



SHOP HOP SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES

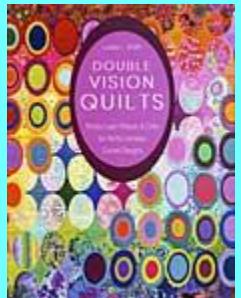
APRIL 7-8 AT THE RANCH

9-5 both days. Free Admission!

Demo Schedule:

Louisa Smith will be giving demos on her new book, Double Vision Quilts.

Demos will be at 10, 11, 1 & 2 on both Friday and Saturday. We will have books for sale and Ms. Smith will sign them for you. Ms. Smith will also have a trunk show display of her quilts that you don't want to miss.



We also have our traditional quilt show, showcasing quilts from the stores participating in Springtime in the Rockies.

And we will also have a showing of all of the tote bags entered into the contest. We will have at least 2 bags from our store in the competition. You will get to vote on your favorite bag, and the top 3 winners get prizes! (You vote blindly. You won't know who made the bag.)

And, most importantly I think, the weather will be GREAT! No rain, no fog, no snow. We should have perfect spring like temps for our Springtime in the Rockies!

Directions:

head down I-25 to the Windsor exit. Take the second right (2nd light--if you take the first light, you wind up in a parking lot for fast food places). Go a couple of miles, and you will see the Ranch on your right. There will be a big entrance on the right. Don't take the first entrance, take the second entrance, which is bigger. I know, not the best directions. If you take that first entrance, you'll just wander around a little more. Look for the First National Bank Building. That's us! And we will have signs up.



April 7, 2017

Just so you know, Lydia is still alive. Becca never followed through on her April Fools threats against the cat.

And April is still pregnant. Apparently.

And Pepsi made a worse commercial than the Raisin Bran one that featured the

daughter & dad team fishing, while Werewolves of London plays in the background and dad hauls out the carton of milk from --well, somewhere. Pepsi's commercial featured Kendall Jenner, part of the Kardashian family and a super model, or at least a model, offering a baby faced police officer a can of Pepsi. Okay, you gotta know there is more to this story/commercial, but I'm really only interested in the ending. And when he accepts, the protestors all erupt in applause. Okay, there's more to it than that and I can honestly say I don't think I've seen the whole thing because it runs 2 & 1/2 minutes and it was pulled off the air in less than 12 hours or so. Long enough for the morning news people to talk about it and the late night comedians to laugh about it. To me, the commercial was reminiscent of both the old Coke commercial from the 70s, I'd like to teach the world to sing, and videos, or maybe film, of the Kent State standoff between the hippies and the national guard. And it was a tad silly with all these beautiful young people coming together to protest something. And that's what set everyone off, because they thought Pepsi was making light of the various recent protest marches. And I get it. I understand why everyone was upset. But what I can't figure out is why no one else but me was upset by the Raisin Bran commercial. Oh well. And under the category of nit wits, we've had some fun people stop by the shop this past week. And it wasn't even the full moon yet. And the nit wit is me, not them. They were traveling through Cheyenne on the way to elsewhere and I was having a nice, albeit odd, conversation with the two older sisters. It wasn't until they left that I realized why the granddaughter (in her late 20s?) was along for the ride. She was their handler. And I hope that when my mind turns to that more child like state, my niece will step up to the plate to handle me.

And finally, under creepy alligator news, go look at the video from New Dehli that shows a mama gator and her 16 babies. I knew they laid lots of eggs, but 16 is just a little too much. Anyway, mama is taking her babies on a stroll from one pond to another. And because social media allows anyone to comment on stuff like this, we get the following:

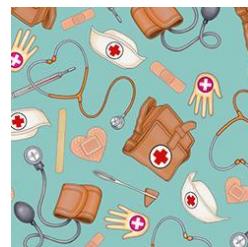
"This is way too cool! A nature lesson in the making! I love those little babies, all 16 of them! Can you imagine 16 little ones? And Mama gator is one Big Mama! Thank you for sharing!" People in Cheyenne gush like that over baby skunk pictures. Those are the same people who feed them because they are cute. I only mention this because skunk season is upon us, or I should say, upon Becca. She loves protecting the backyard and it gets her in trouble.

