



Around the  Block
QUILT SHOP

February 20, 2016

It's been a hard week for lots of people. And you can't blame their contrariness on the wind, because I think it's only windy here. About 65 mph, pretty steady, all week long. Unless you're in Colorado, where up in the mountains it's clocking in around 150.

So these folks can't blame the wind for their troubles. For example, Trump and the Pope aren't getting along very well. That's an understatement, BTW. They exchanged words, essentially calling each other names. That's also an understatement. Trump actually doesn't get along with very many people, including Jeb Bush-Trump hijacked Bush's domain name last month when Bush failed to renew on time. Anyone clicking on Bush's .com site gets redirected to Trump. It's a juvenile stunt, something that was popular about 15-20 years ago. But maybe it works for him. I'm actually grateful for Trump's stunt. It reminded me to renew my own domain names.

The Super Bowl controversies aren't over. The police in New Jersey, Miami & Tennessee are speaking out against Beyonce, asking people to boycott her concerts. In fact, in Miami police may not provide security for her upcoming April concert.

In more music news, Taylor Swift took a swipe at Kanye West during this week's Grammy awards. It's a long story, & since I really don't appreciate either one of them, enough said. I gave up watching the Grammy's sometime after Tracy Chapman played Fast Cars on stage. Just her, a mike, a spotlight & an acoustic guitar. No auto tune. No dancers. And yet a powerful message delivered through a moving performance. It was 1989. Look it up. Since then the Grammy's have just gotten weird.

In other Kanye news-I can't help it, he's such an idiot- he tweeted Mark Zuckerberg asking for 1 billion dollars to invest in his "ideas," which I'm sure are endless, because he is in debt for \$53 million and Mark is a very rich man. Okay, that's pretty bold even for Kanye. But Kanye did it by tweeting the Facebook creator. Makes you wonder. One of the responses, via Facebook of course, came from a former Facebook employee and software engineer, who suggested: "Dear Kanye West: If you're going to ask the CEO of Facebook for a billion dollars, maybe don't do it on Twitter." This posting got a "Like" from Zuckerberg before the post was removed.

And finally, there was the poor guy on Wheel of Fortune, who didn't know where Venice was. The couple had just solved a prize puzzle, "Gondola Ride Through Venice," and Pat Sajak asked the couple what country did they think they'd be going to. A simple enough question, given the puzzle. The husband brightly replied, "Paris." His wife looked embarrassed and scratched her nose. Husband figured it out & said, "France." Amid all the laughter, his wife then asked Pat, who by now has fallen apart laughing, "Can we still go?"

It's been a hard week for folks here at the store, as well. Ice, wind, flat tire, stopped up toilet, computer glitches. And the dogs have found a new way out of the yard. Through the fence, again.

They are good at breaking parts of the fence to create holes. Once again, I have used my superior skills to barricade the hole: I put cement (it's really concrete, but don't tell anyone) brick parts in and behind the hole. I'm thinking that will slow Cassidy up for a couple of hours.

And I promise that next week, I won't talk about politics, award shows or famous people. I've got something better: NASA. Unless the dogs have other ideas.



