



Around the Block  
QUILT SHOP

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**March 27, 2015**

What not to read when:

**Airport**, by Arthur Hailey: During a snow storm. If you remember the book, or movie, it takes place during a gigantic snow storm. I read the book in 1970, I think, during Christmas break. After shoveling walks, the snow was as high as my shoulder. I'd never seen that much snow. It shut down the city for 2½ days.

**No Highway**, by Nevil Shute: When flying on an airplane. The story involves a mousy kind of man who studies and tests metal fatigue on airplanes. He's convinced that the tails of a certain aircraft are about to fall off all the planes flown by the company he works for. And the story goes from there. I read the book while I was in England, and then, before flying home, planes were grounded because the tails were falling off the Boeing 747s and all planes had to be checked.

**The Black Tower**, by P.D. James: On a windy night. One of the creepiest passages I have every read lasted no more than about 2 pages. It involved wind, a black night and things that creak in the wind.

Anything from Janet Daily: When sitting at a craft show. Now, I don't remember if it was a Janet Daily book, but I do know it was one of those romantic fiction books, sometimes known as beach reads. I'm just saying, there are things you probably shouldn't read while in public.

Okay, those reads all happened by accident. I just happened to be reading them when other events intruded. But it's easy to come up with other books not to read when...

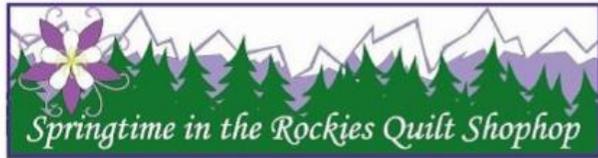
**Jaws**, by Peter Benchley: While on vacation on a beach. Or in Louisiana, where there's recently been a swarm of sharks about 30 miles off the coast. But they seem to be more interested in oil rigs, so unless you're into visiting oil rigs, you're probably safe.

**Isaac's Storm**, by Erik Larsen: While visiting a coastal city (like Galveston) during hurricane season. It's a brilliant account of the tragic story of hurricane that hit Galveston in 1900. The story is told from the perspective of Isaac Cline, one of America's first meteorologists. The Galveston hurricane was the deadliest hurricane in US history, and the second costliest hurricane in U.S. history--comparing relative dollar costs, even with Katrina.

**Poseidon Adventure**, by Paul Gallico: While on a cruise, of course. Paul Gallico, if you have never read anything by him, is a great story teller (as is Shute, one of the best). Gallico wrote (The Three Lives of) Thomasina, The Magic Man; Love, Let Me Not Hunger

(about a circus); The Abandoned (another cat story) and many others.

Pass it on. Think up some yourself.



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*Springtime in the Rockies Quilt Shophop*

*The Ranch,  
Loveland, Colorado  
First National Bank Building*

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9 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

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11 a.m.	Around the Block	Silhouette Cutter
12 noon	Snowy River Quilts	Dresden Plate Tree Skirt
1 p.m.	Quilter's Stash	Leaf Series by Judy Niemeyer - taking the pain out of the vein
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3:00 p.m.	Fig Leaf	Quick Curve Rulers
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<b>Saturday</b>		
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10:00 a.m.	Harriet's Treadle Arts	The Basics of Precision Quiltmaking
11:00 a.m.	Quilter's Stash	Get Wild with Wool
12:00 noon	Quilter's Dream	Bloc Loc Ruler
1:00 p.m.	Around the Block	The Hex 'n More Ruler - hexagons, jewels, half hexagons and triangles
2:00 p.m.	Inspirations Quilt Shop	Fresh & Trendy Quilt with the Quick Curve Ruler
3:00 p.m.	Country Crafts	Yo-Yo Mama - Free Make and take - Fun little pin cushion made with a fabric yo-yo. Great to put on your sewing machine to catch your pins.
Ongoing	Jukebox Quilts (in booth)	Longarm Quilting: Just for you or for a business!

