

# 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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**October 28, 2016**

It's been a week for rude encounters-I hope I haven't been rude to anyone, and if I have I apologize. But because this week has been strange I think rudeness might just be in the air and goes unnoticed by the ruder (as opposed to the rudee).

It started on Saturday, probably early Saturday morning. I woke up at 3 to watch the Halley's Comet meteor showers. But the moon was up, too, so I decided not to crawl out of bed. It's hard to see streaks of light when the moon is bright enough to read by.

But when I did finally crawl out of bed 4 or so hours later, I started sneezing. And I sneezed all day. I finally went to Walgreens after the shop closed, hoping to get Sudafed. But the pharmacy was closed and you can't get Sudafed over the counter. You can't even get it through the drive up window, although you can get Vicodin at the drive up window. I know these things because I have fake knees.

Anyway, I had to settle for something else.

The point of all of this: I think Saturday morning, during the meteor shower I couldn't see, aliens descended spreading alien spores everywhere. By Sunday, my sneezing had stopped. I don't know what the gestation period is for alien spores, but look for strange plants growing come spring. I'm just saying.

But that wasn't the rude behaviors, although perhaps the aliens are responsible for the odd behaviors this week. Or maybe it's just Halloween. And I have been watching Halloween movies, which could explain all sorts of things.

Anyway, the first three rude encounters involved white trucks. I know that you all are aware that only white trucks are allowed on Wyoming interstates? Check it out next time you're out & about. It's kinda like the letter Q that is on almost all Colorado license plates. Actually because white trucks are probably cheaper, there are more of them, but it's still kinda weird if you start counting trucks and most are white. I have no explanation for the Q in the Colorado license plates. Blame it on the aliens.

Anyway, my first white truck encounter this week was not on the interstate, but on Yellowstone. After sitting quietly at the stop light, when the light turned green, the white truck next to me roared off very loudly in a puff of smelly smoke. Then at Albertson's, someone who was teaching a class in the store had left his white beat up, smelly, truck running in the parking lot. I felt obliged to leave him a nice note. On the way back to the shop, another white pick up truck came roaring by.

Then, later in the week I got cussed out (which is a polite way of describing what he said) by a city road worker. It wasn't just me, I should be clear. Downtown is renovating its streets and work is currently being done on 19th. But the road block wasn't across the entire street-only half of it. So I followed another car into the construction zone. When my tires left the pavement and dropped about 2 inches I began to wonder whether the driver ahead of me knew what he was doing. That's when I saw the Colorado license plate. With a Q in the plate number, of course. And then one of the workers started yelling obscenities at us. I won't repeat what he said. But I did tell the mayor, in an email. I figured he needed to know what his staff was saying. The mayor hasn't emailed me back.

This week, I have also encountered loud cars (instead of trucks); really really long backed up drive through lines at the fast food places; lots of companies calling, unsolicited, offering health insurance; loose horses roaming my road after dark; and a nice young man trying to sell me office products and persisting even after I said no.

