



Around the **Block**
QUILT SHOP

September 30, 2016

For all of the newcomers to my newsletter, I write a short story about, well, nothings. I poke fun at NASA sometimes, I carry on conversations with my mini Australian Shepherd Becca, and I write about things I read in the news or see on tv or around town. For example....

So I saw this old woman crossing Yellowstone (4-lane road) with her walker. And I wondered, Where is she going? She hadn't crossed at any cross walk. She just decided to motor across the street regardless. I figured she knew where she was headed and she didn't want to take any extra steps-like head down to the cross walk about a half a block away.

I drove to the bank, then McD's (both on Yellowstone) and headed back to the shop. And there she was. Determinately walking down Yellowstone, in the bike lane, not on the convenient sidewalk. And I wondered, Where did she escape from? I originally figured she, just like the proverbial chicken, needed to get to the other side of the road, but no. For some reason she had not only crossed in the middle of the street, but then she'd headed down the street. Now, I'm not being unkind, but I don't think she was all there, if you get my drift. And I think she forgot to put her teeth in.

Don't worry. I did my duty and called 911. The call went a little like this:

"There is this old woman using a walker going down..."

"Yellowstone?"

"Yeah! You know about this!?"

So someone else had called it in, too.

I sincerely hope that someone calls 911 for me, when I start wandering down streets with my walker and without my teeth. My niece and one of her friends have this plan that when they get old, they will live together at the same home & sit in the rocking chairs on the porch and talk nonsense. Actually, they'll probably be drinking wine and sniggering at all of the other old people in the home. BTW, I love that line from My Fair Lady, "What are you sniggering at?" Anyway....

It's tough getting older. This week has been a classic example in that. It actually started last week when Jean & I built a block together. It was supposed to be 16 1/2" square. Instead, it was 16 1/4" in some places, 16 1/2" inches in another and 16" across the middle. And we asked ourselves, "How long have we been quilting?" The block is quite unusable and the biggest problem is there are 44 half square triangles blocks that have to be remade.

And then yesterday came along. Jean's been working on a strip quilt and had just finished sewing the top together. But something just wasn't right. After she ripped it out-she just couldn't stand it--, she remeasured & discovered the mistake: She'd cut

the sashings 1/2" too short. She's now fixing it.

Not to be outdone, I sewed half square triangles on upside down, not once, not twice but at least 3 times on one of the Block of the Month blocks. Then I sewed a corner in backward and had to rip that out--actually it wasn't until today that I discovered that block still isn't right & will need more ripping. Then I built a block using a new ruler and didn't have enough sense to read the pattern right, so I got the colors in the wrong place. So I wound up sewing a pansy flower block, instead of a star. But I did write back to the company with a couple of suggestions as to how they could make the pattern instructions just a little more clear. I was polite, don't worry.

And then we had a sweet older woman come into the shop who needed help finishing some quilts. Her work was wonderful, but she was now quite lost about what to do next. We did our best, but I'm not sure she will ever finish her tops. And that put a damper on the rest of the afternoon. Jean & I lamented the "getting older" syndrome, while we both were diligently unstitching blocks that we had screwed up.

So as Jean was leaving for home, I told her I was not going to do anything more taxing for the rest of the afternoon except trace a carousel animal (for embroidery) onto fabric, using the light box. What could go wrong?

I finished tracing, lifted the fabric off the light box & discovered I had traced the pattern on the wrong side of the fabric.

WHAT'S NEW!!

From Hoffman:



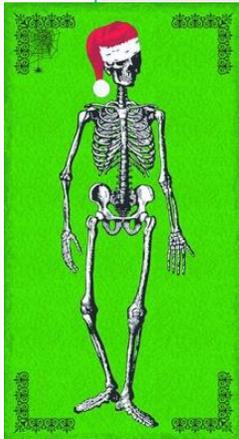


Some notions came in: Towels (feed sack style), sew in magnets (for the Wrapsody purse), 45 degree replacement blades, chalk pencils.

From Troy: We got 26? (give or take) falling leaves flannels--all the same print, all different colors from red through indigo, with black/gray and gray. Very pretty. Here is a sampling:



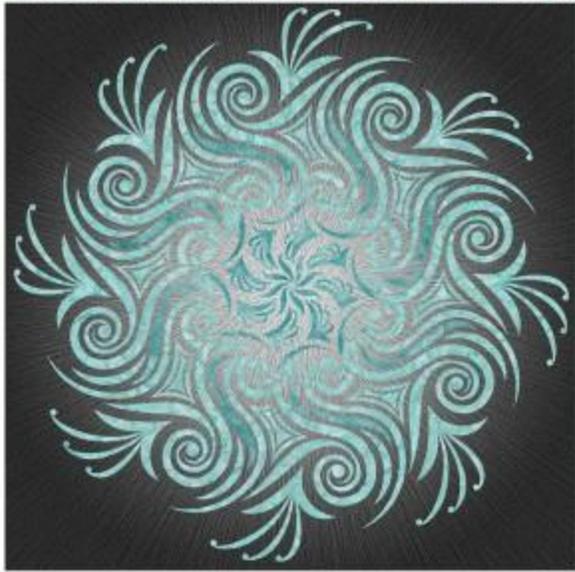
From Andover:



There are also present in the Advent Christmas line that I couldn't get to load.

From Hoffman--new digitals:

Hoffman Sew into it!