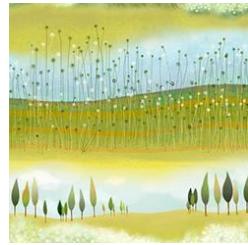
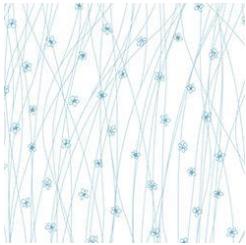
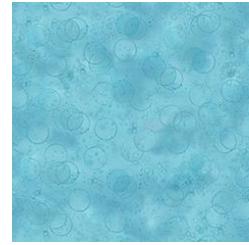
Other comments: "I haven't seen gators that close since my Grandpa would bring the boat up to them in his canal in Florida." And finally the most sensible comment: "You guys have lost your damn minds!"

Which is the perfect comment about the golfer Cody Gribble who spotted a gator near a water hazard and simply walked over and nudged him into the water. This foolishness is like Becca protecting the front yard from skunks.

WHAT'S NEW!!

New cool stuff from Red Rooster, but you've got to come to Shop Hop to see it. From Quilting Treasures:

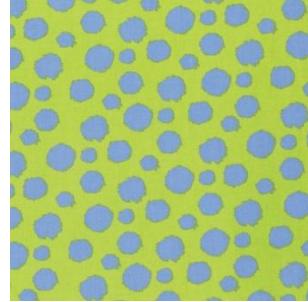


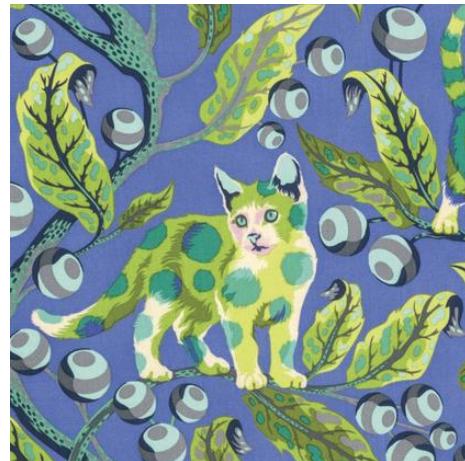
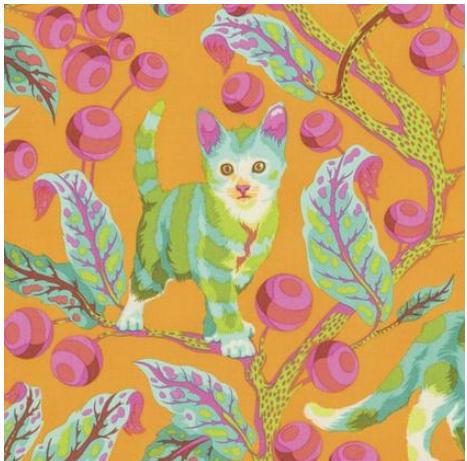


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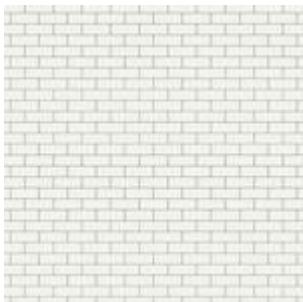


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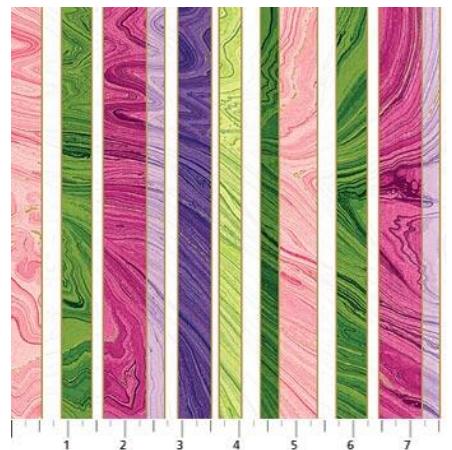
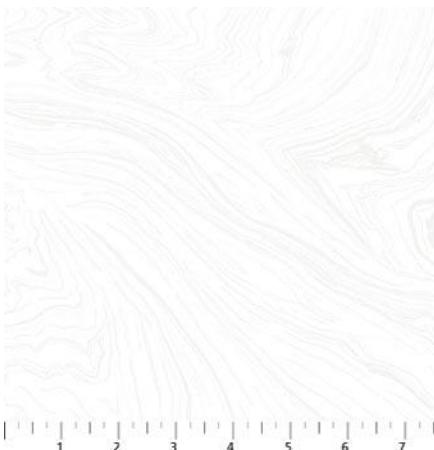


