

Fort Collins Senior Center Silent Auction

Fabric, handmade gifts, quilts, sewing machines DID I MENTION SEWING MACHINES? and other fun things.

Quilting demos 7:30-8:30

Monday, November 14, 6-8 (Auction)

1200 Raintree Drive, Ft. Collins

Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Creative Quilters



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You don't need special Egyptian tools to create a mummy in Wyoming. All you need is warm, dry conditions, some wind, and salty popcorn. Here's a tip: never eat salty popcorn when it's dry, warm & windy & especially around Halloween. You'll feel like a mummy driving around town, and it doesn't help that you have the windows down in the car because it's almost 70 degrees outside and you're dressed for November weather. Any hope of moisture in your skin gets sucked into the salt and blown away by the wind.

And speaking of Halloween, I just want to remind you of two things: First, it's November, in case you were wondering. Halloween was last week. This week Daylight Savings starts. Or ends. I never remember which. But we get an extra hour to sleep in on Sunday. All of this means it's supposed to be winter. So in case you're wandering around in your winter outfits, because it's November, and are wearing flannel pjs at night, because it's November, and are dying of the heat, don't blame me for your confusion. I'm telling you that the leaves have all left the trees and the prairie grass is crisp and brown. Therefore, it's winter. Just don't turn on the air conditioner.

This time of year I like watching themed movies based on the closest holiday. So for Halloween, I watched the Halloween franchise movies. You really have to suspend your disbelief when watching these movies. Spoiler alert: The Boogymen (Mike Myers) never dies. Neither does Laurie, his sister. But you don't learn she's his sister until movie 2. And the doctor/psychiatrist never dies, either, despite being blown up, with Mike, at the end of movie 2. And although Mike's dead, again, after movie 8, the camera zeroes in on his hand, which is still twitching. Can we all say Halloween 9? Maybe Laurie won't be dead, won't be his sister after all, and they'll get married. Maybe they'll hire me for the rewrite.

Anyway, I had a hard time keeping track of the Halloween plots-quit laughing. There is a plot: Mike escapes, kills a bunch of people, gets blown up, comes back to life. But extra story lines get woven in and because I did not watch them in order, I couldn't figure out why a character that I thought was dead really wasn't. And then I realized it had nothing to do with the order of movies. It had everything to do with that particular movie's story line. If the character that had previously died was needed in the next movie, there would be a toss off line in the next movie, "Oh, well, she really didn't die," and everyone would shrug

their shoulders and the movie would go on. And vice versa. If a character from a previous movie wasn't needed, at the beginning of the movie, someone would say, "Isn't it too bad so & so died?" and the movie would just move forward. Kinda like Dallas, when they killed off Bobby, filmed 31 episodes without him ('cause he was dead) then brought him back to life. He showed up in the shower talking to his wife, who was complaining about this awful dream she had where he was dead for a year. And the show wound up running for at least 3 more years, not counting its revival in 2012. I watch a lot of sci fi and it's easier to accept flying dragons and talking plants than it is this stuff.

And for those of you who get scared watching these movies, try watching them during the day. You can't see half of what goes on. And because the movies are imagery driven, there isn't much dialog. My dad had a theory that cheap movies and tv shows were always filmed at night. If you can't see what's going on, you won't know if any mistakes are being made. Horror/slasher movies always take place after dark.

Now my favorite Halloween movies are either the Alfred Hitchcock varieties or the classic Dracula, Mummy, Frankenstein ones. I have to be careful watching the original 1956 Werewolf movie-they used real werewolf voices and it drives Cassidy nuts. Cassidy is an Australian Shepherd. She doesn't watch tv. But she pays attention when real dogs or wolves, were or otherwise, are howling through the speakers. She has a tendency to talk back.

Becca knows better. She doesn't watch any of this and she questions my intelligence wondering why I bother watching such stuff. She even knows the barking dogs are stunt doubles--not the real thing.

And the last scary thing I want to talk about is this year's World Series. Did you watch? This falls into the scary good category. After every inning, I knew the other side was going to win. And the end of each game, I knew that whoever had won that game would win the series. What a marvelous way to end the fall. Now if the weather would just cooperate.

WHAT'S NEW!!

