

August 23, 2013

It's a good thing I don't think up new tv shows. We'd never be able to enjoy shows like Honey Boo Boo or Duck Dynasty or even Storage Wars. BTW, Honey Boo Boo is coming out with a scratch & sniff version. Seriously. If you scratch & sniff something you can win \$5,000. I didn't ask. You can also get Honey Boo Boo fan gear: t-shirts, tumblers and tiaras. I know you're interested. (If you are new to the post, I wrote about Honey Boo Boo last year during its premier season. It's produced by The Learning Channel, of all places, in case you're interested.)

If I wrote tv shows, we probably wouldn't have many zombie movies, either, mainly because the plots never vary--zombies happen somehow, they kill & create more zombies and you are forever running away from them. You don't have to be overly creative to think that up. Now before you zombie lovers start sending me emails, I do like watching disaster movies -- and summer time disaster movies are always the rage. And the plots on those are always the same: Major event (hurricane, tornado, earthquake, meteors) threatens to destroy earth, young scientist that no one believes has solution (good guy), government gets in the way--generally just one guy (bad guy)--young scientist saves the day and convinces world he (or she) is smarter than first believed. It doesn't vary much from that.

Anyway, (and the point of this post, in case you're wondering) if I were coming up with tv plots to pitch, it certainly wouldn't be Naked & Afraid. From the Discovery Channel that brought us the beautiful North America series, that Becca liked so much, comes a naked show. Here's the pitch: Plop a couple of naked strangers, one man, one woman, into an extreme wilderness area, with no clothes, food or water, and force them to survive for 21 days. Kinda like Survivor only without clothes. Granted, the actors on Survivor don't usually wear many clothes, but on Naked and Afraid they aren't wearing anything. And the weird part --okay there are a lot of weird things associated with this show-- but one of the weirdest is you won't actually see anyone naked. All of the parts you might want to "discover" are smudged out.

Yup. The very parts that might make this show interesting are blanked out. All of the nakedness. So now you've got a show about being naked without nakedness. (Anyone counting yet as to how many times the word "naked" has been used?)

Just like I thought the Mall of America was a strange idea (last week's post), I could not

imagine pitching this show to tv producers: "I want to do a survivor show where the people are naked, but since we're not on HBO we can't show any nakedness. Oh -- and did I mention, we're not giving a million dollars away to the winners. There actually won't be any winners." If you follow the CBS show Survivor, you know there are teams that play weird games, earn points, get rewards, vote people off the island, until 2 survivors are left to play some silly game (the only partial episode I've seen involved the last 2 contestants holding onto a pole and walking around it in circles -- the first one to lose contact with the pole lost) that doesn't really involve surviving, merely winning a contest.

The Discovery show is only about surviving, because there is no prize if you make it all 21 days. Nobody wins. You just are rewarded with a sense of accomplishment of being naked with a stranger for 21 days in a hostile environment.

First The Learning Channel, with Honey Boo Boo, and now the Discovery Channel, with Naked and Afraid. I think I'm better off with regular network television. At least there you've got Mark Harmon on NCIS.

WHAT'S NEW!!

From Quilting Treasures, Elf on the Shelf, Santa Paws, & Dear Santa:



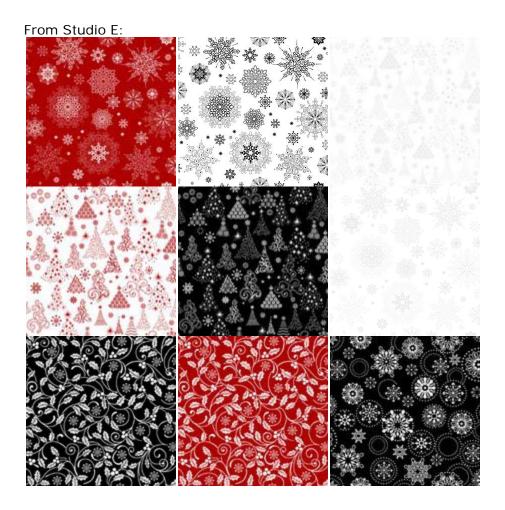






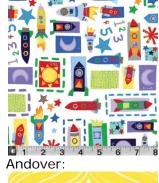


















MORE NEW THINGS

Lots of new books just came in.

And the Cowgirl Postcards are back in, all 8 sets, plus a cowboy set, a train set, Black Hills set and Halloween sets. I also brought in some 6X8 prints that would look great in tote bags.





August Classes and Special Events

Cheyenne Heritage Quilt and Vendor Show Aug. 22-24

Support Group for Gardner's Alphabet & Calendula Patterdrip's Cottage -- Crabapple Hill patterns. Thurs. Aug. 29, 6:30-8:30.

Friday Nighters Fri. Aug. 30, 5:30-9 \$10 (See explanation in January)

It's never too late to join. This class will help keep you on track for all your sewing projects. Plus it's a time to just sit and sew on anything you like. Class fee is a one-time fee.

Jelly Roll Race, Aug. 31, 1-5 \$20

These are so fun. You need a jelly roll or approximately 40-45 2 1/2" X 42" strips of fabric. Yo sew them end to end, to end to end, to end ... you get the picture. Or maybe you do. Come to class & see what all the fun is about. and it's a race. First one done wins!

Cheyenne Heritage Quilt Show!

The show is Aug. 22-24, starting at 4 p.m. on Aug. 4. The show is at the First Methodist Church, 108 E 18th St, Cheyenne. There will be vendor show all 3 days, plus chances to win the Opportunity Quilt, and a Boutique, where members will have various quilting items for sale. It's always a marvelous show so don't forget to come and don't forget to enter! Also, Cindy Brick will be here to appraise quilts. For more information go to www.chquilters.org

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4 Beginning Quilting 1-4	5	6	7 Closed at 6	8 Knit Pickers cancelled for August	9	10 Embroide 10-11:30 Gardner's Alphabet 11:30-12	
11 Closed	12	13	14 Open Sew 5:30-8:30	Hand Appliqué Club 6:30- 8:30	16	17 Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown 1-	
18 Pillow Case Party 1-4 Free	19	20 Full Moon	21 Open Sew 5:30-8:30	22 Cheyenne Heritage Quilters Show	23 Cheyenne Heritage Quilters Show	24Cheyer Heritage Quilters Show	
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