*Special Children's Workshop for this year!*

Saturday 2-4, Workshop for children - 10 kids at a time can stuff a darling teddy bear, sew it shut and embellish it with ribbon for free! Child must be 6 or older, mom can shop while the child learns to sew this fun project sponsored by Sew Downtown.

*Please visit [www.RockiesShopHop.com](http://www.RockiesShopHop.com) for more information.*

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## Bucking Horse and Rider fans!

I am taking prepaid orders for Bucking Horse & Rider fabric. I am bringing in Bison, Saddle, Denim, and the 2 new colors: Cappuccino and Dijon. I have 8 bolts of bison & saddle, 10 of denim, and 15 each of the new colors. 4 bolts are sold.

If you are interested in getting more BH&R fabric, don't wait too long. All orders must be prepaid. I have started calling everyone on the list, and I have sent out a separate email to everyone who bought last year.

This fabric will be available end of May 2015.

Colors: Cappuccino (new), Dijon (new), Saddle, Bison, Denim.



## I now have the forms for the contest.

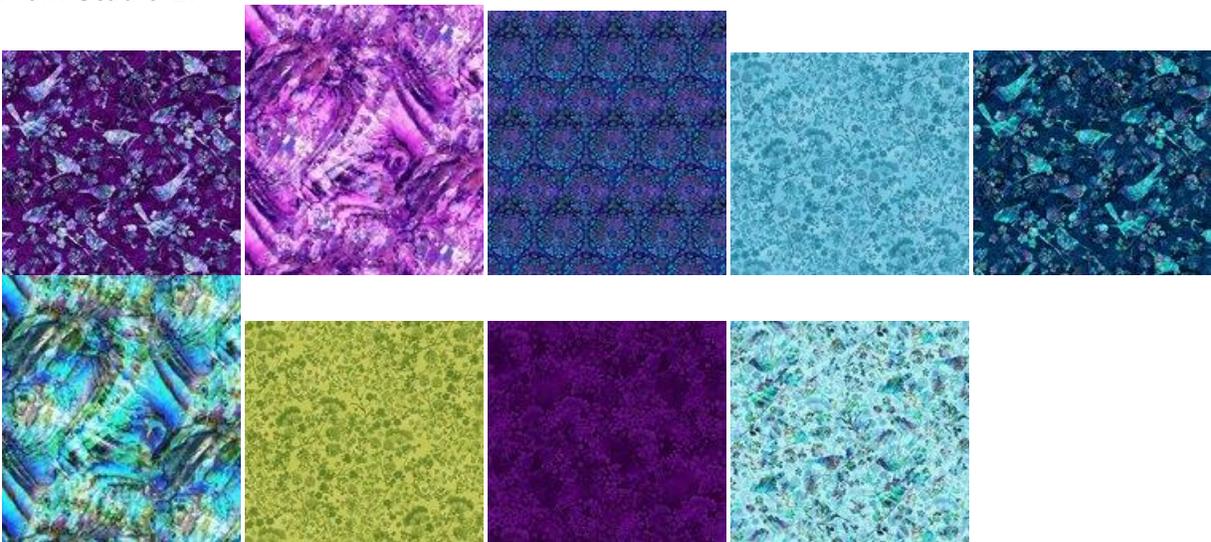


They face adversity and endure hardships; yet all too often their troubles go unnoticed. We also honor those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines who must miss holidays, birthdays, and family moments in far-away distant lands. It is for the family members who keep the house running while their husband, wife, son or daughter is away. It is for the children who dearly miss their deployed parent, brother, sister, uncle, or aunt. We say thank you to the men and women who have volunteered to serve our country and preserve our freedom.

