



June 22, 2018

"We need to rescue those kids from their cages," Becca told me last night.

"What kids are you talking about," I asked cautiously. I never know what Becca has been reading or watching. Becca, for those of you who are new to my posts, is a mini Australian Shepherd. She worries about a lot of things, probably because she is a full sized Australian Shepherd that is shoved into a miniaturized body.

"You know, down at the detention shelter, where all the unwanted kids go."

"Oh-you mean kits, as in kittens."

"Haven't you been listening, that's what I've been saying. They've been separated from their moms, they're living in cages, and they need new homes. They can come here."

"So how many kittens are you talking about, Becca? Have you run this by Cassidy." Cassidy is my other, full sized Australian Shepherd. She is ready to go on a moment's notice and doesn't worry about anything.

"Cassidy doesn't care. She won't even notice them. I'm thinking about half a dozen?"

"Becca, you don't order kittens like you do nuggets at McDonalds."

"Why not? And I want to come so I can choose which ones I want. You can do that, right? Actually go in and see them in their cages? They don't keep

you out, deny you access?" Becca was getting really worked up at this point.

"Becca, calm down. I can go in and look at all of the animals that can be adopted. They each have their own pen..."

"You mean cage...."

"and I can hold them, pet them, talk to them and then choose who should join our family."

"But I want to do that. I want to choose."

"I've told you before, you'll scare them. I'll chose for you. Trust me. You'll like them. Maybe I'll get an older cat."

"No," Becca said, "teenage and midlife crisis cats come with too much baggage."

I swear, I don't know where she gets this stuff. But Becca was onto a different concern.

"Where will the cat sleep? She can't have my bed."

"Becca, you sleep under my bed. You don't even use the bed I bought for you."

"Doesn't matter. She can't have mine..... Or Cassidy's."

"That's very thoughtful of..." "...because it's too big." "...of you."

"They can sleep in your old bed," I told her. "You've out grown it and don't use it any more."

"Nope. That one is mine. They can't have it."

"Becca, play nice. Besides, I bought more treats today for you and Cassidy."

"So when are you going to rescue our kittens?"

"I'll pick them up today. You can meet them tonight."

"What are their names?"

"Well, they have flower names, Violet and Viola, I think. But they don't know their names yet. We can change that."

"So I can name them. Let's see, cat, skunk, robin, get out..." "Becca!"
"...tasty, crunchy..." "BECCA!"

We have been hit this week with the news of the separation of families at our border. What has been most disturbing are the reports of the infants and toddlers who have been removed from their mothers. with little to no tracking mechanisms in place to reunite the children with their parents. I adopted two kittens from the Animal Shelter today and their computer system tracks the animal, its intake history, its shot and health records, and other vital information. That we can't do the same for the families at our borders is embarrassing--at the least.

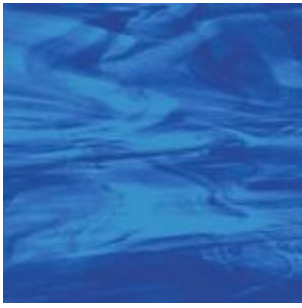
If you want to help these families, Charlotte and Dave Willner have established a Facebook fundraising platform to help the immigrant families in the camps along the border, and in at least 16 other states. They had hoped to raise about \$1,500 to help just one family. In four days, the site has raised more than 10 million dollars. All of the money is being given to the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services, which is a non-profit focused on "providing free and low-cost legal services to under-served immigrant children, families and refugees in Central and South Texas," according to the organization's website. The money will be used to hire more attorneys (current staff is 50) and fund volunteers willing to travel to the detention sites to assist in the effort. This is a link to that page.