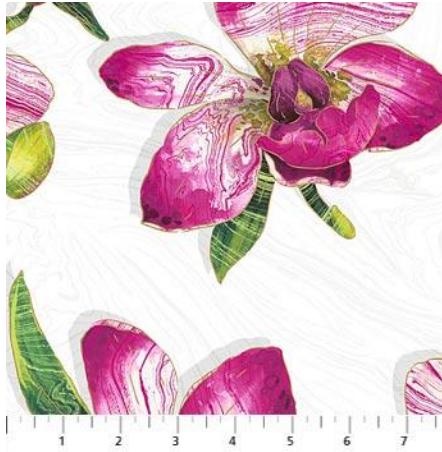
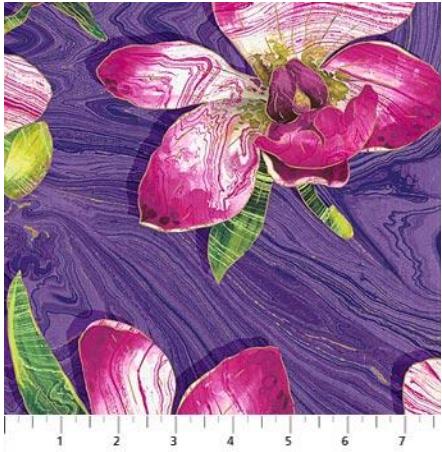


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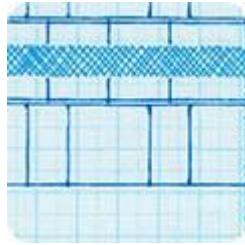
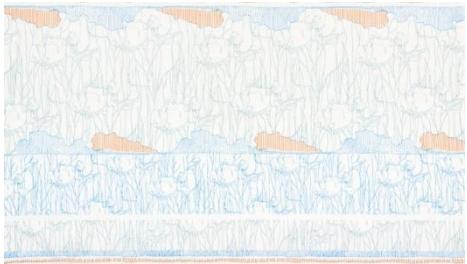
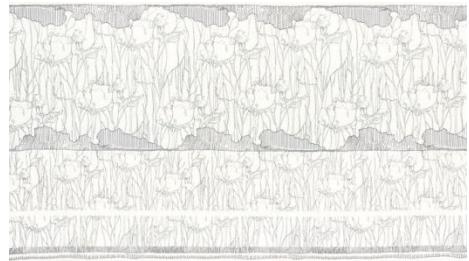
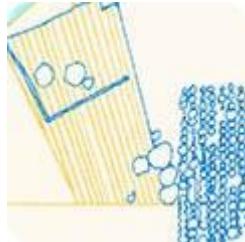


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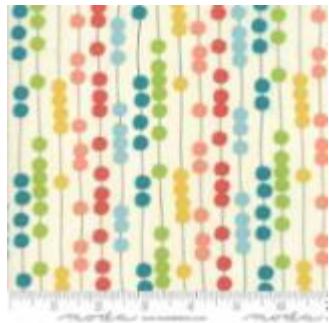
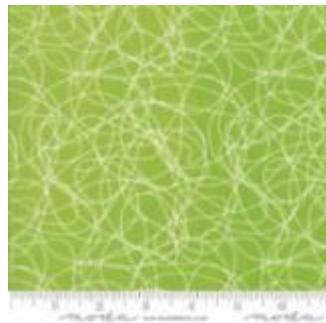
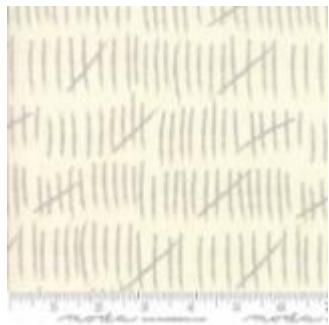
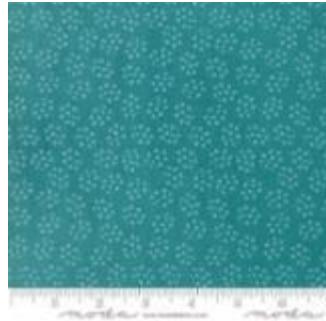


