



Around the Block

QUILT SHOP

Spring 2017

Welcome to Spring! We are Bucket List quilts (Lone Star, Grandmother's Flower Garden, Tennessee Waltz) and Quilts from Eleanor Burns this spring (Stars Across America). We are also making fat quarter quilts, one every other month, each quilt highlighting a different technique.

Sue Freich is teaching the Camden Bag again, plus a panel One Block Wonder and Tennessee Waltz, plus a cute Halloween Quilt and a fun Fat Quarter Quilt.

National Quilt Day is in March. Barb is teaching the Lone Star quilt that day and we will be running specials on fabrics plus we'll have a few free demos.

Shop Hop is coming up--in April. The theme for this year's event is "Tote Bags." We will have a contest for the best Tote Bag, with great prizes for the winners. More details will follow.

Happy quilting!

P.S. If you see a mistake in the newsletter, please let me know. I try to proof read everything, but after awhile, my eyes just glaze over.

CLASSES

January Classes & Special Events

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ROW BY ROW Sat Jan 7, 1-5 Free, if you bring your Row By Row Westward Ho! Row for 2016. If you did not make the row, then the cost of the

HOURS

M-S 10-6

(closed at 5 on Tuesdays)

Sundays 1-5

Closed: Sun. Jan 1 & 2, Feb 2, Mar 5, April 5 & 16, May 7

DOWN THE HALL SALE

All flats marked with dot - \$5.50

Full Moons

Jan. 12

Feb 10

Mar 12

April 11

May 10

(These are the Toad Toter day sales (20% off all purchases you can stuff into your Toad Toter Bag.) Toad Toter bags are available now.)

class will be \$20 & you get a free ruler! In class you will be given a packet of fabrics to make blocks using the ruler Extra fabric packets are available so you can turn your blocks into any size quilt you want!

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Beginning Quilting Sun. starting Jan 15 1-4 OR Wed Jan 18 6-9 **8 weeks** \$65 Barb Boyer

This comprehensive 8-week course will introduce to you almost everything you need to know about piecing a way you will learn about color, batting, thread, machines and various techniques to give you the skills to quilt.

Stripped Flannel (Zigger Zag) Mon. Jan. 16, 10:30-4 \$20 Barb Boyer

It's Holiday! Perfect time to sew. The Zigger Zag pattern is done with 2 ½" strips. If you were lucky and got class. If not, bring your fabric and we can cut strips for you using the Accu Cutter.

Open sew days:

You can bring your machine or do handwork, your choice. 1-4

Jan. 6 & 20
Feb 3 & 17
Mar 3 & 17
April 21
May 5 & 19

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make almost any

a kit, bring it to

Misty Pond-ongoing Thurs. Jan 19, 1-4

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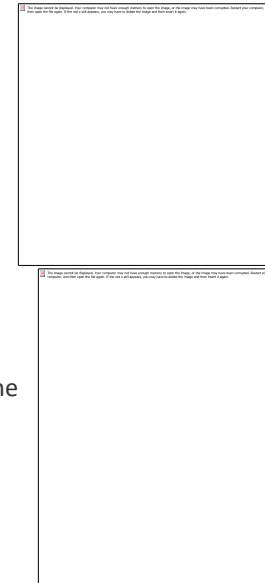
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Lone Star Sat. Jan. 28, , Feb 18, Mar 18 1:30-4 \$25 Barb Boyer

We are highlighting Bucket List Quilts this year and next. Our Bucket List quilts are those that are 1) traditional, 2) employ a unique sewing technique or skill, 4) quirky (Stack & Whack, Buggy Barn), and 3) everyone talks about wanting to make sometime in their life. Last year we did 4 Bucket List quilts: Log Cabin, Bear's Paw, Double Nine Patch, Stack & Whack and a Paper Piecing quilt (Misty Pond). This year we will make a Lone Star, a Grandmother's Flower Garden (English Paper Piecing style), Tennessee Waltz and a One Block Wonder. And that's just for Spring! The Lone Star quilt uses a Le Moyne Star construction, or Y-Seam. It is also a perfect quilt for hand quilting!