From Hoffman: This Bucking Horse & Rider is only available this year. It will not be reprinted. I have 30 yards of navy, 30 yards of the pink & chocolate, 30 yards of the dark brown & gold and 45 yards of brown & light tan.



From Camelot Cottons:



Star Trek--

Nightmare Before



Christmas



From Moda:



From Andover:
North Woods

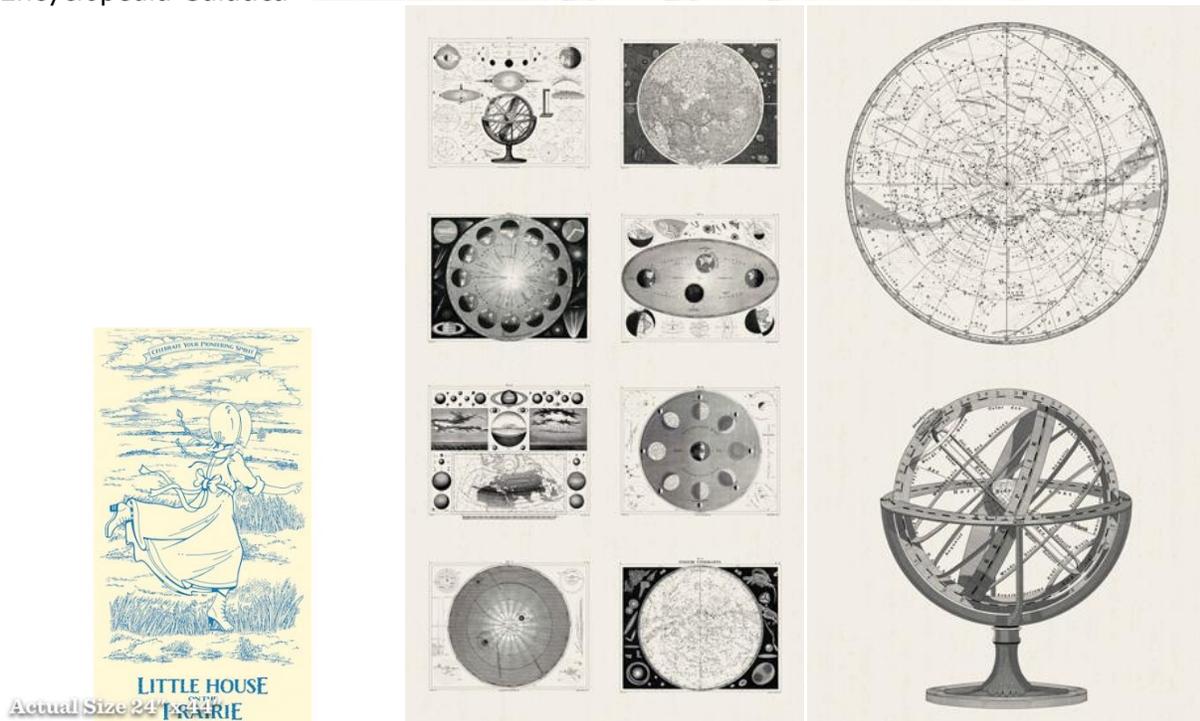


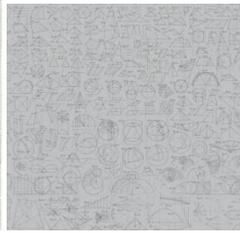


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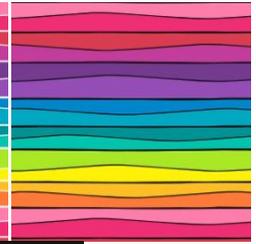
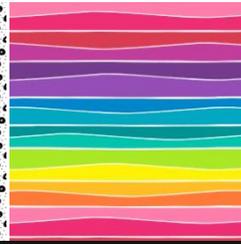
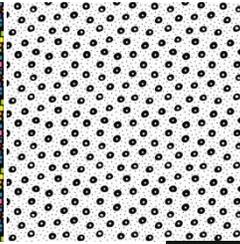
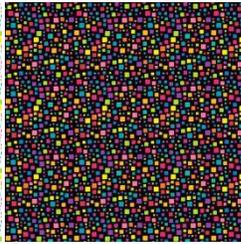
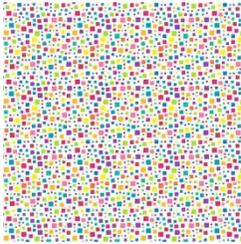


