



Around the Block  
QUILT SHOP

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**February 5, 2016**

How many times does it take to get stuck in your driveway before you learn not to drive through huge drifts. .... Don't answer that.

I have a Subaru. If you've seen Subaru ads, they show cars driving through mud, snow, dirt in all kinds of weather, all kinds of terrain. They don't make those commercials to suggest to drivers what the car can do. They make those commercials because that's what Subaru owners do with their cars. You wouldn't believe the things I've driven through, but shouldn't have, and survived. That's why I'm confident I can go anywhere. Until I get stuck.

So far this year, the calendar year not the snow season year, I've been stuck 3 times, pulled out twice, and plowed out twice. If you noticed the discrepancies in the numbers, it's because on my way to getting stuck the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, I stopped, backed the car to a clear spot & waited for a friend to plow me out. That was in part because the night before the engine had gotten a little over heated in my zealously of trying to get unstuck from the front gate area. A nice neighbor pulled me out then drove up & down my driveway in his very big truck. But by the next morning, it had drifted shut again. And whether the rodent saw his shadow or not, we've got about 12 more weeks of this stuff to go.

But I don't want to talk about the 18 inches of snow we got this week. Because back east it was worse. And today the sun is out, the snow will melt, then ice over making walking difficult, and then the wind will hit 65mph tonight and blow my driveway shut-just kidding. Maybe.

I want to talk about the Super Bowl. It's Sunday, in case you were wondering, and Denver is playing some other team. So for all of you who are going to a Super Bowl party, you need a few facts to toss around to impress your friends.

For example, the famous, Bart Starr (just act like you know the name, it helps when you are trying to be impressive), & the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs in the first ever Super Bowl, 50 years ago. At that time the game was only known as the AFL-NFL World Championship Game. Okay, everybody might know that. But what you might not know is that Hall of Famer Bart Starr came to Cheyenne in 2000 to speak at the Youth Alternative Banquet. And I got to hear him speak.

Here's another: The Roman numerals designating which game is which didn't start until Super Bowl V. This year's game will be known as Super Bowl 50. Everyone thought that would be classier than L. Which, if you form a finger L on your forehead, stands for loser. Which will be that other team that is playing the Broncos.

Another fun fact: The first "super bowl" was never taped & saved by either of the 2 networks (CBS & NBC) that broadcast it. Yes, 2 competing networks broadcast the game, the first & last time that has ever happened. But there is one known recording of the game. A guy in North Carolina has it, and it could be worth at least \$1 million, but the NFL claims it owns the footage on the tape. The guy only owns the tape. So he can't sell it. And, apparently, the NFL isn't all that interested in buying it-or paying \$1 million for it.

Now, I've tried to explain the Super Bowl to Becca, my mini Aussie. She didn't get it until I explained it was a lot like playing steal the bone from Becca. The game works a little differently from football because 2 bones are in play, not just one football. Cassidy & Becca are separated in the house, each with a bone. The goal is how long Becca can defend her bone from Cassidy. I told her that until she can convince the cat to provide some defense, she's going to lose her bone to Cassidy every 5 minutes or less. Kinda like what Denver is going to do to that other team they're playing. Becca finally got it. She's rooting for the other team.