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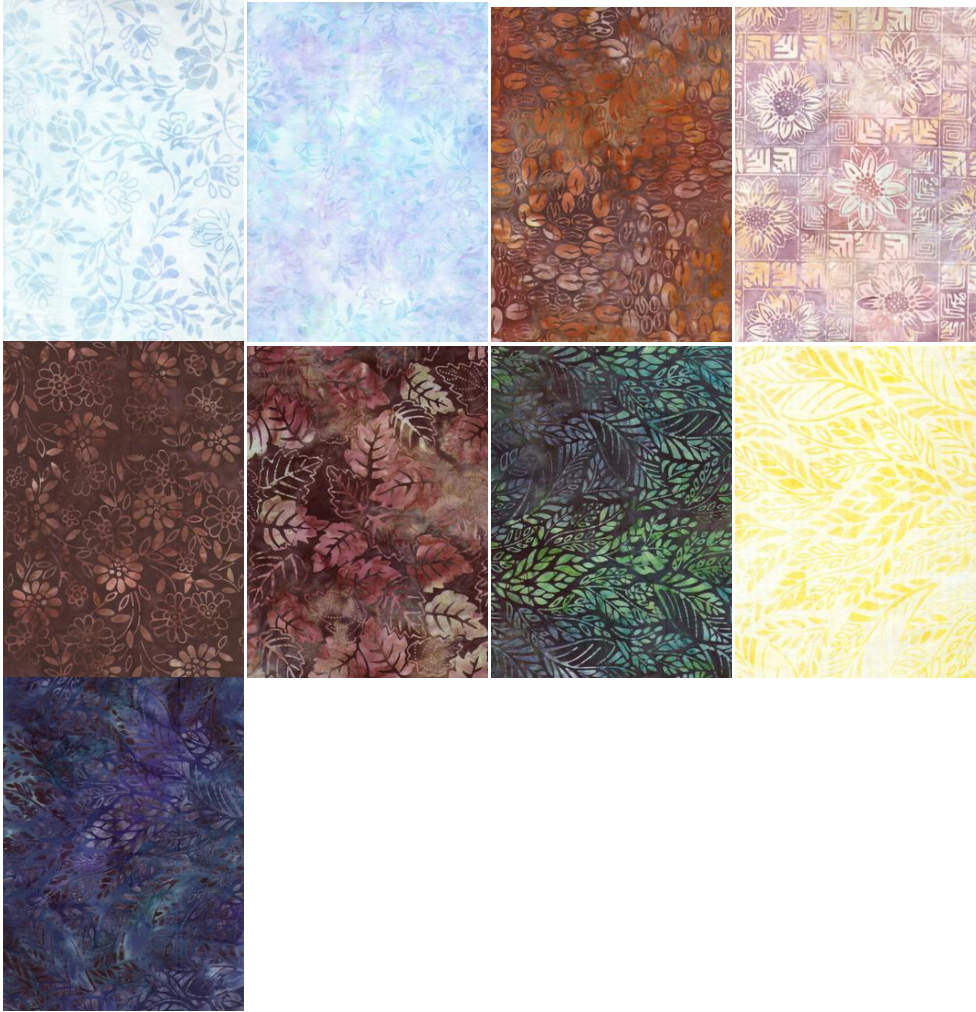
DOWN THE HALL FABRIC WILL START AGAIN IN MARCH.

WHAT'S NEW!!

Great Pumpkin Pattern has arrived!



From Anthology:

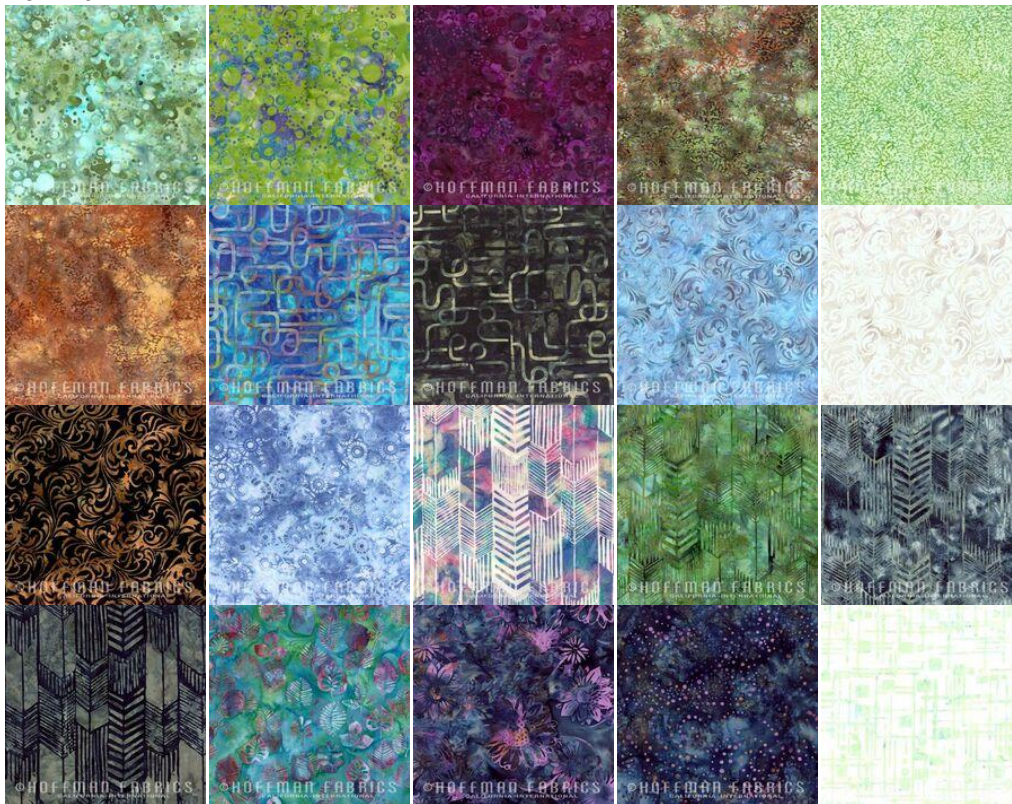


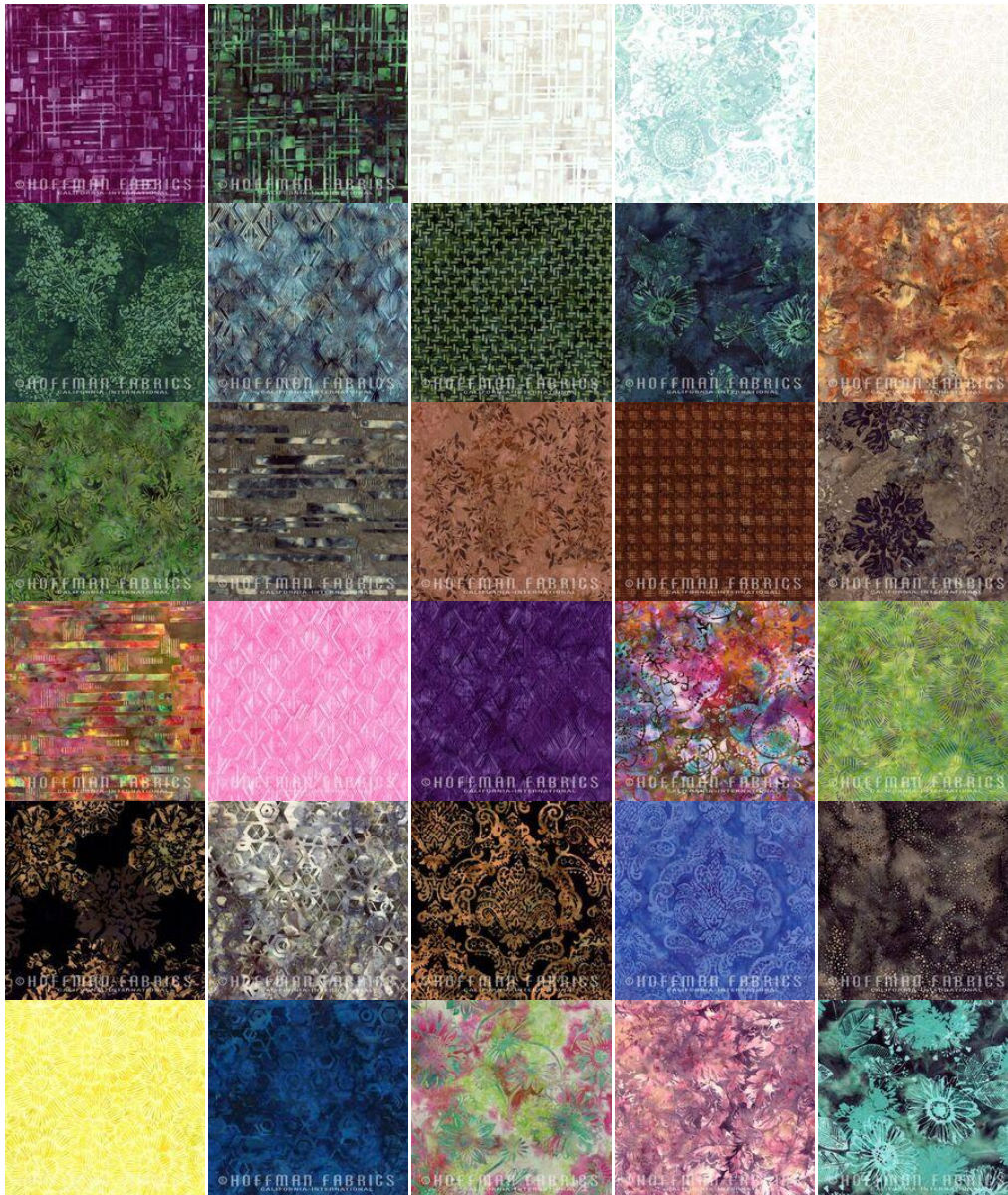
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February Classes & Special Events

Beginning Quilting ongoing Wed Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 6-9 or Sun 14, 21, 28

Wrapsoody Purse Sat. Feb 20 from 10-2, & Mar 12 fom 1-3 Sue Frerich \$25

This is the coolest purse I've seen in a long time. It is light weight (uses a new kind of interfacing), has lots of pockets and very cool zippers. Sue learned this purse at Houston last fall. The detail work on the purse is exquisite and with Sue's guidance, it will be a snap to make.



Jelly Roll Race Sat. February 20 2-6 Barb Boyer \$20

Ready, Set, Stitch! Well, you don't have to race if you don't want to. This is a quick & easy quilt made from 2 1/2" strips - you can either purchase ready cut strips or cut your own. And that's all you use, just strips (unless you want to add a few accent pieces). If you haven't made a Jelly Roll Race quilt, they are lots of fun and we have lots of fun 2 1/2" strip precuts just waiting to be used.