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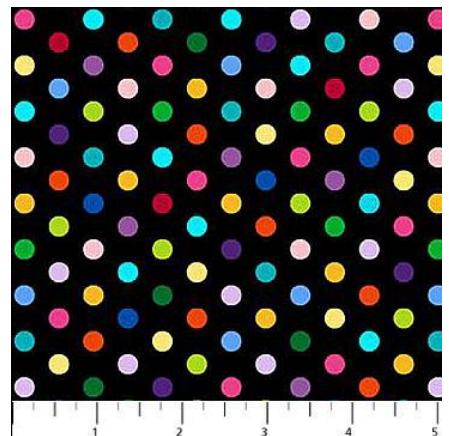
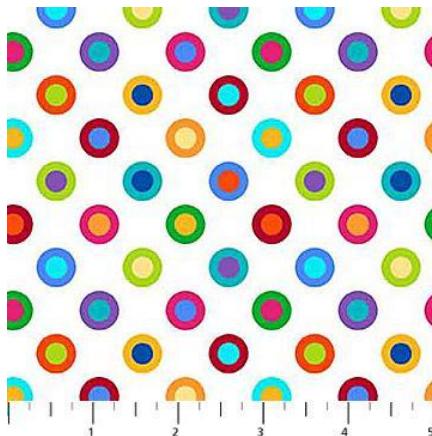
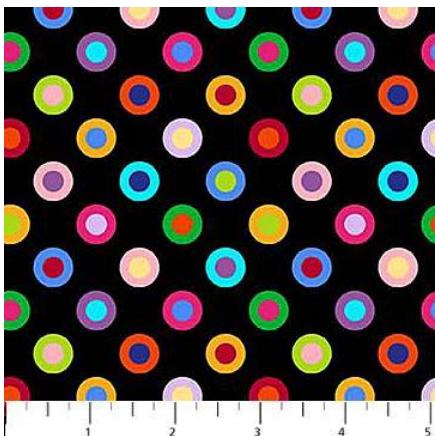


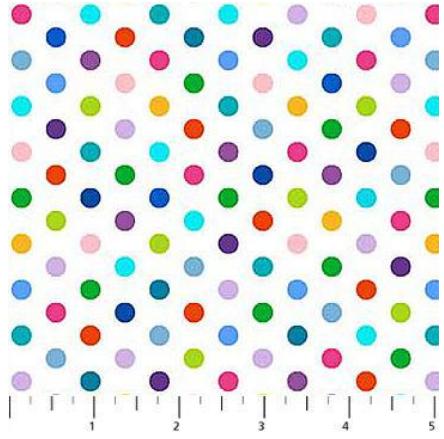
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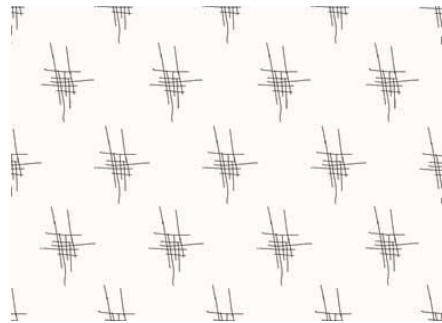
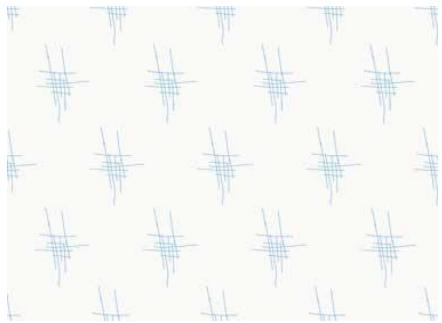
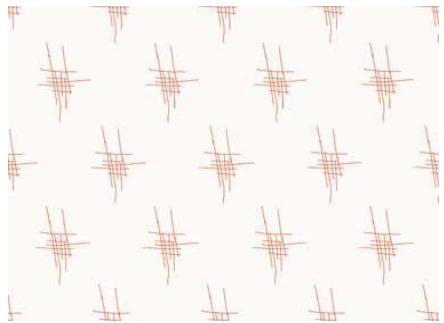