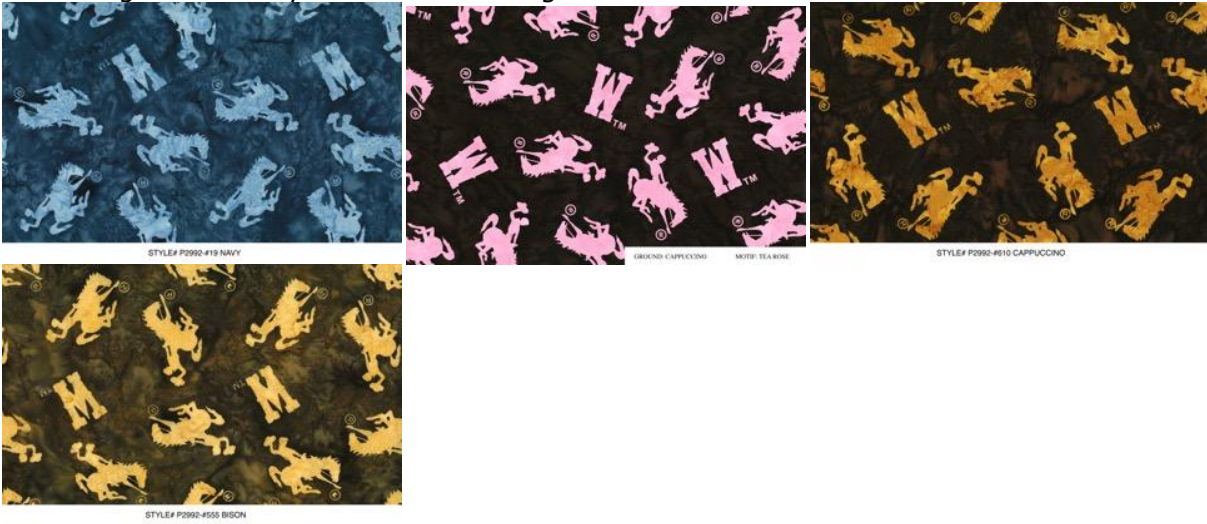
So I'm blaming all of this on the meteor shower which loosed alien spores amongst us. Or maybe it's all because of the elections, where almost every politician every week makes rude and crude remarks that, in days gone by, would have caused our mothers to wash our mouths with soap. And we actually endorse such behavior by voting for them, and, if this week is any indication, imitating them. And there are lots of them out there, not just Trump. But if everyone votes early, maybe the election will get over sooner and we'll all get back to normal.

But I actually think all of this odd behavior is because Halloween is just around the corner. It's either that or it's the alien spores. You all have seen Little House of Horrors, right? Audrey II, the big man eating plant.....from outer space?

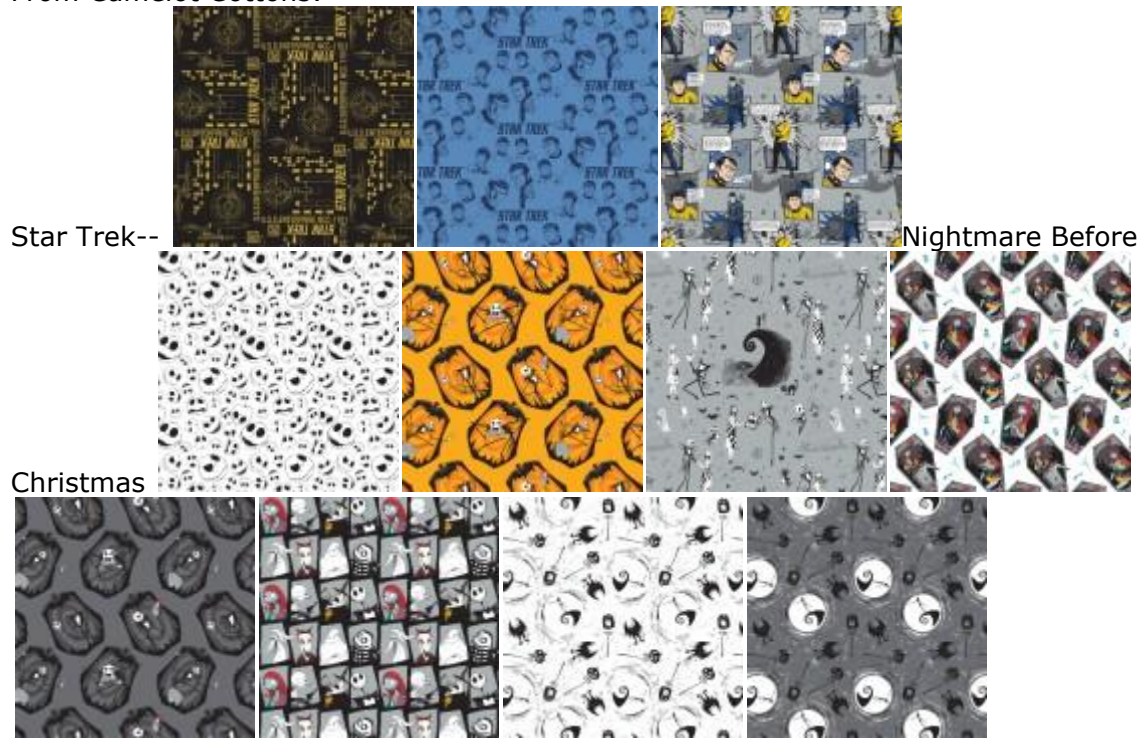
## WHAT'S NEW!!

