



December 20, 2021

Spring is Here!

Okay--So it's not, yet, but this is the Spring Calendar! We start in snow and end in ... well, probably snow. It's where we live.

We are trying to get back to normal but covid is still very prevalent in town and as a result state and local hospitalizations are swamping the facilities. Class policies will remain the same, with one exception: Vaccines will be required for class OR a negative covid test no older than 2 days. If the class is fully vaccinated, class members have the option of removing their masks. If the class is not fully vaccinated all class members must wear masks. If the covid rates go down in Cheyenne and the vaccination rates (still under 50%) go up significantly, these policies will change accordingly.

Explanation of classes will follow in a separate email. But I'll explain a few things here. Those of you who bought the Northcott Illusions Block of the Month kits, I am not teaching this quilt block by block. But I have two sessions, one in January and one in March, during which I'll provide some tips, suggestions and different ways to make the blocks. If you did not buy a kit and still want one, we have about 3-4 left.

I'm teaching an applique class called Plaid Pigs, in which I'll cover several different methods of applique by hand and machine. I'm also teaching several classes using the Hex N More and Sidekick rulers (Wonton in February, Nova in April, and Cookie Cutter in June—maybe May). Jean is teaching a Buggy Barn/One Sister quilt in February, which is a form of stack & slash & shuffle style of quilting. Very cute, very fun and the points generally don't matter!

I'm teaching a Crazy Quilt class, with a "catch." Everyone tends to have an old prom dress,

wedding dress, brocade or velvet jackets & skirts in their closets which have been in their closets for years. We save them for some reason, thinking that a daughter, grand daughter or maybe even you will wear them again. So we save them, and, of course, never use them. So in the Crazy Quilt class (in February) we're going to cut them up! Everyone needs to bring at least one old dress made from non quilting fabric (velvet, lace, brocade, satin, silk); we'll admire the gown; then we'll cut them into pieces and share with the class. And this will be the start of the collecting of fabrics for a Crazy Quilt. In the next class (in March), we'll start sewing the blocks & in the third class we'll talk about all the embroidery, beads and other embellishments to add.

I'm teaching an Elizabeth Hartman class – basic techniques of making any one of her quilts. Your choice. Jean is teaching a Laura Heine class -- basic techniques of making any one of her quilts. Your choice.

I'm teaching a Spider Web class that uses a 60 degree triangle ruler. Jean is teaching a Tumbling Triangle quilt that uses the V Block ruler. The Zig Zag quilt is a strip pieced quilt using precuts, the apron class will showcase a sewing apron with plenty of pockets, and we'll have a beginning paper piecing class. I'm also teaching a Panel Workshop, which is a design class, not a sewing class. I'll help you figure out how to finish those panels that you buy and aren't sure how to finish. In January I'm teaching a T-Shirt class – if you need a quilt for graduation now is the time to make it. Don't wait until April.

Two more classes to think about: Potluck Long Weekend in May. This quilt is built from spare parts – left overs from other quilts. Blocks are often free form or you can choose to actually use a pattern. The design and setting is whatever goes together (there is a book to provide inspiration). This class will run 4 days, so you can leave your machine here! The second class is One Block Wonder Panel, starting in May. If you have not tried a One Block Wonder, these are fun quilts to do. All you need to get started is 7 identical panels.

Block of the Month will start in January (2nd Saturday) and we are doing 12" and 6" blocks, using fabric that show cases your travels, where you've lived, your interests and things you like to do. Rummage through your stash, hunt for fat quarters that represent your life. For my quilt I'm going to concentrate on where I've traveled. I'll also provide some quilt blocks named for things or places – and they may just relate to your life!

Embroidery class is doing Snow Women for next year (first class is the 3rd Sat in January). These are cute snow women doing day to day chores but wishing they were quilting (instead of hanging the laundry).

And this year we will again celebrate National Quilt Day in March, and we'll have some demos in the morning (TBA).

