

National Quilting Day! Fat Quarter Sale!



Get excited about quilting! Pick up a passel of fat quarters for your next quilting project. The more you buy, the cheaper they get: 1-5 = \$3 (regular price); 6-10 = \$2.75; 11-15 = \$2.50; 16-20 = \$2.25. Or just make it simple and get 20+ for \$2 each.

Little House on the Prairie Trunk Show Arrived! So to Help Celebrate National Quilt Day Little House fabric is on sale Sat. Mar. 19!

Come to the shop and see the Little House of the Prairie Trunk Show. We received all sorts of fun quilts, table runners, bonnets and bags. Many of the projects are from the free patterns that can be down loaded from the Andover site.

And to kick the Trunk Show off, on Saturday, National Quilting Day, all Little House on the Prairie fabric will be **20% off**.

Around the Block

QUILT SHOP

March 18, 2016

In honor of National Quilting Day I thought I'd provide some very non essential, trivial quilting facts. Now, I got all of this from Wikipedia, so I know it's all trustworthy.

Quilting, or some form of it, goes back more than 1000 years. Crusaders in the 12th century wore quilted garments under their armor. Russia has the oldest quilt in the world, probably for good reason since is very cold in most of Russia. But this "quilt" is actually a quilted linen carpet. It was found in a Mongolian cave, of all places, and it now resides at the Russian Academy of Sciences, archaeology section.

The Netherlands has a whole-cloth quilt from the 18th century made from textiles from India.

London and Florence have sections of the same quilt, called the Tristan quilt, dating from 1360 (see below).



In America, quilting dates back to colonial times, but only the wealthy had time to pursue the occupation. Whole cloth and decorative quilts, like Baltimore Album and broderie perse (another form of applique), were the rage as they displayed the intricate needlework skills of the quilter.

The earliest whole cloth quilt in America, but made in England, may have been one saved following a ship wreck off the coast of Naragansett, Rhode Island, in 1635. The earliest American-made surviving wool whole cloth quilt may be one in a collection in Massachusetts, dating to 1786.

It wasn't until the 1840s that more traditional quilt making became popular. And that's thanks to the industrial revolution, which really wasn't a revolution, wool vs. cotton, but a revolution in how things in general were made. We went from individual craftsmen to mass produced-or mechanically - produced products. This meant fabrics were more affordable and quilt making became wide spread. Individual blocks now became popular because with an abundance of different fabrics to choose from, piecing blocks was more exciting than whole cloth. Okay, that's a personal observation because I think it is much more exciting to put 50 fabrics into a quilt top than just one. Or two. Or three...

By 1856 Singer of sewing machine fame adopted Cyrus McCormick's idea (he created the mechanical reaper machine) of installment payments, and sewing machines became affordable to the average family.

And from that moment on, quilt making took off.

So come to the store to celebrate a time honored tradition of cutting up perfectly good fabric into tiny pieces and sewing it all back together again!

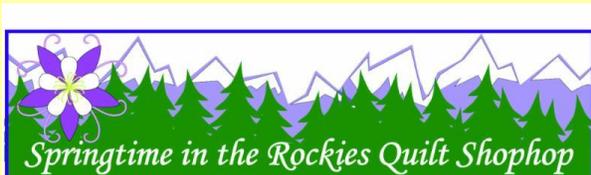
And for those of you eagle-eyed grammarians, I do know the difference between your and you're. But the spell checker doesn't, so I'll blame it for last week's oops because I just couldn't make a mistake like that.....

Springtime in the Rockies 2016 Apron Challenge! Viewer's Choice Prizes Awarded!



Our theme for this year is all about aprons! Big ones, little ones, funny ones, short ones, tall ones. Design your own or use a commercial pattern. To participate, fill out an entry form and submit it to a participating quilt store by March 25. Aprons are due to the store by April 2. Aprons will hang at the Springtime in the Rockies Shop Hop at the Ranch, April 8 & 9. Gift Basket Prizes awarded: \$75 1st; \$50 2nd; \$25 3rd. Aprons and prizes can be collected from your participating shop after the show.

A few rules: Apron must be made by entrant. Apron must be made within the last 6 months.