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.



From Camelot Cottons:



From Moda:



From Andover:  
North Woods



Little House on the Prairie:

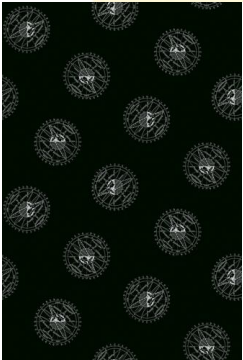
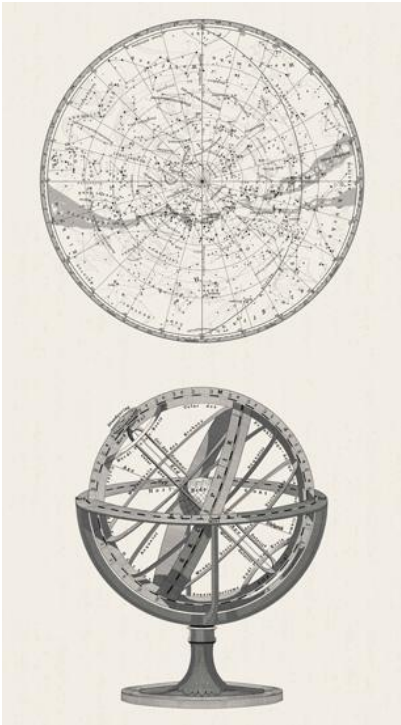
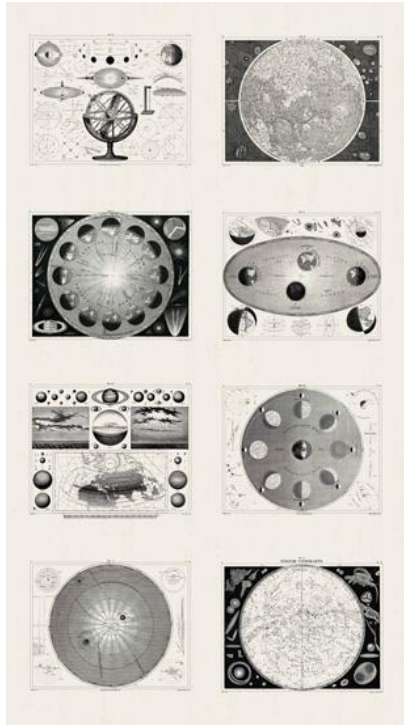


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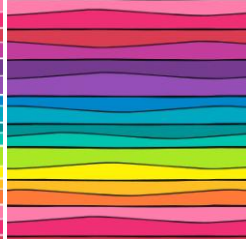
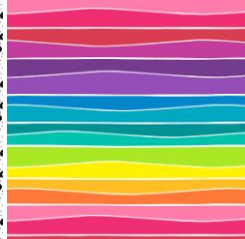
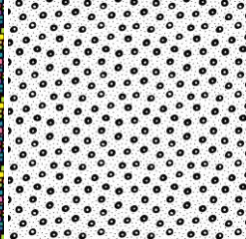
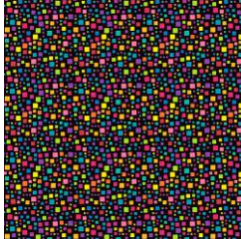
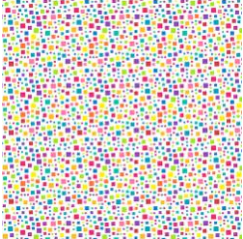




