Stay tuned for a quilt block challenge--one I think we can actually pull off. Gather up your neutrals and be prepared. I'll send out more info in the coming week.

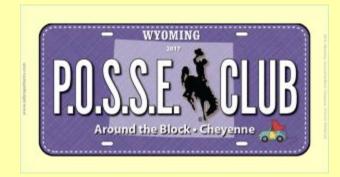


# **ROW BY ROW!**

Here is our Row! It's called, "Who Let the Horses Out ..... of the Barn." The block with the horses is an elongated Hole in the Barn Door block.



Our new license plates. Plates are for sale now. Row By Row starts June 21!





June 9, 2017

It's all McDonald's fault. I mean, really, spending 7 minutes in line to get food isn't that long of a wait. And just because the new kid on the cash register can't quickly pull out a dollar, a five & a ten, that really isn't his fault. He's new. And young. He doesn't understand what green money is. But McD's has conditioned us, just like Pavlov did with dogs, to expect no more than a 30-second-order-to-food wait.

The local McD's used to have competitions to see how many cars could be served through the drive through windows. Most places have 2 lanes, usually both operational. We got used to spending maybe 2 minutes at the most waiting for food.

But I don't want to talk about that. I want to welcome all the new comers to my emails and to introduce you to all the players, so to speak. I own 2 Australian Shepherds, Cassidy (full sized) and Becca (mini). And a white cat with one ear, named Lydia.

Becca figures prominently in my posts. She is a worrier and she constantly reminds me when things aren't quite right. I suppose you could also say she's a little OCD: She kinda likes things done in the same way at the same time every day. Frankly, it's a little annoying. But you can't tell her that. It will just set her off.

She's been bothered lately about all of the tennis I've been watching on tv and she can't wait for the finals, which are coming up this weekend, to be over. For those of you who don't follow tennis, the second Major, the French Open, is playing right now in Paris. Becca would rather watch basketball or Comey on tv, because there is more running back & forth. She understands that-she does it all day long out in the front yard. Back & forth, back & forth. But how she came to like basketball is beyond me. I don't watch it. But Becca's also a food hound and she wanted me to remind you that Taco Bell will have free tacos on June 13. Apparently the away team "stole" the game. You'll have to ask Becca what that's all about. You only get one taco, though.

And I'm sure she doesn't understand what is happening on the political scene-but I'm too scared to ask her. She heard some back & forth commentary this morning on the Today show about how each side only stares at the trees that paint the picture of the forest that they want to live in. Becca then informed me that her forest desperately needs mowing. The grass is getting taller than she can see over.

Somehow I think she gets it. Maybe better than the rest of us.

# WHAT'S NEW!!

We have kings sized bats in packages, just arrived! From Hoffman:















And we have the BH&R in color Bison and Denim. Plus the smaller version of the horse in colors Tea Rose, Navy, Bison, and Peace.

M2790-372 Saddle

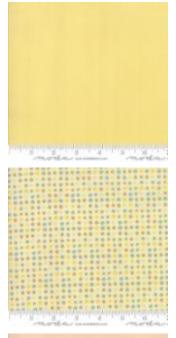
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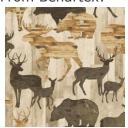
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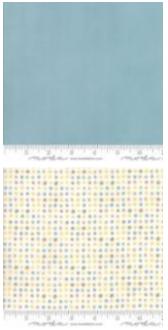






