

# Fort Collins Senior Center Silent Auction

Fabric, handmade gifts, quilts, sewing machines DID I MENTION SEWING MACHINES? and other fun things.

Quilting demos 7:30-8:30

Monday, November 14, 6-8 (Auction)

1200 Raintree Drive, Ft. Collins

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**November 11, 2016**

There's something wrong about a man cutting in line, right in front of me, in order to stand next to his wife while waiting for an open election booth. His wife went first to vote and I wondered what would happen if he didn't get a booth right next to her, but fortune smiled on him: The next booth that opened up was right next to his wife. I felt deprived from the drama I expected. I mean, face it, there's just not that much excitement while you stand in line waiting to vote.

Becca got bored with watching the election results on Tuesday. She filled me in when I got home from choir rehearsal. I actually didn't know she knew how to turn on the television, but it probably explains why, when I turn on the tv, the channel that pops up is not the one I was watching the previous evening.

Which also explains why Becca was so upset when I got home. Once she figured out that the guy with the strange hair was winning, she started channel surfing, something else I didn't know she could do, and on the dog channel - not a clue, Becca's words, not mine - she discovered pot.

She told me about this dog that competes in dog shows who got stoned on pot and she wanted to know where she could get some. Not for her, of course. She wanted to give it to Cassidy to mellow her out. She actually said, to keep her from bouncing up & down all day, but I knew what she meant. Cassidy is an Australian Shepherd without a mean bone in her body. Becca, on the other hand, is a mini Australian Shepherd who is very devious.

Upon further questioning, I learned that pet owners are having problems with their pets, from dogs to pigs, snatching the pot off kitchen counters. The warning labels are lost on the pets, who usually can't read and who ingest the whole pan of brownies

because, well it's chocolate and smells good. I had a toy poodle who one Christmas opened the wrapped bag of Snickers mini candy bars that mom had put under the tree as a Christmas gift. Mom did things like that. If she bought socks as gifts, each sock was wrapped individually. No kidding. I'm almost surprised that she didn't wrap each individual candy bar. And because we had the tradition that each person opened a gift while everyone watched, ooed and awed, Christmas lasted forever. We had to take a snack break just to keep going. It was wonderful.

Anyway, mom wrapped a package of mini Snickers bars, and Topaz, the poodle, ate through the Christmas wrapping, the plastic bag and half the chocolates, paper and all. If it had been pot brownies, she'd be dead. Instead, she just got fatter. And I know chocolate is toxic to dogs, but apparently not Topaz.

But these days in states like Oregon and Colorado, and by extension every state in the union because people who visit the legalized states take stuff home, people aren't the only things getting high off pot. And it's mostly accidental ingestion. Vets are seeing a dramatic rise in stoned pets. One vet said that dogs are like Hoover vacuum cleaners, scarfing up tasty smelling goodies from brownies to muffins to cookies to gummie bears to loose leaf. The Pet Poison Helpline in Minnesota has seen a 330 percent rise pet pot, or is it pot pet, related incidents in the last 5 years. And it's not just pot and dogs. Vets have also cited examples of chihuahuas lapping up bong water, cats being exposed to vaping, and even rabbits, ferrets and birds getting accidentally stoned.

A clinic in Oregon saw a 63 percent increase pets & pot toxicity cases even though the number of owners/client base only grew by 7 percent. Pigs eating peanut butter cookies, poodles hospitalized for 2 days after eating pot butter because its owner didn't realize the dog was suffering because he was blitzed out of his mind, too, and a three-pound Chihuahua mix who ate most of a pot brownie and couldn't walk 12 hours later or jump on the bed 4 days later. He kept missing and running into the bed instead.

I told Becca I was not venturing into Colorado to buy pot for her. She'd be like the Chihuahua who just ran into the bed instead of jumping on top. Becca reminded me the pot was for Cassidy and she didn't care if Cassidy ran into the bed. She actually smirked a little when she said that--she lifts one side of her upper lip which causes her ears to go cocky. In other words, she looks funny. But I didn't tell her that.

Instead, I told her she'd been watching too much election coverage and in our house, we're nice to each other.

"Even the cat?"

"Her name is Lydia, and, yes, even the cat."

"Okay. Time for treats? Cassidy can even have one, even if it's not pot."

"Time for treats."

Becca smirked. She knows that if she's quick enough she can steal the crumbs from Cassidy.