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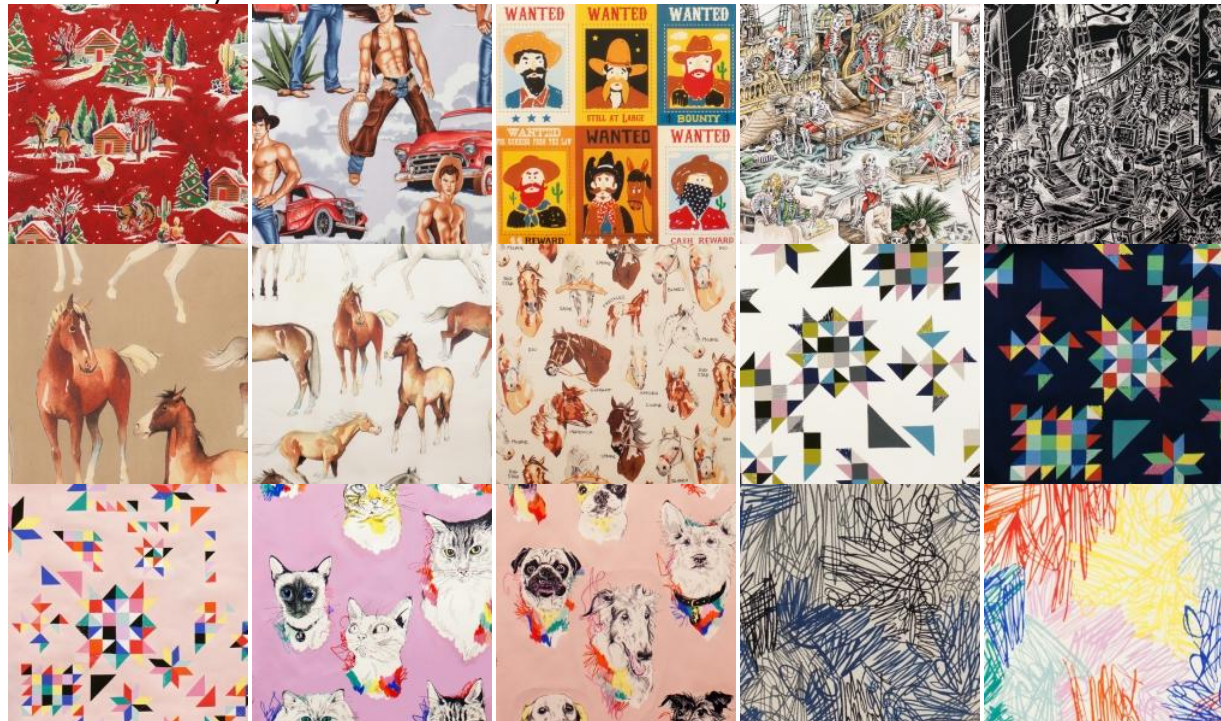


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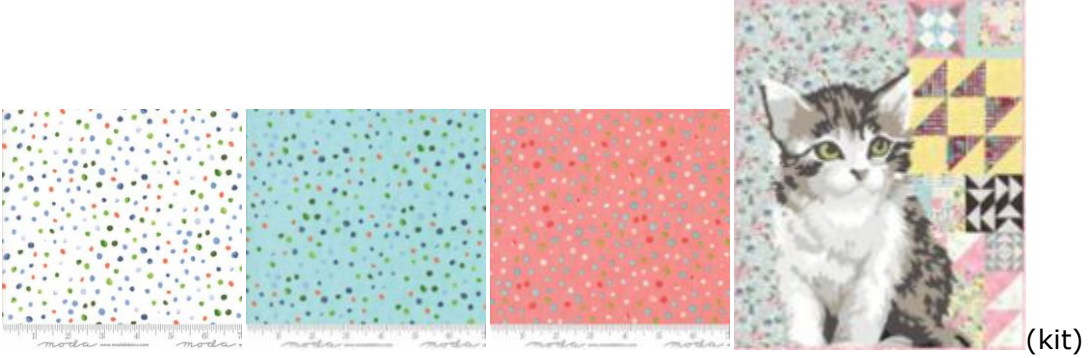
Alexander Henry:







From Moda:



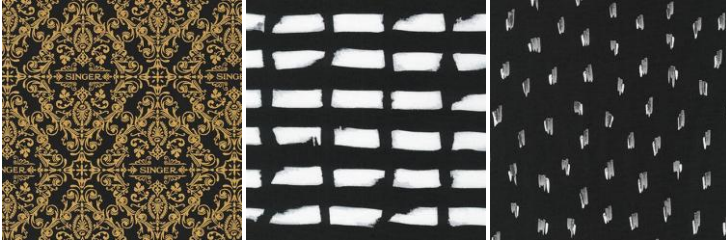
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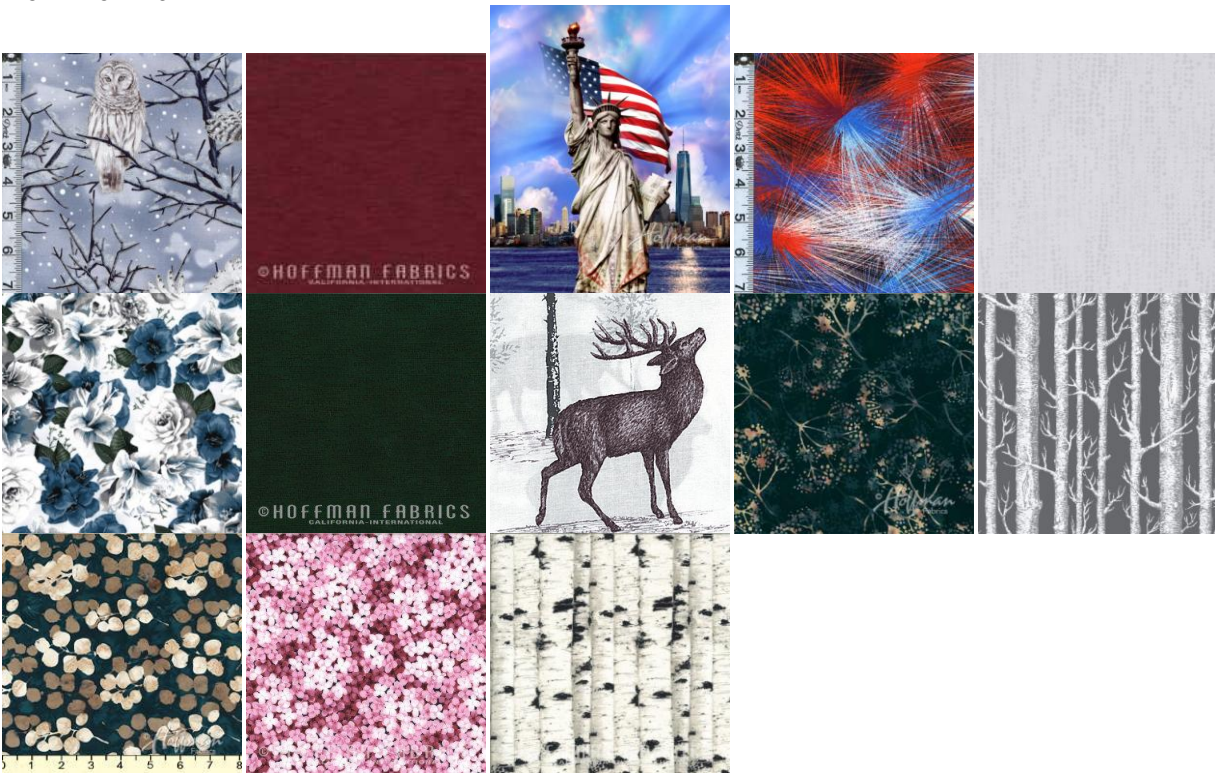
From Robert Kaufman:

These are linen/cotton/metallic/yard dyes mixes. They make great backgrounds!





From Hoffman:



## October Classes & Special Events

### **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.

### **Stack & Whack** Sat. Oct 29, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

There are some quilts that everyone needs to do—at least once. Stack & Whack is one of those quilts. You take beautiful fabric, cut it into identical pieces, and sew it back together in a kaleidoscope pattern. We will work with the 8 repeat, classic, pattern.



