



NATIONAL QUILTING DAY

Saturday, March 18

We have some fun things planned for National Quilting Day. Check out the schedule of events!

10-11 **Flanged Binding demo**--I will demonstrate how to sew a two-toned binding, all done by machine. It is simple and quick. I will have a handout on cutting requirements for this style of binding.

11-12 **Fast, easy hexagon table runner.** No special ruler required! Jean Korber will demonstrate how to cut & sew this quick & easy table runner.

12-1 **Cake Mix Recipe, new from Moda.** Learn how to use Moda's new paper piecing designs in conjunction with 10" squares--Layer Cakes. The tablet pad of 42 papers come in 4 different "recipe" mixes. Add fabric, stitch on the dotted lines, cut apart into half square triangle units (Recipe Mix #3), and sew the units into a variety of different blocks. Simple, easy, and fun.



1-2

Hand quilting demo. Sandra will be here, hand quilting away. Watch as she shows you the hand quilting stitch and explains the various tools (thimble, thread, hoop, marking utensils) used in hand quilting.



And I almost forgot!

FAT QUARTER SALE

1-5 fats = \$3.00 (including batiks)

5-10 fats = \$2.75

10-20 fats = \$2.50

20-30 fats = \$2.25

30+ fats = \$2

We will be challenged to remember all of this--but we'll put signs up to remind all of us of the prices.

Stock up on your fats! We will have fat quarter quilt classes this summer--fast easy & fun quilts!

March 17, 2017

Things in the news, or at least seen around town.

Don't start getting excited about warmer weather & think you can get a head start on your flowers. Wyoming doesn't work that way. But with that said, it probably is time to get lawn mowers & such ready for summer. I drove by Auto Electric the other day and saw a guy on a riding lawn mower mowing the sidewalk. He was going slowly, to make sure he covered all of the concrete. I was impressed. I've been accused of mowing my rocks in my driveway, but at least there were a few weeds.

April is still pregnant. I know some of you have been waking up in the middle of the night just to check up on her, so I do my best to keep you up to speed.

The recent Raisin Bran ad on tv shows a dad and daughter sitting on the end of a pier, getting ready to drop their fishing lines into the water. Naturally, the topic of breakfast comes up. I mean, I know that's the first thing I'd want to talk to dad about while getting ready to fish. But that's not the strange thing about his commercial. It's the background music that starts up as dad pours milk from a carton - yes, he brought a

carton of milk with him - and digs into a bowl of Raisin Bran. I mean, seriously, who brings cereal to a fishing pond? Beer, yes. Breakfast food? Not so much. How do they come up with these ideas? They must sit around & think, "Gee, let's have a nice father/daughter moment to promote our cereal." "Yeah! Let's have them go fishing together!" "Yeah, and let's have dad haul out the box of Raisin Bran and a carton of milk." "Yeah, and let's shoot the commercial in the middle of the afternoon?" "Yeah! Great idea!" I'm thinking no one in Hollywood has ever fished in their life. But I'm off track. I was talking about music. The background music for this commercial is the beginning of the song Werewolves of London. For those of you who don't know this tune, it's my favorite of all Halloween songs, and it has absolutely nothing to do with breakfast cereal. Breakfast, maybe. But not cereal.

I saw a werewolf walking with a Chinese menu in his hand
Through the streets of Soho in the rain
He was looking for a place called Lee Ho Fook's
For to get a big dish of beef chow mein

Ah, ooh, Werewolves of London
You can hear him howling around your kitchen door
Better not let him in
Little old lady got mutilated late last night
Werewolves of London again

I saw Lon Chaney walking with the Queen
Doing the Werewolves of London
I saw Lon Chaney, Jr. walking with the Queen
Doing the Werewolves of London
Ah, ooh, Werewolves of London
I saw a werewolf drinking a Pina Colada at Trader Vic's
And his hair was perfect

Nope. Nothing about fishing, Or cereal.

And finally, happy St. Patrick's Day. This is the holiday that America basically created. New York is said to have hosted the first St. Patty's Day parade in 1908, I think. To be clear, St. Patrick was a saint, and he died on March 17, 461 (that's the thinking, at least). That's right, a really long time ago. And with that, so I don't get into any St. Patrick's Day faux pas (faux pases?), make sure your Guinness has a thick head of foam on it before you drink.

Springtime in the Rockies 2016 Tote Bag Challenge!