Springtime in the Rockies Quilt Shop Hop -

2016

Demonstrations:

Time	Store	Class & Description
Friday/April 8		
10:00	Juke Box Quilting	Curved Piecing
11:00	Around the Block	English Paper Piecing
12:00	Juke Box Quilting	Laser Cut Applique
1:00	Quilter's Stash	Strippy Stars Ruler
2:00	The Sewing Circle	Felting by Sewing Machine
3:00	Fig Leaf	Scan & Cut
4:00	Country Crafts	Yo-Yo Pin Cushion - Make & Take
Saturday/April 9		
10:00	Harriet's Treadle Arts	Felted Needle Case - Make & Take
11:00	Fig Leaf	Scan & Cut
12:00	Quilter's Dream	MartiMichell's Rulers
1:00	Around the Block	Pineapple Quilts
2:00	The Sewing Circle	Felting by Sewing Machine
3:00	OPEN	

WHAT'S NEW!!

We have 3 rolls of batting: Quilter's Dream Cotton in request (lightest) & select (a little heavier) lofts, 100% cotton. We also have a roll of Dream Orient which is a blend of silk, bamboo & cotton--very nice.

From Hoffman:





From Free Spirit:



From Moda:

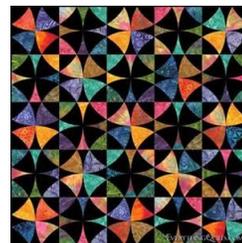


March Classes and Special Events

NATIONAL QUILT DAY! MARCH 19 Fat Quarter Sale!

Wheel of Mystery Sat. Mar 19 10:30-5 \$20 Sue Frerich

Curved piecing is all the rage right now. This traditional quilt, sometimes called Winding Ways, uses plastic templates for easy rotary cutting. Learn how to sew the gentle curves to create this beautiful quilt, & it can be made from your scraps!



Beginning Machine Applique Wed. Mar 23 6-9 \$25 Barb Boyer

So many quilts use applique these days. Learn the ins and outs of machine applique, from points to curves. We will practice the button hole/blanket stitch, satin stitch, and you can also play around with your decorative stitches. Threads, fusibles and stabilizers will be discussed.

Bertie's Year & Companions last Friday of the month, 1-4 \$20, free if you buy the kit

Bertie's Year & Purfectly Pieced are small wall hangings, (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. The patterns are by Bonnie Sullivan, and you can do any of the series-she has a spring, summer, fall & winter Bertie's, plus the original, and plus the cats. You choose. Class is ongoing-because we need the time to get the embellishing done!

Friday Nighters Fri. Mar 25 5:30-? \$10 Barb Boyer

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.

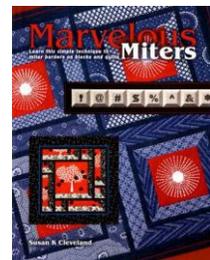
LOTP: Flying Geese Sat. Mar 26, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

We are highlighting Little House of the Prairie fabrics this Spring, and this is our third quilt. This is a perfect quilt for scraps. We will use the No Math Flying Geese Ruler which makes 4 blocks at a time-and let's you choose from 12 different sizes. And because it is "Flying Geese" there are few tricks to getting the blocks to come out just right. You will be an expert in this method by end of day.



Attic Window Quilt Wed. Mar. 30, 6-8:30 \$20 Barb Boyer

Learn the basics of Y-seam construction in this Attic Window quilt. We will work with 2 scenic panels to create a wall hanging that will look like you are seeing through a window-appropriate, right? We will also talk about mitered borders (because it is the same technique). We will use Susan Cleveland's Marvelous Miters book because her method is the best & most accurate that I've ever used for attic window construction.



March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color of the month: Green		1	2 Spoon Quilting 1-3 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	3	4 Open Sew1-4	5 BOM 10:30-11:30 Ornament Club 1:30-3:30 Monthly Minis 4-6
6 CLOSED	7 English Paper Piecing 2-4	8	9	10	11	12 Embroidery Club 10-noon Lace Houses 1-3 Wrapsody Purse 4-6
13 Beginning Quilt 1-4	14	15	16 Back Basting Applique 1-3 Beginning Machine Quilting 6-9	17 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	18 Open Sew1-4	19 Wheel of Mystery 10:30-5 National Quilt Day
20 Beginning Quilt 1-4	21 English Paper Piecing 2-4	22	23 Beginning Machine Applique 6-9 Full Moon	24	25 Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	26 LOTP Flying Geese 10:30-5
27 CLOSED	28	29	30 Attic Window quilt 6-8:30	31		

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color of the month: Yellow					1 Open Sew1-4	2 BOM 10:30-11:30 Ornament Club 1:30-3:30 Monthly Minis 4-6
3 CLOSED	4 English Paper Piecing 2-4	5	6	7	8 Shop Hop	9 Shop Hop
10 CONCERT	11	12	13	14 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	15 Open Sew1-4	16 Drunkard's Path 10:30-4
17	18	19	20	21	22 Full Moon	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	30 S.O.S.Quilts 10:30-5

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!