## **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.



### **Finish Your Quilt Sale** Nov 5, Dec 3

Bring your finished quilt top to the store, and we'll help you find the perfect back and binding. Plus, we'll give you 20% off your backing, binding and/or batting. It's time to finish your quilts!

### **Block of the Month** Sat. Nov 5 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** 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Sept-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** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 2-4 ongoing Barb Boyer \$20

### **Knit Pickers' Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thur. of the month, 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.

**BJ Designs: Morley Moose & Friends** Fri Nov 11, 10:30-5 \$20

This is a 1) fusible 2) machine appliqued and 3) a pieced wall hanging. These make great gifts and are fun to put together. You can choose any of the patterns you want (bear, moose, reindeer, lobo, bison, horse and others) and you can use your own fabrics or buy one of our kits. The kits are good sellers and we have a hard time keeping them in stock.

**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

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**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.

# October 2016

| Sunday                                     | Monday                                    | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                   | Saturday  |
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|  |   |           |  |   |                          | <b>1</b> BOM<br>10:30-11:30<br>Ornament<br>Club 2-4<br>Monthly Minis<br>4-6                     |
| <b>2</b> Beginning<br>Quilt 1-4            | <b>3</b> English<br>Paper Piecing<br>2-4  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b> Beginning Quilt 6-9                         | <b>6 Who Are You?</b><br>(Southwind Designs)<br>1-4 or 6-9  | <b>7</b> Open<br>Sew1-4  | <b>8</b> Embroidery<br>Club 10-noon<br>Christmas<br>Wreath 1-4                                  |
| <b>9</b><br>CONCERT                        | <b>10</b><br>Columbus<br>Day              | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> Beginning<br>Quilt 6-9                     | <b>13</b> Knit<br>Pickers' Club 6-8:30                      | <b>14</b>                | <b>15</b><br>Eleanor<br>Burns El's<br>Garden<br>Sampler 10-12<br>Christmas<br>Row Quilt 1-4     |
| <b>16 Full Moon</b><br>Beginning Quilt 1-4 | <b>17</b> English<br>Paper Piecing<br>2-4 | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> Back Basting<br>1-3<br>Beginning Quilt 6-9 | <b>20 Who Are You?</b><br>(Southwind Designs)<br>1-4 or 6-9 | <b>21</b> Open<br>Sew1-4 | <b>22</b><br>Eleanor<br>Burns El's<br>Garden<br>Sampler 10-12<br>Modern<br>Vintage Quilt<br>1-6 |



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| <b>23</b><br>Beginning<br>Quilt 1-4 | <b>24</b>                  | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b> Hand<br>Quilting 1-3<br><br>Beginning Quilt 6-9 | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> Wild<br>Orchid<br>Raven<br>Quilt 2-4<br><br>Friday<br>Nighters<br>5:30 -? | <b>29</b> Stack &<br>Whack<br>10:30-5 |
| <b>30</b><br>Beginning<br>Quilt 1-4 | <b>31</b><br><br>Halloween | <b>Color of<br/>         the<br/>         month:<br/>         green</b> |   |           |   |                                       |

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| <b>6</b><br>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</b> BJ Designs 10:30-5<br><br>Veterans Day                     | <b>12</b> Embroidery Club 10-noon<br><br>ABC's of Binding 2-3                    |
| <b>13</b> Beginning Quilt 1-4   | <b>14</b> Full Moon                 | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> Beginning Machine Quilting 1-4 or 6-9 | <b>17</b> Misty Pond (paper piecing project) 1-4 or 6-9 | <b>18</b> Open Sew1-4  | <b>19</b> Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler 10-12<br>Christmas Row Quilt 1-4     |
| <b>20</b>                       | <b>21</b> English Paper Piecing 2-4 | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b>                                       | <b>24</b><br><br>Thanksgiving Day                       | <b>25</b> Wild Orchid Raven Quilt 2-4<br><br>Friday Nighters 5:30 -? | <b>26</b> Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler 10-12<br>Snowflake Flannel Quilt 1-6 |
| <b>27</b> Pillow Case Party 1-4 | <b>28</b>                           | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b> Beginning Machine 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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