## From Benartex:





















# June Classes and Special Events (Check calendar below for dates & times)

- 1. Get R' Done--Stitch Your Bindings Down! Come on the first Saturdays from 1-4 and sit & stitch on your bindings. If you need help cutting, stitching deciding on color--this is the class for you. \$5 per class/Saturday.
- 2. Beginning Quilting starts June 7 from 1-4 OR June 11 1-4. Class is \$65. Class runs 8 weeks, with a break in July.
- 3. All Things Christmas: We are doing various small Christmas projects this year. \$20
- 4. Mod Dogs: June 10, 1-6. \$20. Fast Fun project using jelly rolls -- and in my example, cheater fabric for the sides. You will learn machine applique for the dogs, which are fused onto a very fun fabric that is a linen/cotton blend with some metallic thrown in. \$20
- 5. Take 5, June 15 Or June 22 from 10:30-5. This is a fun, fast quilt--actually all summer we are doing fun fast quilts. This is a great quilt for a graduate, father's day gift, movie night quilt. \$20
- 6. Wildlife Quilt using Hoffman's Call of the Wild panel and a Mountain Peaks Creation pattern. June 17, 10:30-5. We have 3 kits left, so don't hesitate too long. The class will focus on how to fussy cut the panel to turn your quilt into a "looking through the window" styled quilt. \$20
- 7. T-Shirt Quilt, June 22 from 2-6. Learn how to prepare your t-shirts for your quilt. We will talk about scheduling another class to design your fantastic memory quilt. \$20
- 8. English paper piecing on June 26, 2-4. Come learn how to hand stitch using the English paper piecing method. It's an ongoing class, and class fee is \$20 for the year.
- 9. See the schedule for other classes: Friday Nighters, Knitting, Embroidery Club, Block of the Month, Monthly Minis, and Open sews.

# **June Classes and Special Events**

June 2017							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1 State Shop Hop Begins	2 Open Sew1-4	3BOM 10:30- 11:30 Get R' Done- Stitch Your Bindings Down! 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6	
4 CLOSED	5	6	7 Beginning Quilt 1-4	8 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	9 <sub>All</sub> Things Christmas 1-4 Full Moon	10Embroidery Club 10-noon Mod Dogs 1-6	
11 Beginning Quilt 1-4	12	13	14 Beginning Quilt 1-4	15 Take 5 10-30-5	16 Open Sew1-4	17 Wildlife Quilt 10:30-5	
18 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Father's Day	19	20	21 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Row by Row Begins	22 Take 5 10-30-5	23	24 T-Shirt Quilt 2-6	
25 Beginning Quilt 1-4	26 English Paper Piecing 2-4	27	28 Beginning Quilt 1-4	29	30 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	Color of the month: Brown	

July 2017							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						1BOM 10:30-11:30 Get R' Done-Stitch Your Bindings Down! 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6	
2 Beginning Quilt 1-4	3 Jelly Roll Race 10:30-5	4 X-Block Flag 10-3 Independence Day	5 Beginning Quilt 1-4	6	7 All Things Halloween 1-4	8Embroidery Club 10- noon Fat Quarter Fun 1- 6 Turning 20 Full Moon	
9 Beginning Quilt 1-4	10 Fat Quarter Fun 1-6 Turning 20	11	12 Beginning Quilt 1-4	13 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21 Open Sew1-4	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Color of the month: Blue	
30 Beginning Quilt 1-4	31 English Paper Piecing 2-4						

August 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Beginning Quilt 1-4	3	4 Open Sew1-4	5 BOM 10:30- 11:30 Get R' Done- Stitch Your Bindings Down! 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
6 Beginning Quilt 1- 4	7Full Moon	8	9 Beginning Quilt 1-4	10 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	11 All Things Christmas 1-4	12 Embroidery Club 10-noon
13 Beginning Quilt 1-4	14	15	16 Beginning Machine Quilting 1-4	17	18 Open Sew1-4	19 Solar Eclipse extravaganza: Day 1: Disappearing Sun quilt 10:30-5
20Solar Eclipse extravaganza: Day 2: Reappearing Sun quilt 1-6	21 Solar Eclipse extravaganza: Day 3: Solar Eclipse quilt & road trip 8- 5	22	23	24	25 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	26 Counterpoint 10:30-5
27	28 English Paper Piecing 2-4	29	30	31		Color of the month: Black

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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: Jan 12, Feb 10, March 12, April 11, May 10.

#### **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/beiges/whites.

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

Happy quilting!

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