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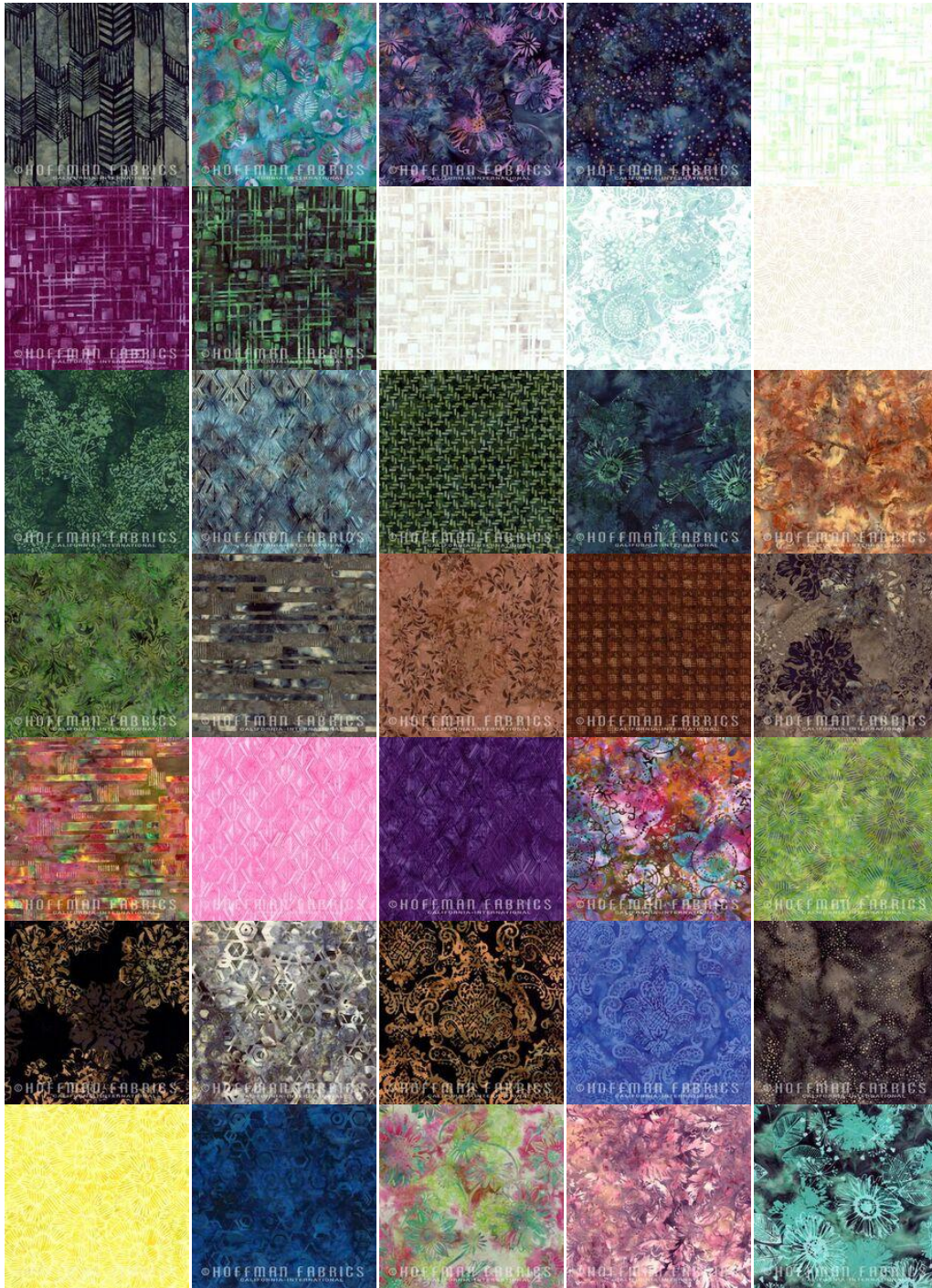
From Free Spirit--5" squares & 2 1/2" strips: Butterfly Garden (goes with bolts)