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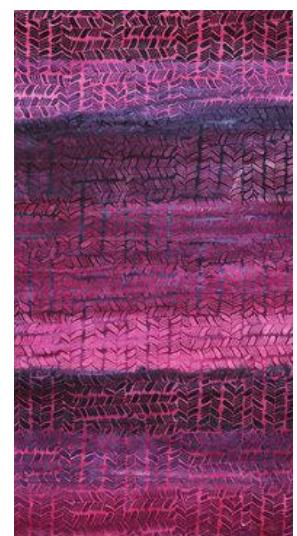
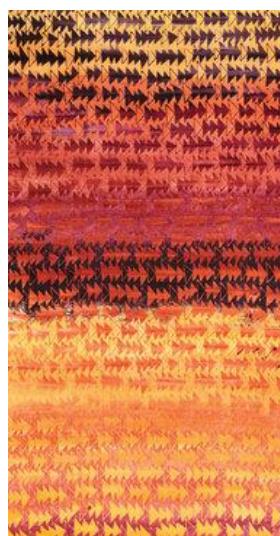


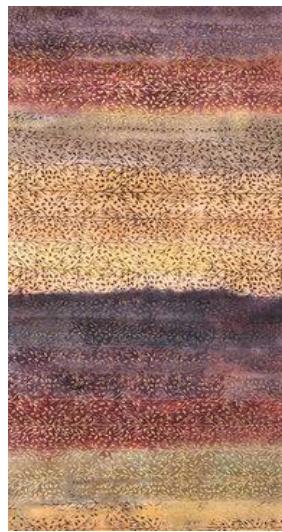


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April Classes and Special Events

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Look for info in the Newsletter on the Tote Bag
contest

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.

Level 2: Machine Quilting Wed April 12, 1-4 or 6-9 \$25 Sue Frerich

You've learned the basics, now what do you do? Join Sue as she shows you how to add fun background filler patterns, feathers, leaves, and one of a kind designs that you can create.

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd 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.

All Things Christmas! 2nd Fridays every other month. 1-4 \$20/per class Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich

We will do 6 Christmas projects this year, including a full sized quilt, a table runner, an ornament, and other fun projects. You can pick and choose which projects you would like to do or sign up for all of them and get 1 class for free! Second project will be ornaments from Happy Hollow Designs. Kits will be available, but you must sign up early (a month ahead would be helpful) so I know how many kits to get.

Back Basting Wed. April 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!

One Block Wonder Panel Quilt Thurs April 20 & May 4 & 18; OR Sat April 20, May 15 & 29.

1-4

\$25 Sue Frerich

You don't want to miss this class. The technique is called One Block Wonder and you need 7 panels for the quilt. Sue used a beautiful eagle print (keep your fingers crossed, we may be able to get 1 bolt). But we have lots of interesting panels that would make a fantastic One Block Wonder Panel Quilt. (I'm looking at the Star Wars panels....). The technique used is similar to a Stack & Whack quilt, but the difference is in how it is sewn together. This is truly a stunning quilt. You don't want to miss this class-and we're offering it twice!

Pillow Case Party Sun. April 23 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!

English Paper Piecing 4th (or last) Mondays 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20 (fee per year)

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.

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.

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	2	3 Open Sew1-4	4 BOM 10:30-11:30 Eleanor Burns: Stars Across America 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
5 CLOSED	6 Eleanor Burns: Stars Across America 1-4	7	8 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	9 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	10 All Things Halloween-Witches Night Out 1-4	11 Embroidery Club 10-noon Fat Quarter Fun 1-6
12 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Full Moon	13 Fat Quarter Fun 1-6	14	15	16	17 Open Sew1-4	18 Lone Star 10:30-4
19 Beginning Quilt 1-4	20	21	22 Beginning Machine Quilting 1-4 OR 6-9	23	24	25 Tennessee Waltz 10:30-5
26	27 English Paper Piecing 2-4	28	29 Beginning Machine Applique 1-4 OR 6-9	30	31 Wild Orchid Raven Quilt 2-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	Color of the month: Green

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9	10	11 Full Moon	12 Level 2 Machine Quilting 1-4 OR 6-9	13 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	14 All Things Christmas 1-4 <u>Good Friday</u>	15 One Block Wonder 10-5
16 CLOSED <u>Easter Sunday</u>	17	18	19 Back Basting 1-3	20 One Block Wonder 10-5	21 Open Sew1-4	22
23 Pillow Case Party 1-4	24 English Paper Piecing 2-4	25	26	27	28 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	29 One Block Wonder 10-4
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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: Jan 12, Feb 10, March 12, April 11, May 10.

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/beiges/whites.

April Fools' Answers: I don't know anything about April, the giraffe. Trump is President. The snake did swallow the guy. And while Uber is coming to Wyoming, or at least Cheyenne, it isn't planning on using self driving cars here. As for Becca, I'll know tomorrow if the cat is still around.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer
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