Bertie's Year & Companions last Friday of the month, 1-4 \$20, free if you buy the kit

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Friday Nighters Fri. Feb 26 5:30-? \$10 Barb Boyer

This class will help you get organized for Christmas 2016 -- 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.

LOTP: Bear's Paw Sat. Feb 27, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

We are highlighting Little House of the Prairie fabrics this Spring, and this is the second quilt for this year. You can make the quilt in 2 colors, plus border, or make each Bear's Paw scrappy using fabrics from the entire Little House collection. This quilt in another traditional quilt, and it is the other quilt that is mentioned in the series of books.

March Classes and Special Events

Spoon Quilting Wed. Mar 2 1-3 \$25 Sandra Freeburg

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).

Beginning Quilting ongoing Sun. 1-4, Mar 13, 20

OR

Wednesdays: 6-9 Mar 2

Block of the Month Sat. Mar 5 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 red, white & blue quilt-patriotic theme, if you like.

Ornament Club 1st Sat of the month, 1:30-3:30 Free, if you buy that month's kit

Each month we will feature a different pieced ornament. Some of the ornaments can be used as gift tags & gift card holders. You can pick & choose which ornaments you want to make-each ornament will be displayed prior to class. You can make the March ornament & skip the April ornament, for example. Kits are limited, though, so if you are interested in a particular kit, be sure to sign up for that month & let me know.



Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month, Jan-Dec. 4-6 \$10 for the year (plus patterns or kits)

This year we are doing various table runners/ door banners/small wall hanging celebrating each month. Some of the quilts are long & skinny, some square, some round. Most of the quilts will be kitted.

English Paper Piecing 1st & 3rd Mondays ongoing

Knit Pickers' Club Thur. Mar 10, 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. Mar 12, 10-noon FREE Kathy Sconce

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

This year we're still 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.

Lace Houses, block of the month Sat. Mar 12 1-3 Kathy Sconce ongoing.

Wrapsody Purse Sat. Mar 12 4-6 Sue Frerich ongoing

Back Basting Wed. Mar 16 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!

Beginning Machine Quilting Wed. Mar 16 6-8:30 \$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!

NATIONAL QUILT DAY! MARCH 19

STAY TUNED FOR SPECIALS TO CELEBRATE THE DAY!

Wheel of Mystery Sat. Mar 19 10:30-5 \$20 Sue Frerich

Curved piecing is all the rage right now. This traditional quilt, sometimes called Winding Ways, uses plastic templates for easy rotary cutting. Learn how to sew the gentle curves to create this beautiful quilt, & it can be made from your scraps!



Beginning Machine Applique Wed. Mar 23 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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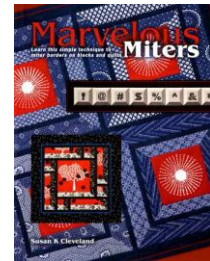
LOTP: Flying Geese Sat. Mar 26, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

We are highlighting Little House of the Prairie fabrics this Spring, and this is our third quilt. This is a perfect quilt for scraps. We will use the No Math Flying Geese Ruler which makes 4 blocks at a time-and let's you choose from 12 different sizes. And because it is "Flying Geese" there are few tricks to getting the blocks to come out just right. You will be an expert in this method by end of day.



Attic Window Quilt Wed. Mar. 30, 6-8:30 \$20 Barb Boyer

Learn the basics of Y-seam construction in this Attic Window quilt. We will work with 2 scenic panels to create a wall hanging that will look like you are seeing through a window-appropriate, right? We will also talk about mitered borders (because it is the same technique). We will use Susan Cleveland's Marvelous Miters book because her method is the best & most accurate that I've ever used for attic window construction.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Back Basting Applique 1-3 Beginning Quilt 6- 8:30	4	5 Open Sew1-4	6 BOM 10:30-11:30 Binding demo 1-3 Monthly Minis 4-6
7 CLOSED	8 English Paper Piecing 2-4	9	10 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	11 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	12	13 Embroidery Club 10-noon Lace Houses 1- 3 Wrapsody Purse 4-6
14 Beginning Quilt 1-4	15 BJ Designs 10:30- Morley Moose & friends Presidents' Day	16	17 Hand quilting 1-3 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	18	19 Open Sew1-4	20 Jelly Roll Race 2-6 Wrapsody Purse 10-2
21 Beginning Quilt 1-4	22 Full Moon English Paper Piecing 2-4	23	24 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	25	26 Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	27 LOTP: Bear's Paw 10:30-5
28 Beginning Quilt 1-4	29	Color of the month: Red				

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: January 24; February 22; March 23; April 22 , May 21.

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 .

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

Happy quilting!