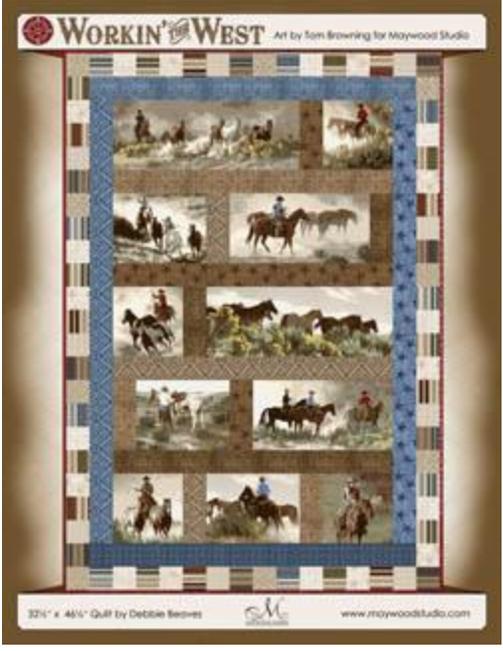
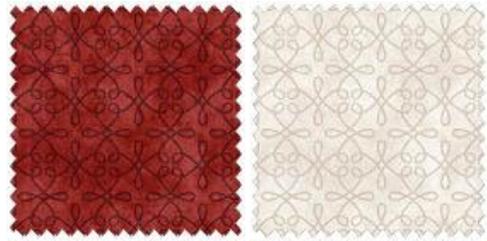
See previous posts for more info on submitting a quilt for the challenge.

## WHAT'S NEW!!

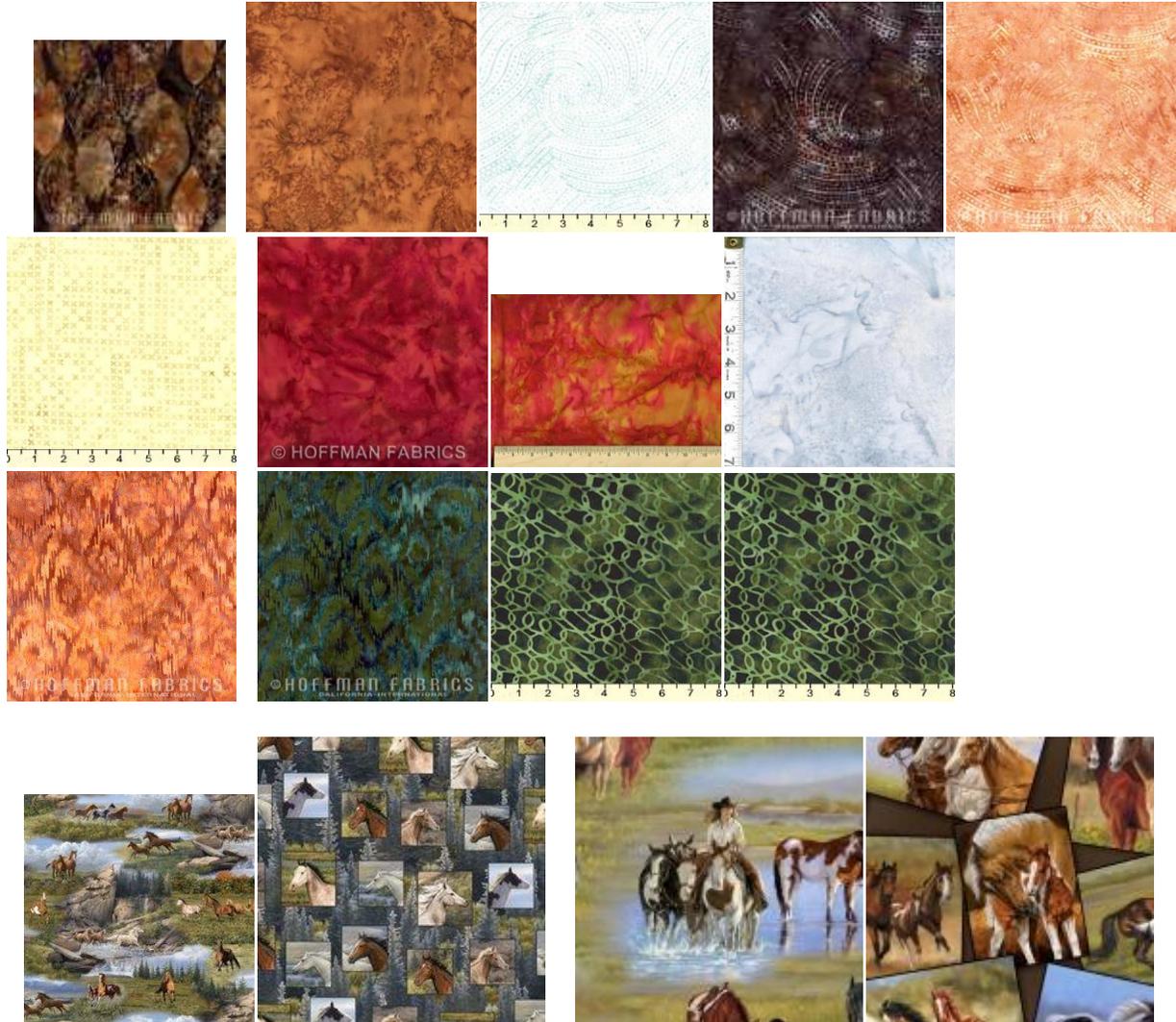
From Studio E:



Working the West from Maywood:



More batiks from Hoffman:





## March Classes & Special Events

### Machine Servicing Mon Mar 30, 10-6

Chris Blakeman from Blackman Vacuum and Sewing will come to the shop to service machines! We are hoping to be able to handle up to 20 machines, but I'll keep you posted. For now, I will start a list, first come first served, of everyone who wants a sewing machine serviced. Pricing will depend upon machine, but more details will follow. Machines can be dropped off at the shop on Sunday between 4-5 (please don't bring them earlier because there is a class) and on Monday after 10. Machines will need to be picked up no later than noon on Tuesday, unless other arrangements are made (we don't have the room to store machines). Let me know if you are interested!

## April Classes & Special Events

### Beginning Machine Applique

Wed. April 1, 1:00-4 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.

Back Basting Applique Thur. April 2, 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!

**Block of the Month** Sat. April 4, 10:30-11:15 FREE

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 neutrally colored quilt (tans, taupes, greys, etc.)-come to class in January to see an example.

**ABCs of Binding** Sat. April 4, noon-1 \$20 Jo Sunderman

Learn the ins and outs of selecting binding, cutting binding and applying binding. It's easier than you think. If you have a project you are working on, be sure to bring it to class for some hands on advice.

**Monthly Minis** First Saturday of the Month, Jan-Dec. 4-6 Barb Boyer \$20 ongoing

**Monday Morning Quilts** April 6 10-2

Free, if you buy that month's kit

Each month we will feature quilts from the Quilter's World magazine or other fun quilts. We will choose one of the quilts from the magazine and make limited kits. In class, we will show you how to put the quilt together and you will have time to get started. Quilts will be big or small or in between. Quilt TBA.

**Downton Abbey Sampler Quilt** Thurs. April 9, 1-4 ongoing

**Knit Pickers' Club** Thur. April 9, 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.

**Hand Embroidery Club** Sat. April 11, 10-11:30 FREE

(Club normally meets the 2nd Sat. of each month from 10-noon)

This year we're doing birds-state birds. We will have between 40-50 birds (some states use the same bird) for you to stitch. Various setting for turning the birds into a quilt will be provided. Color suggestions for the birds will also be offered. As a bonus, you will get the state outlines, state flowers, and other patterns to compliment the birds. You can join anytime.

**Table Runner of the Month:**

**Triangle Frenzy Hexagon Table Topper** Sat. April 11 1-6 \$20

or free if you buy the kit Barb Boyer

We will be making different table runners each month. This table runner uses the 12" 60 degree triangle and a large (10"-11") border stripe. Kit will include fabric and the ruler (if you already have a ruler, ruler price will be deducted from kit price).