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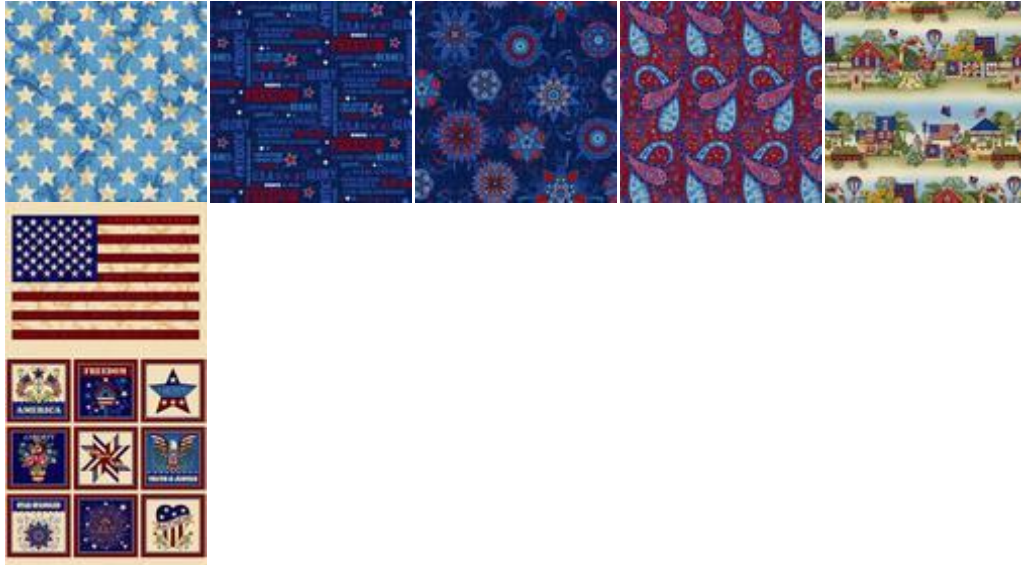




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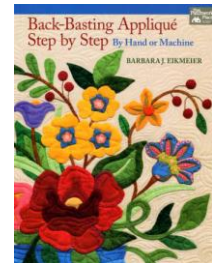
From Henry Glass:



## February Classes & Special Events

### **Back Basting** Wed. Feb 3 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 Quilting** ongoing Wed Feb 3,10, 17, 24 6-9 or Sun 14, 21, 28

### **Block of the Month** Sat. Feb 6 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.

### **ABCs of Binding** Sat. Feb 6, 1-3 \$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 \$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** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays ongoing

**Knit Pickers' Club** Thur. February 11, 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.

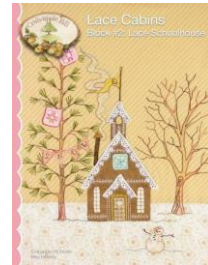
**Hand Embroidery Club** Sat. Feb 13, 10-noon FREE Kathy Sconce

(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. Feb 13 1-3 Kathy Sconce \$25

Lace Houses is a Crabapple Hill pattern. It combines fusible applique, laces & trims, crayon coloring, minimal piecing, and, most importantly, embroidery. Each month we will concentrate on a new block or part of the quilt. The class will run from February through November, maybe December. Come learn from our master embroiderer, Kathy Sconce.



**Wrapsody Purse** Sat. Feb 13 4-6 (and 20, & Mar 12) Frerich \$25

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



1-3 Sue

light weight  
very cool  
detail work on  
snap to make.

**Beginning Quilting** ongoing Sun. 1-4, Feb 14, 21, 28

Morley J. Moose III.



**BJ Designs: Morley Moose & Friends** Mon Feb 15, 10:30-5 \$20



This is a 1) fusible 2) machine appliqued and 3) a pieced wall hanging. These make great gifts and are fun to put together. You can choose any of the patterns you want (bear, moose, reindeer, lobo, bison, horse and others) and you can use your own fabrics or buy one of our kits. The kits are good sellers and we have a hard time keeping them in stock.

**Hand Quilting Wed.** Feb 17, 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.

**Wrapsody Purse Sat.** Feb 20 10-2 ongoing

**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 ½" 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 2½" 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

Bertie's Year & Purfectly Pieced are small wall hangings, (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. The patterns are by Bonnie Sullivan, and you can do any of the series-she has a spring, summer, fall & winter Bertie's, plus the original, and plus the cats. You choose. Class is ongoing-because we need the time to get the embellishing done!

**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.

## February 2016

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



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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 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 .

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

Happy quilting!