Are we ready for the New Year!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 CLOSED New Year's Day
CLOSED 2	3	Hand work Club 2-4 4	5	Long Arm Rental Day 6	7	8 BOM 10:30 Northcott BOM tips and tricks 1-3
CLOSED 9	10	Hand work Club 2-4 11	Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 12	T-Shirt Class 1-4 Long Arm Rental Day 13	14	15 Embroidery Club 10-noon Paper <u>pieced</u> gift bag 1-5
CLOSED 16	MLWD Day Full moon Machine Applied 17	Hand work Club 2-4 18	Long Arm class 10:30 19	Long Arm Rental Day 20	21	22 Plaid <u>Pigs</u> 10:30-4
CLOSED 23	24	Hand work Club 2-4 25	Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 26	T-shirt Class 10:30-4 27	28	29 Plaid <u>Pigs</u> 10:30-4
CLOSED 30	31	Color of the month: Purple				

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		1 Hand work Club 2-4	2 Long Arm class 10:30	3 Long Arm Rental Day	4	5 BOM 10:30 Wonton/Hex n More ruler quilt
6 Beginning Quilt 1-4	7	8 Hand work Club 2-4	9 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	10 Long Arm Rental Day	11	12 Embroidery Club 10-noon Crazy Quilt Day 1-4
13 Beginning Quilt 1-4	14	15 Hand work Club 2-4	16 Long Arm class 10:30 Full moon	17 Long Arm Rental Day	18	19 Buggy Barn/One Sister 10:30-4
20 Beginning Quilt 1-4	21 Presidents' Day Elizabeth Hartman <u>choose</u> your favorite pattern	22 Hand work Club 2-4	23 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	24 Long Arm Rental Day	25	26 Buggy Barn/One Sister 10:30-4
27 Beginning Quilt 1-4	28	Color of the month: red				

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		1	2 Long Arm class 10:30	3 Long Arm Rental Day	4	5 BOM 10:30 Northcott BOM tips and tricks 1-3
6 Beginning Quilt 1-4	7	8 Hand work Club 2-4	9 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	10 Panel Workshop 1-4 Long Arm Rental Day	11	12 Embroidery Club 10-noon Crazy Quilt Day 1-4
13 Beginning Quilt 1-4	14	15 Hand work Club 2-4	16 Long Arm class 10:30	17 Long Arm Rental Day	18 Full moon	19 National Quilt Day Demos TBA Crazy Quilt Day
20 Beginning Quilt 1-4	21	22 Hand work Club 2-4	23 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	24 Long Arm Rental Day	25	26 Laura Heine collages & working with <u>fusibles</u>
27 Beginning Quilt 1-4	28	29 Hand work Club 2-4	30	31 Long Arm Rental Day	Color of the month: green	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color of the month: yellow					1	2 BOM 10:30 Nova/Sidekick ruler quilt 1-5
CLOSED 3	4	5 Hand work Club 2-4	6 Beginning Machine Quilting 1-4	7 Long Arm Rental Day	8	9 Embroidery Club 10-noon Spider web 1-5
CLOSED 10	11	12 Hand work Club 2-4	13 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	14 Long Arm Rental Day	15	16 Deb Tucker's Tumbling Triangle w/V Block Ruler
CLOSED Easter 17	18	19 Hand work Club 2-4	20 Beginning Machine Applique 1-4	21 Long Arm Rental Day	22	23 Spider web 10:30-4
CLOSED 24	25	26 Hand work Club 2-4	27 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	28 Long Arm Rental Day	29	30 Sewing Apron with lots of pockets 10:30-4

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1 CLOSED	2	3 Hand work Club 2-4	4 Long Arm class 10:30	5 Long Arm Rental Day	6	7 BOM 10:30 Zig Zag Quilt 1-5
8 CLOSED	9	10 Hand work Club 2-4	11 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	12 Long Arm Rental Day	13	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon Beginning Paper Piecing 1-5
15 Moms' Day CLOSED	16 Full moon	17 Hand work Club 2-4	18 Long Arm class 10:30	19 Long Arm Rental Day	20 Potluck Long Weekend	21 Potluck Long Weekend
22 Potluck Long Weekend Shop Is now open 1-5!	23 Potluck Long Weekend	24 Hand work Club 2-4	25 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	26 Long Arm Rental Day	27	28 One Block Wonder Panel, getting started, choosing panels, first cuts 10:30-4
29 Shop Is now open 1-5!	30	31 Hand work Club 2-4	Color of the month: whites			

Normal Shop Hours during winter:
Monday-Saturday 10-5
Sunday closed until after Mother's Day. Then store hours go back to normal:
Monday-Saturday 10-6
Sundays 1-5
Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)

Join the fun and come feel the difference of quality fabrics.
Happy quilting!

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