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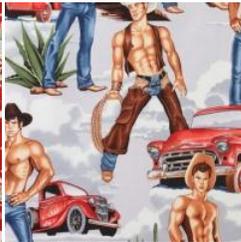


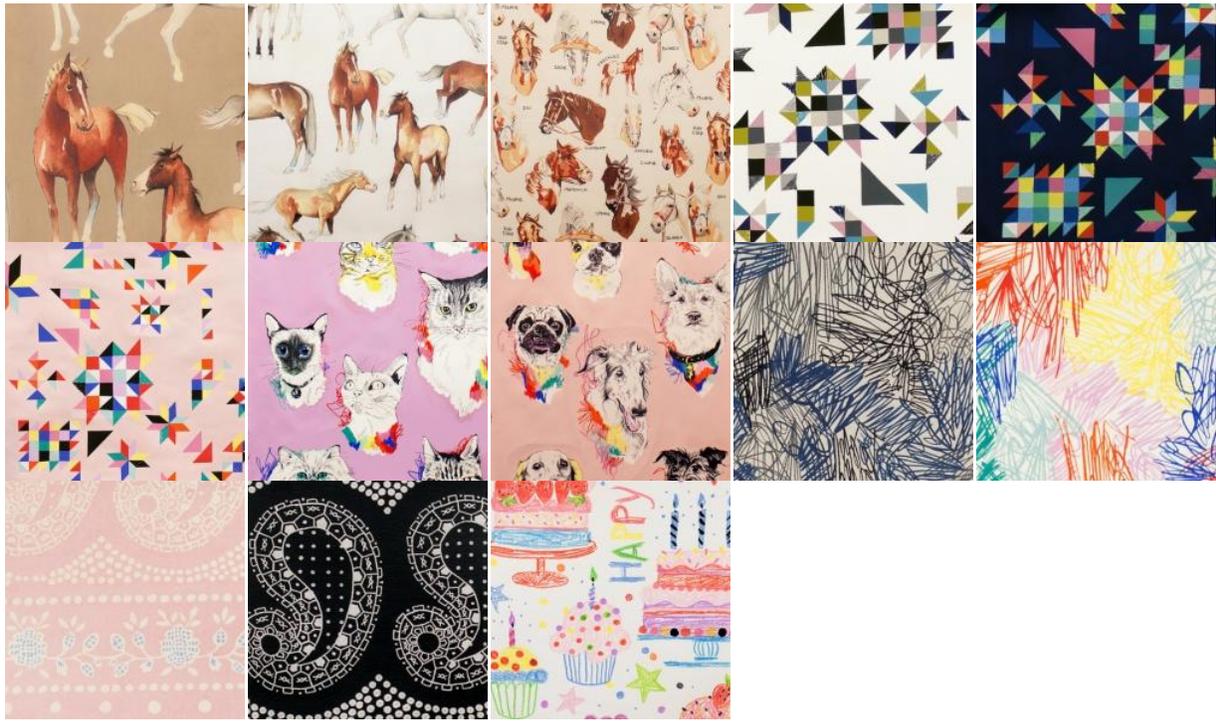


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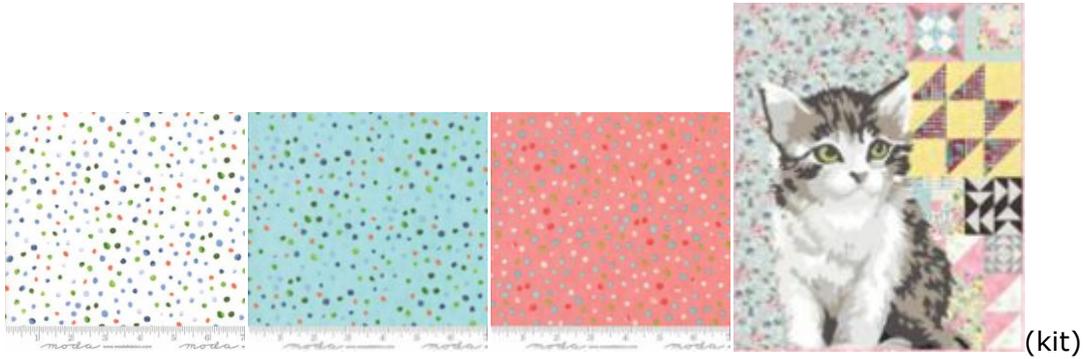


Alexander Henry:





From Moda:



(kit)

From Stof:



From Robert Kaufman:

These are linen/cotton/metallic/yard dyes mixes. They make great backgrounds!