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February Classes & Special Events

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Beginning Quilting ongoing, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (6-9) OR 12, 19, 26 (1-4)

Camden Bag Thur. Feb 2, 16, (1-4) OR & Sat Feb. 11, 25 1-4 \$25 Sue Frerich

Zigzag together fabric-covered fusible-batting strips for the sides of this charming oval-bottom handmade bag. The pattern has two sizes to choose from: Large 18" wide x 16" tall x 12" deep
Small 13" wide x 9" tall x 9" deep. Sue will walk you through the steps to make this great bag!

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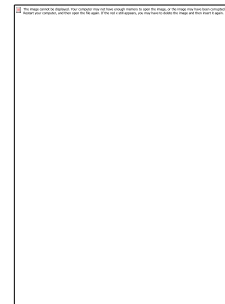
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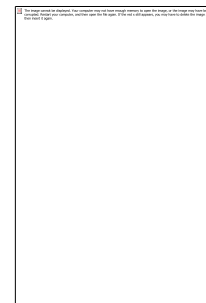
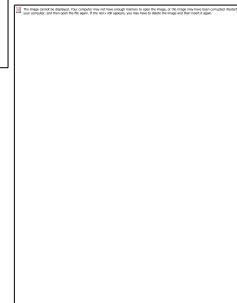
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No more sore fingers! Learn to Spoon Quilt, with a special spoon quilting tool. This tool helps you keep your stitches tiny and even without pricking your finger. Need to have basic quilting skills (rocking motion quilting).

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NATIONAL QUILT DAY

WE'LL HAVE SPECIALS AND DEMOS ALL DAY LONG

Lone Star Sat. Mar 18 1:30-4 ongoing

Beginning Machine Quilting Wed. Mar 22, 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!

Tennessee Waltz quilt Sat. Mar 25, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

This cute quilt uses 2 blocks, a snowball block and 54-40 or Fight block. The combination makes it look like you've pieced circles. The "circles" provide graceful movement throughout the quilt, just like a Tennessee Waltz. And by using a special ruler combination, the blocks go together quickly and easily.



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Beginning Machine Applique Wed. Mar 29, 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.

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SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES

APRIL 7-8 AT THE RANCH

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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.

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One Block Wonder Panel Quilt Thurs April 20 & May 4 & 18; OR Sat April 20, May 15 & 29. 1-4
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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

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Toad Toters

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Full Moon Days: January 24; February 22, March 23, April 22, May 21

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, 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 Pickers' 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).

Color of the Month

January purple; February red; March green; April yellow; May neutrals/whies/beiges

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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.

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED New Year's day	2	3	4	5	6 Open Sew 1-4	7 BOM 10:30-11:30 Row By Row
8	9	10	11	12 Full Moon Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	13 All Things Halloween 1-4	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon Fat Quarter Fun 1-6
15 Beginning Quilt 1-4	16 Stripped Flannel 10:30-4 M L King Day	17	18 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	19 Misty Pond 1-4	20 Open Sew 1-4	21 Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler 1-6
22 Beginning Quilt 1-4	23 Fat Quarter Fun 1-6	24	25 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	26	27 Wild Orchid Raven Quilt 2-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	28 Lone Star 10:30-4
29 Beginning Quilt 1-4	30 English Paper Piecing 2-4	31				Color of the month: Purple

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12 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Full Moon	13 Fat Quarter Fun 1-6	14	15 Hand Quilting 1-3	16	17 Open Sew1-4	18 Lone Star 10:30-4 NATIONAL QUILT DAY
19 Beginning Quilt 1-4	20	21	22 BeginningMachine 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

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color of the month: Yellow						1BOM 10:30-11:30 Eleanor Burns: Stars Across America 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
2 CLOSED	3 Eleanor Burns: Stars Across America 1-4	4	5	6	7 Shop Hop	8Shop Hop Embroidery Club 10-noon
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 Good Friday	15 One Block Wonder 10-5
16 CLOSED Easter Sunday	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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 One Block Wonder 10-5	5 Open Sew 1-4	6 BOM 10:30-11:30 Eleanor Burns: Stars Across America 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
7 CLOSED	8 Eleanor Burns: Stars Across America 1-4	9	10 Full Moon	11 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	12 All Things Halloween 1-4	13 Embroidery Club 10-noon Fat Quarter Fun 1-6
14 Mother's Day	15 Fat Quarter Fun 1-6	16	17	18 One Block Wonder 1-6	19 Open Sew 1-4	20 One Block Wonder 1-6
21	22	23	24	25	26 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			Color of the month: Neutrals-whites/beiges

Sincerely,

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