Viewer's Choice Prizes Awarded!

Our theme for this year is all about tote bags! Big ones, little ones, funny ones, short ones, tall ones. Design your own or use a commercial pattern. To participate, fill out an entry form and submit it to a participating quilt store with your tote bag by April 2. Totes will hang at the Springtime in the Rockies Shop Hop at the Ranch, April 7 & 8. Gift Basket Prizes awarded: \$75 1st; \$50 2nd; \$25 3rd. Totes and prizes can be collected from your participating shop after the show. A few rules: Tote bag must be made by entrant. Tote bag must be made within the last 6 months. Please attach Part A to your tote bag.

Part A:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Shop: _____

Address:-

Part B: Keep this copy to redeem for your bag after the show.

Name:-

_____ Phone: _____ Shop: _____

Address:-

What Wind? Contest

If we have to put up with the wind, might as well have a little fun.

Contest Rules: 1) Design a "What Wind?" 12" finished block. Blocks can be pieced, appliqued, embroidered--your choice. It must finish at 12" (which means, unfinished it will be 12 1/2"). Block must be provided.

2) Provide a written pattern.

3) Deadline: March 15--I'll move the deadline to April 15 because we've had so much wind. It blew the deadline away.

4) Blocks will be displayed in the shop and customers can vote for their favorite.

Now here's the fun part (if designing a block wasn't fun enough :))

Everyone who enters will be able to get the patterns from all the other entrants. Each entrant will also select a charity of her choice, to be written on a slip of paper & put into a bowl. On March 18, National Quilt Day, several things will happen: A Viewer's Choice Award of \$25 gift certificate will be awarded, patterns of all the blocks will be given to entrants, and we'll draw for the favorite charity.

My job, after the contest, will be to put together all blocks into a quilt. This quilt will then be given to the favorite charity as a raffle/fund raiser.

Make sense? All clear? It's Friday the 13th and all sorts of odd things have been happening, so I'm sure I left out some important detail. If you have questions, just ask.



A Challenge! Featuring 12 Bella Solids #modabellachallenge

To celebrate the 15th anniversary of Moda's Bella Solids Moda is hosting a challenge inspired by Moda's leader, Mark Dunn's, passion for textiles and love of color!

Entries should have a contemporary feel and must include **only 12 Bella Solids and a piece of each must be used.** Any type of piecing, quilting, embroidery, etc. may be used to create your masterpiece. We have all of the solids now and we have 2 fat quarter bundles and 3 1/2 yard bundles already cut.

Anyone can enter. Rules:

- Quilt must contain only the 12 Bella Solids and a piece of each must be used. Any type of piecing, quilting, embroidery, etc. can be used to create a masterpiece.
- Quilt(s) must measure 72 x 90.
- Quilt(s) must be an original design.
- Quilt must be quilted. No quilt tops will be accepted.
- Quilt must be labeled with Maker's and Quilter's name, city and contact information.
- Top 3 National winning quilt(s) will become the property of Moda Fabrics.

No limit to number of entries. International entries will be accepted.

Dates: February 1, 2017 - September 12, 2017

1. Digital image of quilt must be received no later than Tuesday, September 12. All the entries will be judged. Six finalists will be chosen.
2. Finalist quilts must be mailed at owner's expense to Moda home office in Dallas for final judging.
3. Moda will contact the 3 final winners on October 20th. The quilts will be on display in the Moda Fabrics booth during Fall Quilt Market, 2017.
4. The prize money will be considered the purchased price of the three winning quilts. They will become the property of Moda Fabrics.

The best for last:

***First Place - \$5,000**

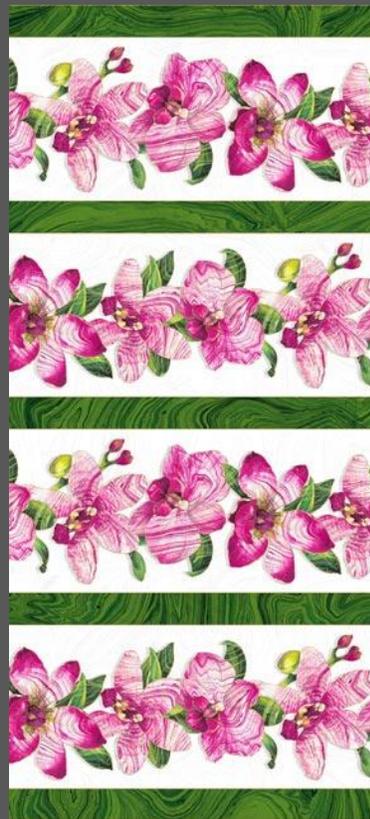
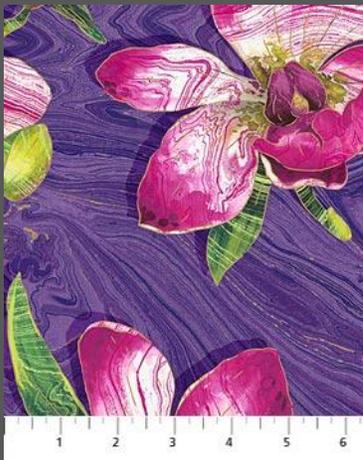
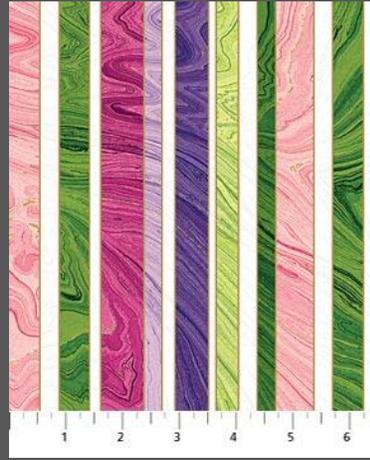
***Second Place - \$3,000**

***Third Place - \$2,000**

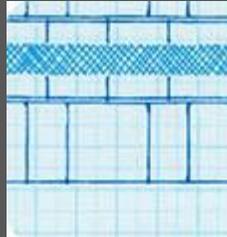
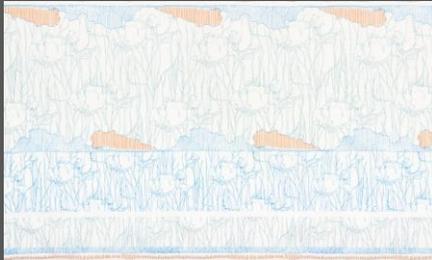
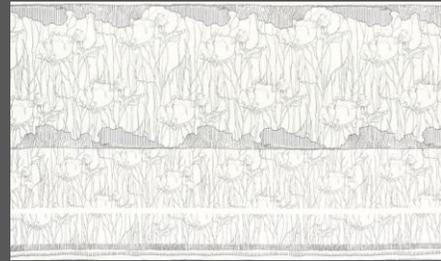
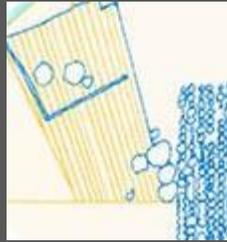
* Purchase Awards - Quilts become the property of Moda Fabrics.

