some preliminaries, he told me to push the system info button on the front of the dvr. I said there were no buttons - see previous paragraph. But he told me there was a door to open, and he directed me to the front right corner, where I once again tried pushing & prodding. Nothing. Then I searched under the dvr and found 2 levers to press, and voila the door popped open and there were buttons. So I pressed the system info button. I then suggested to the techie that he should have told me where to find the levers that opened the door. He didn't reply to that.

Then I had to push some more buttons on the remote until the number 8 appeared. I relayed that info and he said great. Then nothing. And a lot more nothing. I almost asked him if he was stealing all my info through some kind of a cyber portal. Instead I kept asking him if he was still there. Then he said, "Now try pressing the select button."

No joy. So after the supervisor got on line, it was decided that the dvr was broken and I needed a new one. Now I have a lot of programming stashed in the dvr. Stuff I'd really like to watch. And the machine is only a year old. So I asked if there was anything else we could try -- like a reset button or something. Instead he told me a new dvr was free but would cost \$15 for shipping. I asked if that came with an installer and he said no. It was easy to install.

Just plug all the wires into the new one, just like they were in the old one. Right. So I asked if he sure there wasn't another option. While I waited for a reply I went back to the dvr and looked at that front panel again.

Yup. There was a reset button. It was red. So I pushed it and the TV went all snowy. You all know what I said at that point. Then I decided to push the button again. I mean, why not.

Anyway, suddenly the TV went back to the black screen where it tells you to press "select" on the remote to access the channels. So I pressed select, and my TV was back.

Then I told the tech guy that he should have suggested that I press the reset button about 30 minutes ago and thanks for all the help. I signed off before I got a reply.

So how was your week?

WHAT'S NEW!!

We have new fabric from Alexander Henry (the rest of the Ghastlies); Moda; P & B; Hoffman; Free Spirit; Elizabeth Studios; Maywood; and maybe a couple of others. Don't have pictures yet, so just come in and browse.

April Classes and Special Events

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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May Classes & Special Events

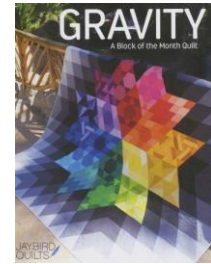
English Paper Piecing 1st & 3rd Mondays ongoing

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!

Postponed to May 22: Pillow Case Party Sun. FREE 1-4

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!

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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.

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED	2	3	4	5	6 Open Sew1-4	7 BOM 10:30-11:30 Ornament Club 1: 30-4 Monthly Minis 4-6
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	13	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon Lace Houses 1-3
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 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	28 LOTP: Churn Dash: 10:30-4
29	30 Memorial Day	31	Color of the month: Neutrals- whites/beiges			

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: 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 .

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

Happy quilting!