**Knitting: Back to Basics.** Mon. April 13 6-8:30 \$20 Carol Moler

Each month we will offer a selection of projects for the beginner and more advanced knitter. In April we learn how to join in the round. Beginning project will either be a hat or a cowl. For more experienced knitters, the project will be a longer twisted cowl or a bag suitable for felting at a later date.

## Shop Hop At the Ranch April 17 & 18

**Bertie's Year** last Friday of the month, 1-4

Bertie's Year is a small wall hanging, (or you can make each block into a mini quilt for display each month). Bertie is done in flannels and wool (kit only includes flannel). Bertie (the bird) and friends (squirrel, pumpkins) are appliqued with crazy quilt embroidery embellishments.

**Friday Nighters** Fri. April 24, 5:30-9 \$10 (one time fee for year)

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.

**Woodland Fairies Quilt** Sat. April 25 20:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

The perfect quilt for a little girl or anyone who likes purple. The quilt takes about 20 fat quarters plus borders. Michael Miller's fairies are popular, and these fairies glisten & sparkle. Kits will be available.

**Pillow Case Party** Sun. April 26 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!

**Mastering Curves & Free Motion Quilting**

Thursday April 30 1:00-4 OR 6-9 \$50 Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich

This is a 4 part class, offered on consecutive Thursdays through May 21. We will work on a whole cloth project, each week adding new designs. Class #1: straight lines (with darning/hopping foot), grasses, zig zags, trees. Class #2: flowers & leaves. Class #3: stippling & fill stitches. Class #4: free hand shapes, from clouds to birds, to animals. In class students will practice the designs and then start adding the designs on the whole cloth quilt.

**Hand Applique Club**

Thursday April 30 1:30-4 free

The last Thursday of each month, we're getting together to practice our hand applique skills. The Club is open to all skill levels. We want to share what we've learned, find new patterns, and simply just sit and sew. More and more patterns are showing applique work, and while sometimes you can just fuse it down, learning how to hand applique is a wonderful skill that can be carried anywhere you go.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED	2 <b>Monday Morning Quilts 10-2</b>	3	4 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4 Or 6-8:30</b>	5 Full Moon	6 <b>Open Sew 1-4</b>	7 <b>BOM 10:30-11:30 Monthly Minis 4-6</b>
8 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	9 <b>Knitting: Back to Basics: Ribbing &amp; Bind offs 6-8:30</b>	10	11 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4 Or 6-8:30</b>	12 <b>Downton Abbey Sampler 1-4 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30</b>	13	14 <b>Embroidery Club 10-noon Leaves Table Runner 1-5</b>
15 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	16 <b>Sew Simple Hexi Flowers 1-5</b>	17	18	19 <b>Hand Quilting 1-3</b>	20 <b>Open Sew 1-4 Downton Abbey Retreat</b>	21 <b>National Quilt Day Downton Abbey Retreat</b>
22 Downton Abbey Retreat	23	24	25 <b>Beginning Machine Quilting 1-4 or 6-9</b>	26 <b>Hand Applique Club 1:30-4</b>	27 <b>Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?</b>	28

29 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	30 <b>Machine Service</b>	31				
Color of the Month: Green						

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12	13 <b>Knitting: Back to Basics: Knitting</b>	14	15	16	17 Shop Hop	18 Shop Hop

	<b>in the Round 6- 8:30</b>					
19	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?</b>	25 <b>Fairies Quilt 10:30-5</b>
26 <b>Pillowcase Party 1-4</b>	27	28	29 <b>Mastering Curves &amp; Free Motion Quilting 1-4</b>	30 <b>Hand Applique Club 1:30-4</b>		
Color of the Month: Yellow						

### **HAND APPLIQUE CLUB**

This is a get-together & stitch class. Many of us are trying hand applique these days-- patterns are calling for a lot more applique. The club is designed for quilters who already do some hand applique, but beginners are welcome as well. We will share techniques, suggest patterns, talk about threads and, in general, just stitch. A little quiet time away from the distractions of home is what we need to get our projects done.

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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.

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### **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: January 5 (observed), February 3, March 5, April 4.

**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

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

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