

BALI PARTY

SAT. JAN. 30

New Bali batiks from Hoffman are here!
So we thought we'd have a party! Drinks with little umbrellas, treats & batiks--**25% off**. And it's supposed to be warm--in the 50s--so wear your Hawaiian shirts!

And to add to the party, ALL CHRISTMAS FABRICS ARE 25% OFF, TOO!

We have 50 new batiks arriving and no where to put them. So for 1 day only, I'm putting them (only the new ones) on sale at **25% off**. They are Hoffman's newest collection of batiks and they are gorgeous. This is just a small sampling:



January 29, 2016

People who live in Wyoming are crazy. And I can prove it. No, not by testimonials from my relatives.

Take, for instance, yesterday. Temps were in the high 40s. The snow was melting, so the roads were a mess. Cars are filthy. The pot holes are starting to grow. Where there isn't dirty white snow there is brown. And more brown. Brown trees, brown ground, brown snow, brown cars. And all I could think about was how gorgeous it was outside. See what I mean? Crazy. I even know someone who ditched class to go horseback riding

because it was so nice. And today it's really windy-but we're not complaining because that dries up the melting snow. Translation: No ice.

And while we're on the topic of weather, and since it's been snowing a lot in places other than around here, I thought a Christmas observation might be in order. Actually, it is a thought that I had the week after Christmas, but just didn't get around to sharing it with you.

Boxing Day. In England, and its former colonies, Boxing Day was celebrated on the day after Christmas. Traditionally, the day after Christmas is the day the servants got as their holiday. They had to serve their masters on Christmas, so the next day was their holiday. And the masters would give their servants a "Christmas Box" of stuff they could take home to the relatives. In other words, the servants got their Christmas gifts from their masters packaged up in a convenient box for hauling home. It later morphed into a tradition of "giving" a gift to anyone who provided services, again conveniently collected via a box.

Now, that's one theory. There are a few other explanations, but mostly it's a day after Christmas thing related to giving gifts to your servants.

We do the same in this country, in terms of tipping those who provide a service to us. Often it takes the form of a bottle of wine in a convenient Christmas bag. We also have a form of "Boxing Day," in which we "regift" the gifts we don't like by putting them in a convenient box, wrapping them up and giving them as future Christmas or birthday gifts. Admit it. You've done it.

Today, in England, Boxing Day is like our Black Friday. Big sale day. Englanders also celebrate by having Boxing Day hunts (horses, dogs & foxes) and jumping into ice cold water half clothed or in Santa suits. But that's a different story. I want to stick with the Boxing Day concept.

So, about a week after Christmas-trash pick up day in my neighborhood-I'm driving down the road and I see numerous black plastic trash bags piled by the road side. More than normal. And it occurs to me: We don't celebrate Boxing Day in this country. We celebrate Bagging Day. The day all of the Christmas boxes are stuffed into bags destined for the dump, euphemistically called the "land fill." Lots of boxes. Lots of bags.

Okay, maybe not all that funny, but it was amusing to drive down the road and see all the trash bags on the side of the street. The fancier the house, the more black bags. You could really tell who had the best Christmas.

Don't worry. Lydia still has her

box.



WHAT'S NEW!!

Hoffman:



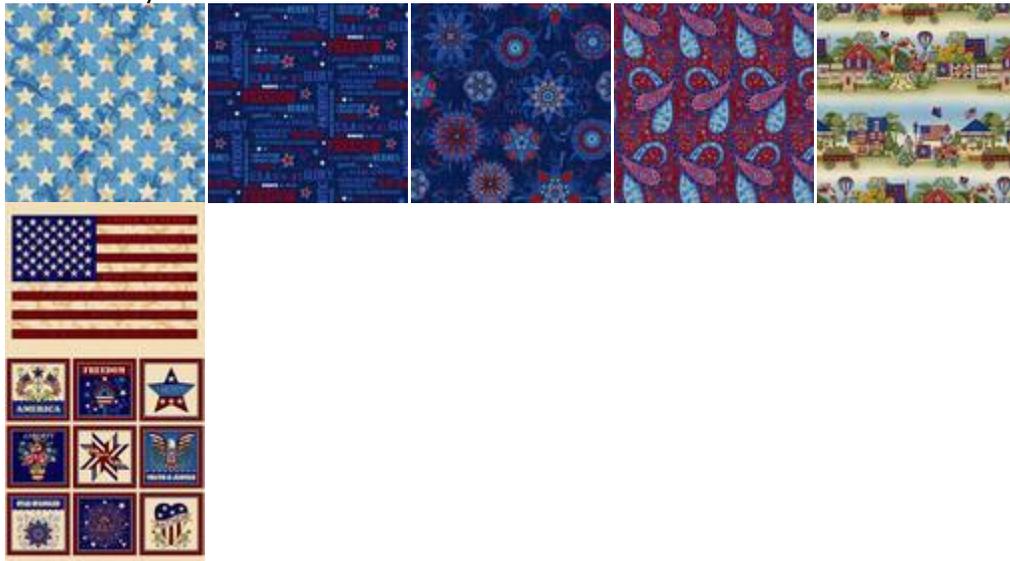




From Benartex:



From Henry Glass:



From Moda:



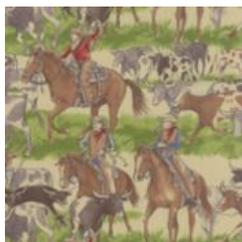
From Hoffman:
(challenge fabric)



More from Hoffman:



From Moda: charms & jelly rolls:



January Classes & Special Events

Beginning Quilting Wed. starting Jan. 13, 6-9 OR Sun. Jan. 17, 1-4 8 weeks
\$65 Barb Boyer

This comprehensive 8-week course will introduce to you almost everything you need to know about piecing a quilt top. Along the way you will learn about color, batting, thread, machines and various techniques to give you the skills to make almost any quilt.

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

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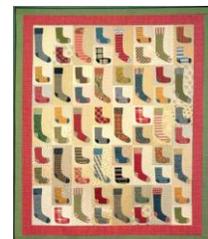


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S.O.S. Quilts Lost Socks 5th Sat. of the month, Jan 30, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

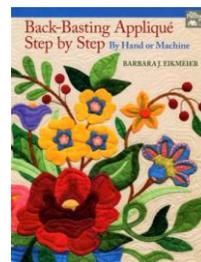
Save Our Scraps! Quilts! On the 5th Saturday of the month (when it occurs-the next one is in April) we will make a scrappy quilt. The first quilt is called Lost Socks. Each sock (40 little ones, 20 big ones) is different-because they are all lost socks, the ones lost in the dryer. You can combine scraps of fun fabrics for the socks, combined with cuffs (big socks) heels & toes. Flannels, brushed cottons and regular cottons can all go into the same quilt. Future S.O.S. Quilts will use precuts and strips.



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 1st & 3rd 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

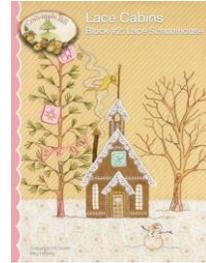
(Club normally meets the 2nd Sat. of each month from 10-noon)

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) 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.



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

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.

Morley J. Moose III.



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 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 2½" strip precuts just waiting to be used.

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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.

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					1CLOSED	2BOM 10:30-11:30 Monthly Minis 4-6

3 CLOSED	4	5	6	7	8	9 Embroidery Club 10-noon Turning Panels into Quilts 1:30-4
10	11 English Paper Piecing 2-4	12	13 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	14 T-Shirt Class 10:30-4 Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30	15 Open Sew1-4	16 Stack & Whack 10:30- 4
17 Beginning Quilt 1-4	18 Mitten quilt 10:30-5 ML King Day	19	20 Hand quilting1-3 Beginning Quilt 6- 8:30	21 T- Shirt class, cont. 10:30-4	22	23 LOTP: Nine Patch 10:30-5
24 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Full Moon	25 English Paper Piecing 2-4	26	27 Spoon Quilting 1- 3 Beginning Quilt 6- 8:30	28	29 Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	30 S.O.S.Quilts 10:30-5
31 Beginning Quilt 1-4						Color of the month: purple

February 2016

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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!