

Last Day for Little House on the Prairie Trunk Show!

Little House fabric is on sale Sat. Mar. 25!

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.

To celebrate the last day of the trunk show, Little House on the Prairie fabric will be **20% off. If you didn't have a chance to see the show last weekend, tomorrow is your last day!**



March 25, 2016

Well, the snow shovel fairy didn't come to my house yesterday. Translation: Spring snow storms are supposed to melt by the next day.

If you missed it, we got about 14 inches of snow on Wednesday. State offices closed, which hasn't happened for at least a decade. It was so bad that even snow plows got stuck. It was so bad that I decided not to open the store-I figured I could get to the store, but I wasn't sure I could get home. It was so bad that power was out to all sorts of homes-fortunately, I never lost power. It was so bad that I had to push Cassidy out of the door-snow drift by the back door was at least 3 feet deep. But that didn't stop Becca, the smaller dog. She just jumped right into the middle of the drift.

Fortunately, the drifts were really only bad in the back yard and right behind the garage. It wasn't a hard shovel job to make a path for the Subaru to back out. And the driveway didn't drift in too badly. Translation: I didn't get stuck.

But let's not talk about snow. As we all know, we need the moisture and winter is not yet over. We've got another month to talk about snow storms. And Shop Hop is coming up--more wet weather could be on tap.

I want to talk about Legos. Okay, it's been a slow news week for things that aren't important. And talking about Brussels is depressing.



So back to Legos. Now, I'm sure you've heard about people who make prom dresses out of duct tape. This guy made a little black evening dress and purse for his wife out of Legos. He used 12,000 pieces, black of course, to make a two-piece Lego dress. This was part of a Lego convention-mostly for adults, appropriately titled Bricks (Bricks LA, Bricks by the Bay, Brick Fair). His wife said the dress was reasonably comfortable and that most, not all guys, would ask before touching the dress. The green thing is a Mine

Craft character.



And lastly, by not leastly, Easter is this Sunday. Which means Peeps are back in the stores and they are not just for eating. Get your Peeps on this weekend and make a diorama out of them. Guaranteed to last for 3,000 years-the sugar in the Peeps will outlive a nuclear blast, I'm sure.



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!!

From Henry Glass: Pet Rescue



From Alexander Henry--next round of Ghostlies!



March Classes and Special Events

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

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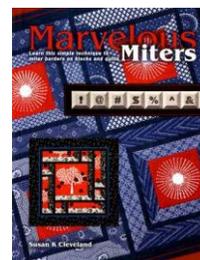
LOTP: Flying Geese Sat. Mar 26, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

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 Mitters book because her method is the best & most accurate that I've ever used for attic window construction.



April Classes and Special Events

Block of the Month Sat. April 2 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.

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.

English Paper Piecing 1st & 3rd Mondays ongoing

SHOP HOP AT THE RANCH APRIL 8 & 9 9-5

Knit Pickers' Club Thur. April 14, 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. April 9, 10-noon FREE Kathy Sconce

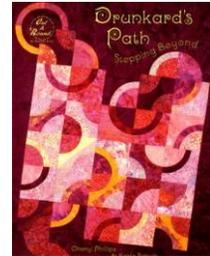
(Club normally meets the 2nd Sat. of each month from 10-noon)

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. April 9 1-3 Kathy Sconce ongoing.

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: Machine Applied Binding Sun. April 17 \$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 Weds. April 20, 27, May 4, 11 6-9 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. April 23, 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: Pillow Case Party Sun. April 24 1-4 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!

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S.O.S. Quilts Cascading Strips 5th Sat. of the month, April 30, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

Save Our Scraps! Quilts! On the 5th 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.

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

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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 Embroidery Club 10-noon Lace Houses 1-3
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!