November Classes and Special Events

Misty Pond-paper piecing class Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 1 1-4 or 6-9 \$25 Sue Frerich

Misty Pond is one of Judy Niemeyer's patterns. You can choose this pattern or any of the other Judy Niemeyer's patterns. Sue will help get you started-reading the pattern, choosing your fabrics and getting your fabric organized (trust me, if you have not done one of her patterns, having a guide to get you started is the best plan). She will also teach you how to paper piece, and put the quilt together. We will schedule extra classes, as necessary, to help keep you going and to help you with put all the pieces together.



Finish Your Quilt Sale Nov 5, Dec 3

Bring your finished quilt top to the store, and we'll help you find the perfect back and binding. Plus, we'll give you 20% off your backing, binding and/or batting. It's time to finish your quilts!

Block of the Month Sat. Nov 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, Sept-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 2-4 ongoing Barb Boyer \$20

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd Thur. of the month, 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.

BJ Designs: Morley Moose & Friends Fri Nov 11, 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 Embroidery Club 2nd Sat. of the month, 10-noon FREE (but see below) Kathy Sconce (Club normally meets the 2nd Sat. of each month from 10-noon)

Starting this fall we are doing barns. If you want to participate, there will be a COST. The patterns is \$20 + \$12 for printing. Each month, I will print the barn on Transfer Ez for you. Bring your fabric and supplies (floss, hoop, scissors, etc), and we will sit & stitch on the blocks during class. Fabric requirements will be provided in the first class.

ABCs of Binding Sat. Nov 12, 2-3 \$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.

Beginning Machine Quilting Wed. Nov 16, 1-4 or 6-9 \$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!

Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler Quilt ongoing Nov. 19 & 26 10-12 \$20

Christmas Row Quilt 3rd Sat of the month, 1-4 ongoing

Wild Orchid Raven Quilt last Friday of the month ongoing, 2-4 \$20

This block of the month will feature a different raven block, from the Raven book by Blackbird Designs. You can hand applique the blocks, but class will show you how to trace the pieces, fuse them in place and applique around by machine. We have 1 kit left of the original fabrics, but you can choose your own fabrics from your stash.

Friday Nighters, last Friday of the month 5:30-? \$10 Barb Boyer

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.

Snowflake Flannel Sat. Nov 26, 1-6 \$20 Barb Boyer

This cute quilt uses a free panel and flannel. Class will focus on learning how to cut the panel & keep it from stretching, and learning how to sew with flannel. This is a quick quilt and you will get most of it done in class - meaning you will have a cozy quilt to wrap up in just in time for Christmas.

Pillow Case Party Sun. Nov 27 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!

Beginning Machine Applique Wed. Nov 30, 1-4 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.

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Beginning Quilt 6-9	3 Misty Pond (paper piecing project) 1-4 or 6-9	4 Open Sew1-4	5 BOM 10:30-11:30 Ornament Club 2-4 Monthly Minis 4-6
6 CLOSED	7 English Paper Piecing 2-4	8	9	10 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	11 BJ Designs 10:30-5 Veterans Day	12 Embroidery Club 10-noon ABC's of Binding 2-3
13 Beginning Quilt 1-4	14 Full Moon	15	16 Beginning Machine Quilting 1-4 or 6-9	17 Misty Pond (paper piecing project) 1-4 or 6-9	18 Open Sew1-4	19 Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler 10-12 Christmas Row Quilt 1-4
20	21 English Paper Piecing 2-4	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Wild Orchid Raven Quilt 2-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	26 Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler 10-12 Snowflake Flannel Quilt 1-6
27 Pillow Case Party 1-4	28	29	30 Beginning Machine Applique 1-4 or 6-9	Color of the month: flannel		

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: Sept. 16; Oct. 16; Nov. 14; Dec. 14.

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

September orange; October green; November flannel; December Christmas.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

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