# WHAT'S NEW!!

From Moda:



From Camelot--Star Wars & Star Trek:



Villains:



Frozen:



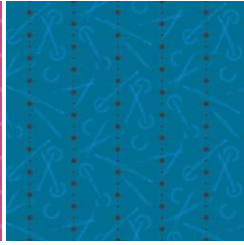
Alexander Henry:



(Beauty & Brains--Zombie)



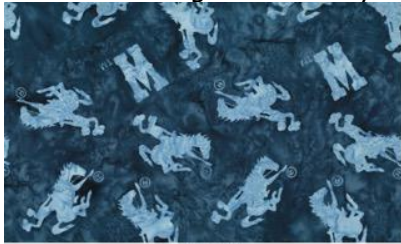
Andover:



(also in white)



From Hoffman: This Bucking Horse & Rider is only available this year. It will not be reprinted. I have 30 yards of navy, 30 yards of the pink & chocolate, 30 yards of the dark brown & gold and 45 yards of brown & light tan.



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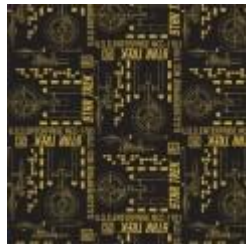


STYLE# P2992-#10 CAPPUCCINO



STYLE# P2992-#555 BISON

From Camelot Cottons:



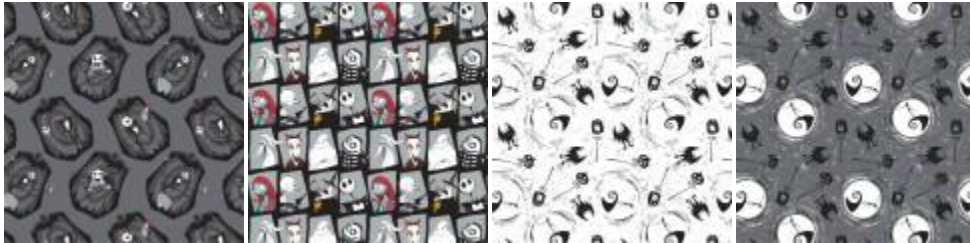
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Nightmare Before



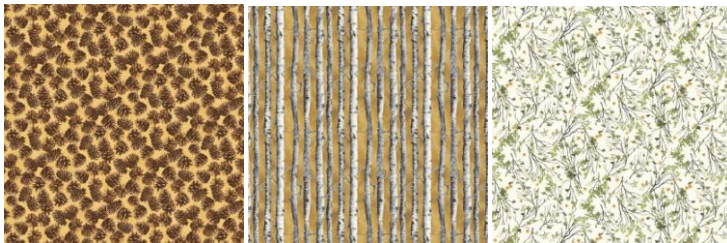
Christmas



From Moda:



From Andover:  
North Woods

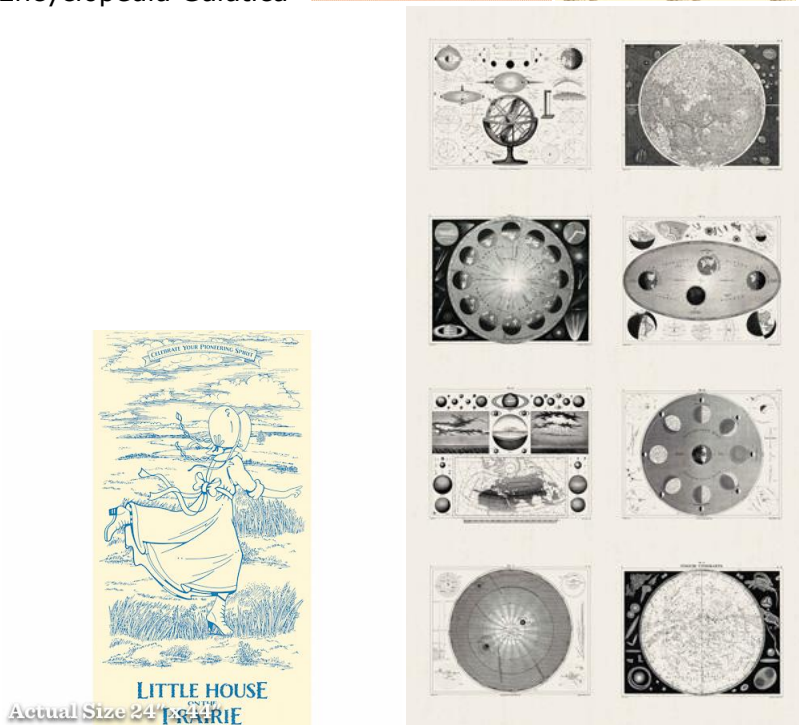


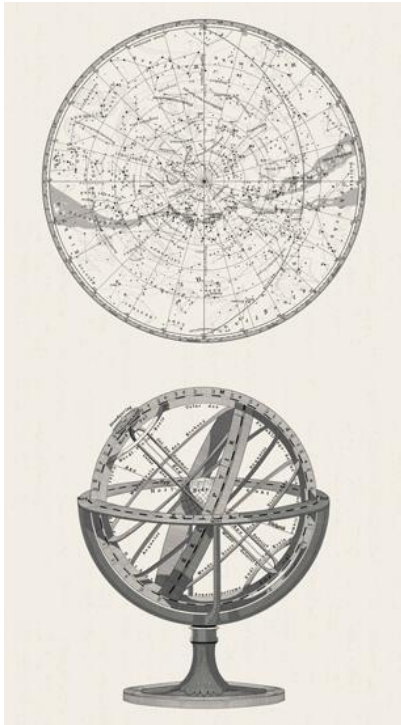


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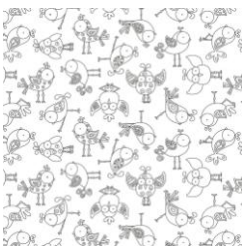
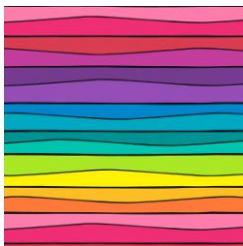
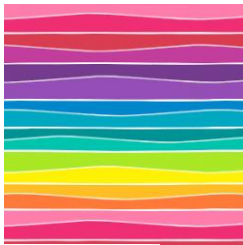
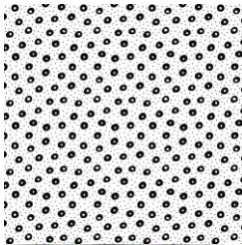
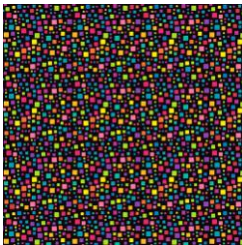
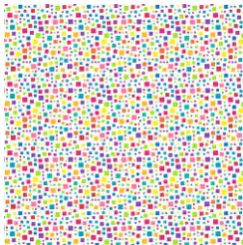


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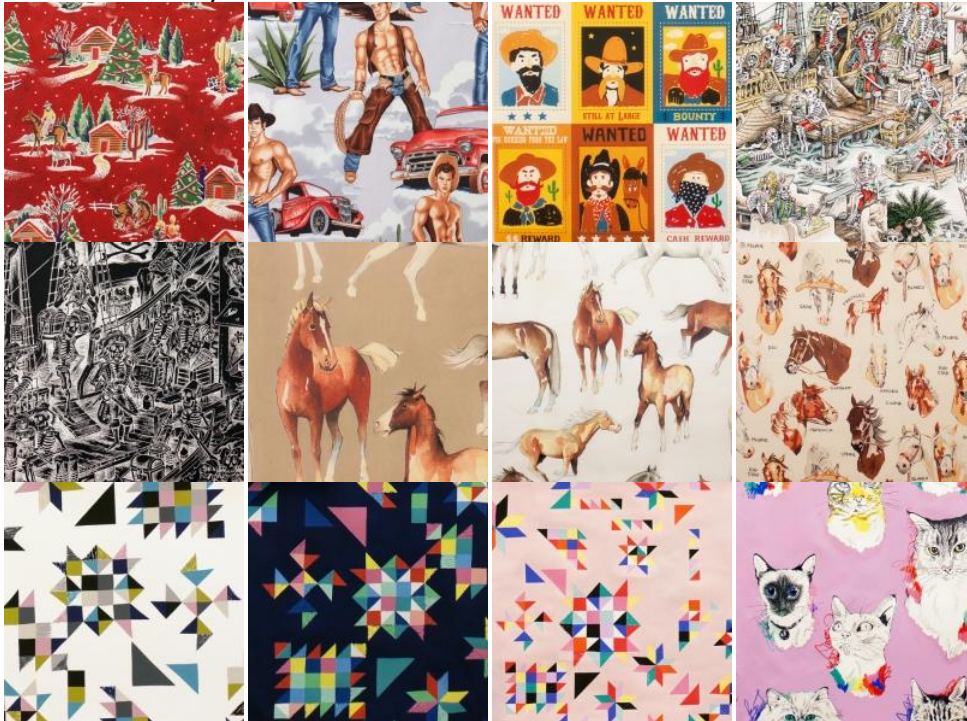


Sweet Treats:





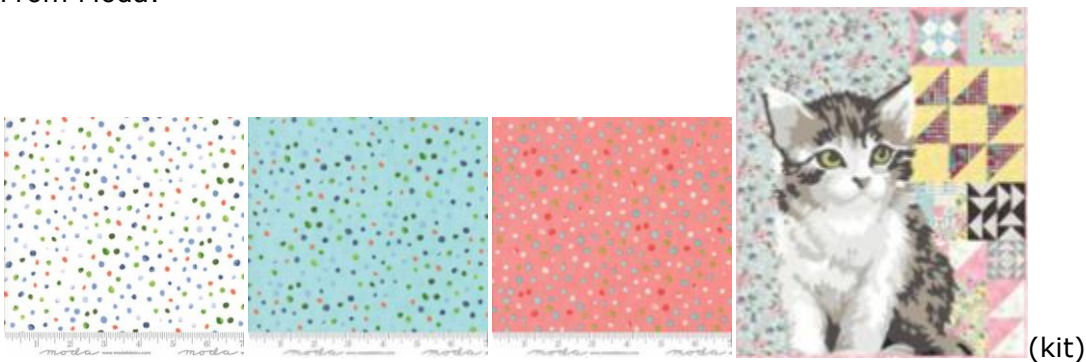
Alexander Henry:







From Moda:



(kit)

## November Classes and Special Events

**Misty Pond-paper piecing class** Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 1 1-4 or 6-9  
\$25 Sue Frerich

Misty Pond is one of Judy Niemeyer's patterns. You can choose this pattern or any of the other Judy Niemeyer's patterns. Sue will help get you started-reading the pattern, choosing your fabrics and getting your fabric organized (trust me, if you have not done one of her patterns, having a guide to get you started is the best plan). She will also teach you how to paper piece, and put the quilt together. We will schedule extra classes, as necessary, to help keep you going and to help you with put all the pieces together.



**English Paper Piecing** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 2-4 ongoing Barb Boyer \$20

**Hand Embroidery Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month, 10-noon FREE (but see below) Kathy Sconce

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

Starting this fall we are doing barns. If you want to participate, there will be a COST. The patterns is \$20 + \$12 for printing. Each month, I will print the barn on Transfer Ez for you. Bring your fabric and supplies (floss, hoop, scissors, etc), and we will sit & stitch on the blocks during class. Fabric requirements will be provided in the first class.

**ABCs of Binding** Sat. Nov 12, 2-3 \$20 Jo Sunderman

Learn the ins and outs of selecting binding, cutting binding and applying binding. It's easier than you think. If you have a project you are working on, be sure to bring it to class for some hands on advice.

**Beginning Machine Quilting** Wed. Nov 16, 1-4 or 6-9 \$25 Sue Frerich

Be prepared to quilt! You will practice your quilting skills on various samples, using both your walking foot and darning foot. Batting, threads, needles and patterns will be discussed. Who knows? By the time you leave you may even be able to write/quilt your name!

**Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler Quilt** ongoing Nov. 19 & 26 10-12 \$20

**Christmas Row Quilt** 3rd Sat of the month, 1-4 ongoing

**Wild Orchid Raven Quilt** last Friday of the month ongoing, 2-4 \$20

This block of the month will feature a different raven block, from the Raven book by Blackbird Designs. You can hand applique the blocks, but class will show you how to trace the pieces, fuse them in place and applique around by machine. We have 1 kit left of the original fabrics, but you can choose your own fabrics from your stash.

**Friday Nighters, last Friday of the month** 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.

**Snowflake Flannel** Sat. Nov 26, 1-6 \$20 Barb Boyer

This cute quilt uses a free panel and flannel. Class will focus on learning how to cut the panel & keep it from stretching, and learning how to sew with flannel. This is a quick quilt and you will get most of it done in class - meaning you will have a cozy quilt to wrap up in just in time for Christmas.

**Pillow Case Party** Sun. Nov 27 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!

**Beginning Machine Applique** Wed. Nov 30, 1-4 OR 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.

# November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2 Beginning Quilt 6-9</b>	<b>3 Misty Pond (paper piecing project) 1-4 or 6-9</b>	<b>4 Open Sew1-4</b>	<b>5 BOM 10:30-11:30 Ornament Club 2-4 Monthly Minis 4-6</b>
<b>6</b> CLOSED	<b>7</b> English Paper Piecing 2-4	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	<b>11 BJ Designs 10:30-5</b>  Veterans Day	<b>12 Embroidery Club 10-noon</b>  ABC's of Binding 2-3
<b>13</b> Beginning Quilt 1-4	<b>14 Full Moon</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> BeginningMachine Quilting 1-4 or 6-9	<b>17 Misty Pond (paper piecing project) 1-4 or 6-9</b>	<b>18 Open Sew1-4</b>	<b>19 Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler 10-12 Christmas Row Quilt 1-4</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> English Paper Piecing 2-4	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Thanksgiving Day	<b>25 Wild Orchid Raven Quilt 2-4</b>  Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	<b>26 Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler 10-12 Snowflake Flannel Quilt 1-6</b>
<b>27</b> Pillow Case Party 1-4	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> BeginningMachine Applique 1-4 or 6-9	<b>Color of the month: flannel</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: Sept. 16; Oct. 16; Nov. 14; Dec. 14.

**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**

September orange; October green; November flannel; December Christmas.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

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