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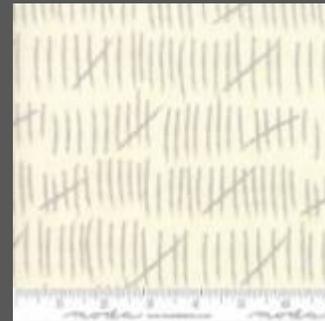
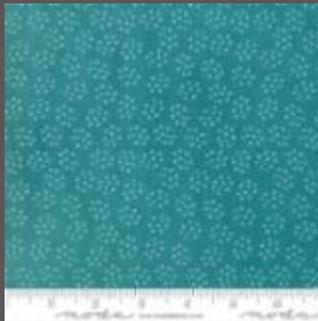
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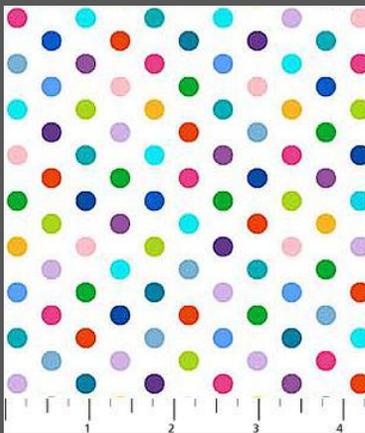
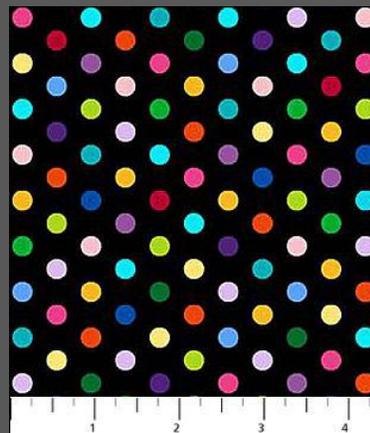
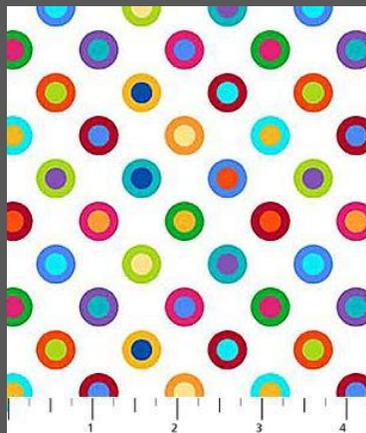
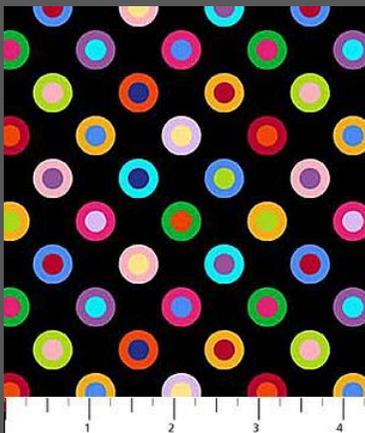


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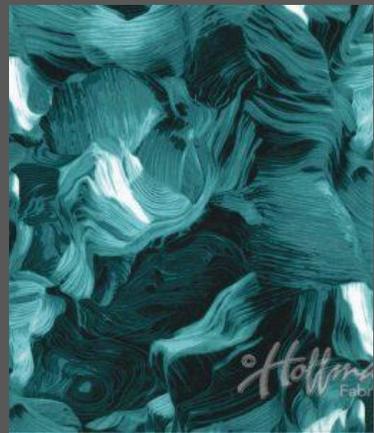
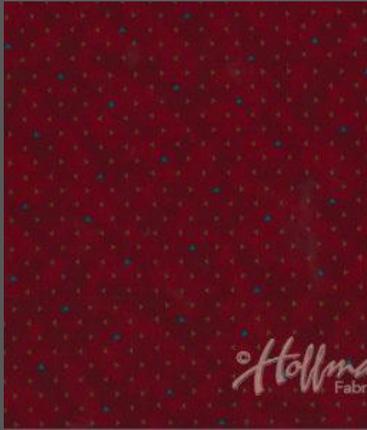