A master project anyone can create Finished Size: 43" x 43"

Supernova Spiral

designed by

Jeanie Sumrall-Ajero

Featuring Hoffman Spectrum Digital Supernova Panel
SNSPIRAL 536-Aquarius

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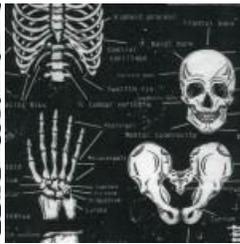
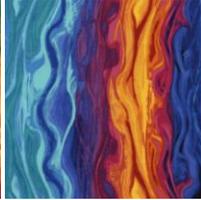
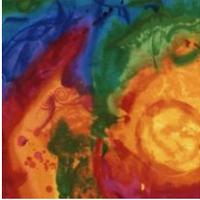
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From Timeless:



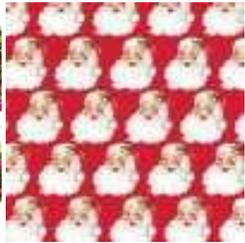
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glow in the dark!

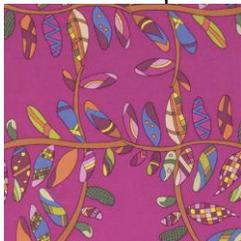
From Moda:



From Anna Griffin

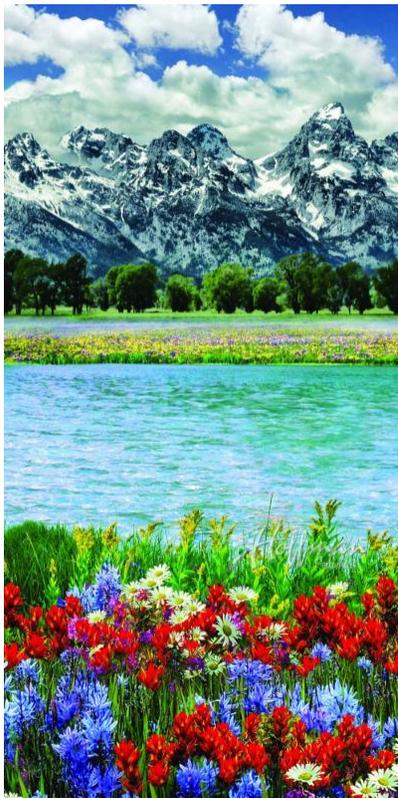


From Free Spirit:





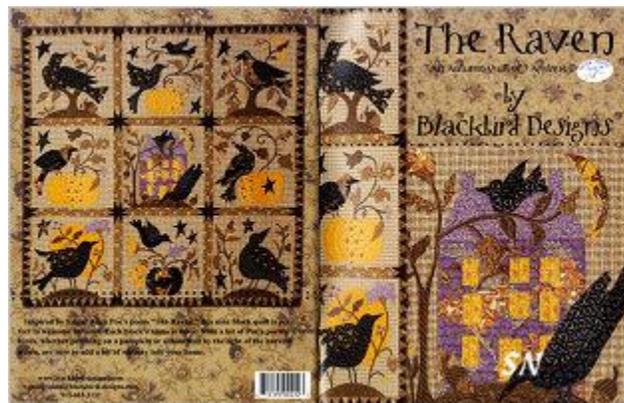
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October Classes & Special Events

Finish Your Quilt Sale Oct 1, 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. Oct 1 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, 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 1st & 3rd Mondays 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20

English paper piecing dates back to the early 1800s. It is a hand sewing method that uses paper templates to help sew complex angles together, like hexagons. Any number of different designs can be made, including Grandmother's Flower Garden. Several patterns will be available, including traditional Flower Garden and the Downton Abbey free pattern.

Who Are You? Thur. Oct 6 & 20, 1-4 or 6-9 Sue Frerich \$25

This cute pattern features owls, done in the Southwind Designs fashion-like cathedral windows. Once you have done a Southwind Pattern, you will want to make more-the sheep, frogs, Mexican Star. These quilts can be wall hangings, table runners or full sized quilts. Come learn the trick of turning the edges for form curves!



Hand Embroidery Club 2nd 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.

Christmas Wreath Sat. Oct. 8 1-4 Barb Boyer Free with purchase of kit

This dimensional Christmas Wreath is easy to make and is a fun table topper or a wall/door hanging. You have this wreath done in an afternoon and you'll be ready to make more for gifts.



Knit Pickers' Club 2nd Thurs. of each month, 6-8:30 Carol Moler

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.

Eleanor Burns EI's Garden Sampler Quilt ongoing Oct. 15 & 22; Nov. 19 & 26 10-12 \$20

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

Back Basting Wed. Oct. 19 1-3 Sandra Freeburg \$25

Back basting is a template free method of needle turn applique. No slippery freezer paper or chalked lines on top that never seem to get turned under quite right. This method is especially great for traveling, because your pieces will be basted onto your background -- no need for pins to get in the way. This class is great for beginners and all levels of appliquers. Don't let hand applique frustrate you. It's really easy and relaxing!

Modern Vintage Quilt Sat. Oct 22 1-6 \$20 Barb Boyer

This "vintage modern" quilt design uses a Denmark based fabric from Stof. The pieced parts are a snowball styled block, and the Stof fabrics form the large borders. Class will focus on the blocks and how to add very large borders to a quilt.

Hand Quilting Wed. Oct 26, 1-3 \$25 Sandra Freeburg

Hand quilting is an art that should not be lost. By the end of Sandra's class you will be hand quilting with confidence. Everyone has at least one special quilt that calls out for hand quilting. And there is nothing better than the feel of a hand quilted quilt. Do yourself a favor and learn this art that connects us to our past -- our mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers.

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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.



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11 Begin ning Quilt 1-4	12	13	14 Beginning Quilt 6-9	15 Camden Bag 1-4 or 6-9	16 Open Sew1-4 Full Moon	17 Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler 10-12 Christmas Row Quilt 1-4 Machine Applied Binding 4-6
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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.

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.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

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