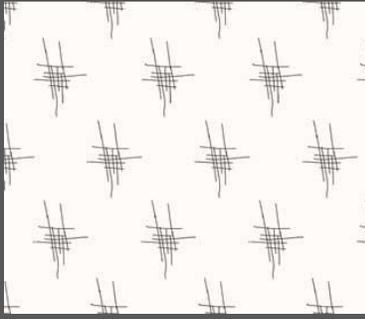
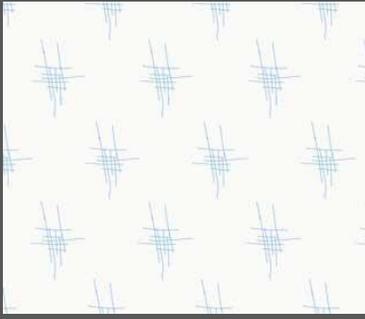
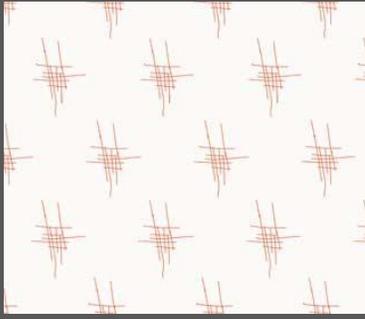
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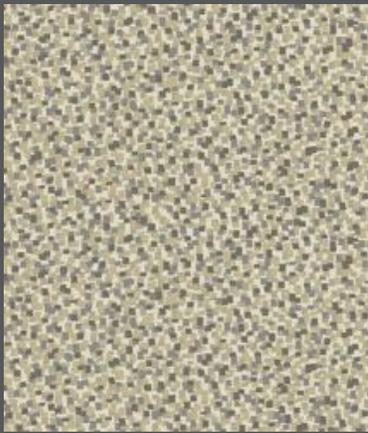
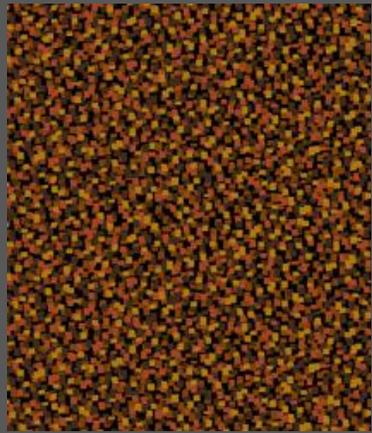
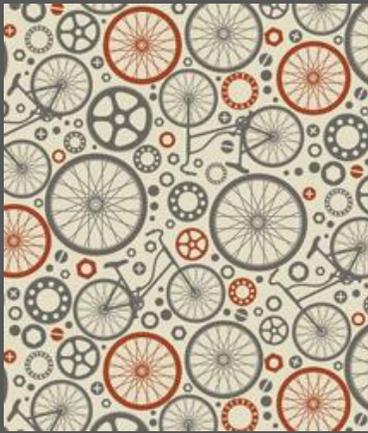
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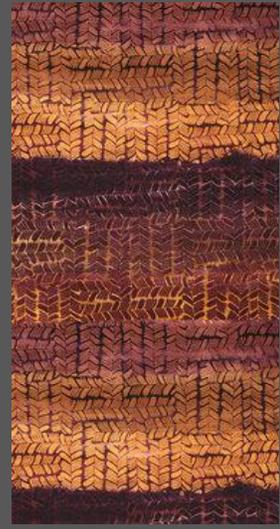
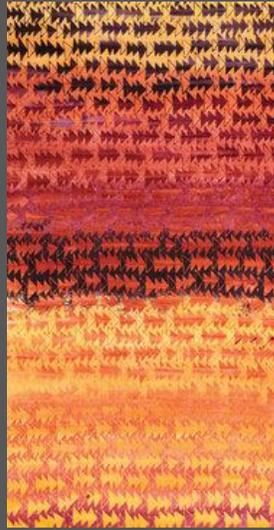




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March Classes and Special Events

Beginning Quilting ongoing, Mar 1,8 (6-9) OR 12, 19 (1-4)

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

We will do 5 Halloween 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 is a wall hanging called "Witches Night Out."** We will have limited kits available for sale.



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.

Fat Quarter Fun Sat. Mar. 11, OR Mon Mar 13 1-6 \$20 Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich
Every other month we will make a quilt using fat quarters (plus additional fabrics for borders). Three of

the quilts will be from the same book, and the last 3 quilts will come from another book, maybe 2 books. Each quilt will employ a new cutting or sewing technique, just to keep it interesting! We will have limited kits of each quilt. We will offer these classes twice-pick your day, Saturday or Monday. **March's quilt is a fun log cabin/partial seam construction block.** Books shows it done in pastels, while Sue's quilt is bright batiks.

Hand Quilting Wed. Mar. 15, 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.

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 Sue Frerich

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.



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

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.

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.

April Classes and Special Events

Block of the Month Sat. Apr. 3 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 basket quilt. Each block will be a different basket. The challenge, if you choose to accept it, is to use plaids!

Eleanor Burns: Stars Across America 1st Sat of the month, OR 1st Mon of each month
Feb - July 1-4 \$25

Eleanor Burns has designed 12 quilt blocks, plus various pieced borders to go with each block, that celebrate 12 famous women, including Martha Washington, Harriot Tubman and Eleanor Roosevelt. Come learn their stories and piece their blocks, using traditional fabrics or make it modern and celebrate today's rising stars from designers like Tula Pink and Kathy Dougherty.

Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month, Feb-Dec. 4-6 \$10 for the year (plus patterns or kits)
This year we are doing Holiday House, pre laser cut. Each kit will be app. \$40. These blocks can be made into a quilt, or kept separate as individual wall hangings.

SHOP HOP SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES

APRIL 7-8 AT THE RANCH

Look for info in the Newsletter on the Tote Bag
contest

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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.

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.

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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!

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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

April 2017

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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 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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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.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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