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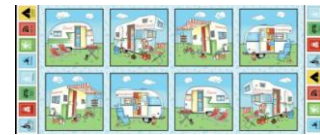
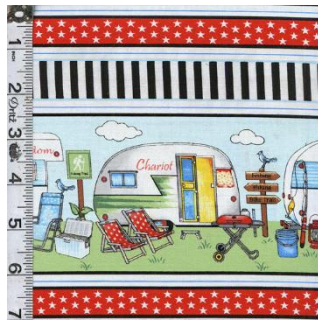
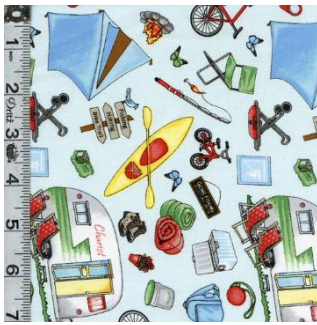
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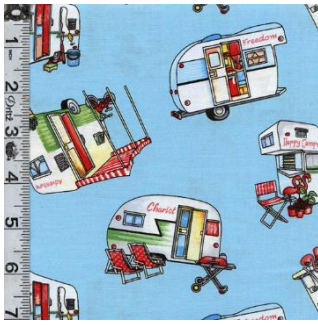
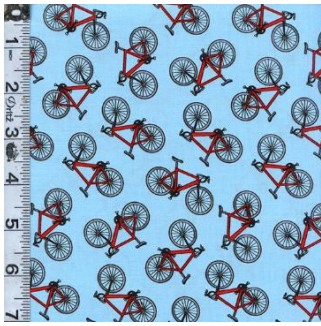
Hoffman Bucking Horse & Rider fabric is here! I have limited bolts, so don't wait too long to come in a get your fabric. As always, what I have is all there is for this year. I assume Hoffman will reprint, but I have not asked yet. If Hoffman reprints, fabric won't be available again until next May, so plan accordingly.

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From Henry Glass:

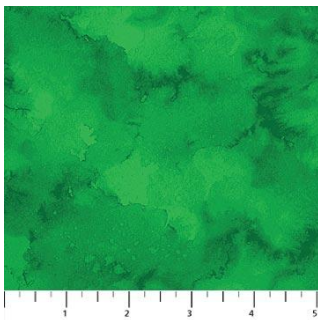
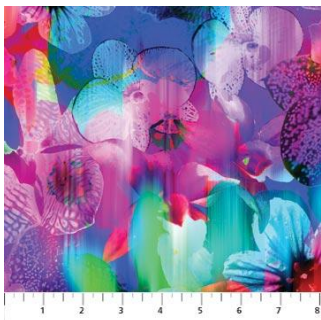
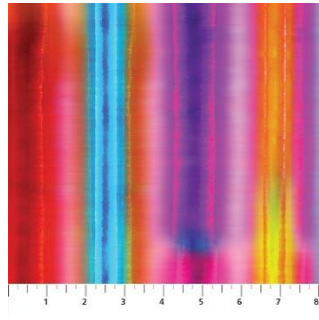
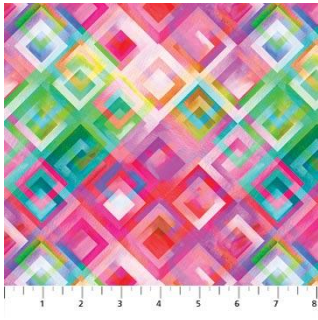
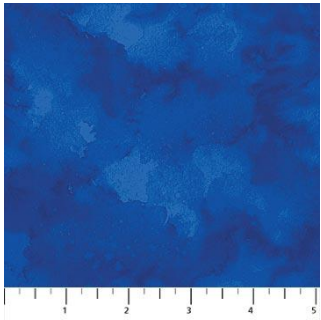




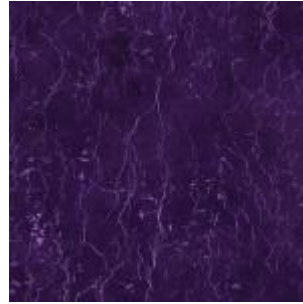
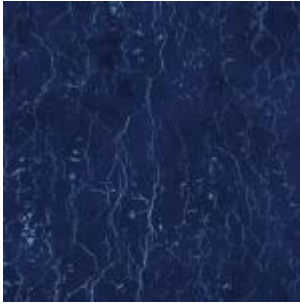
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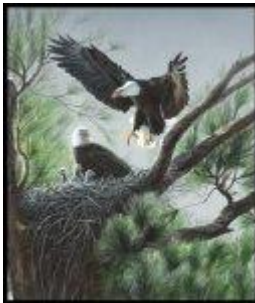
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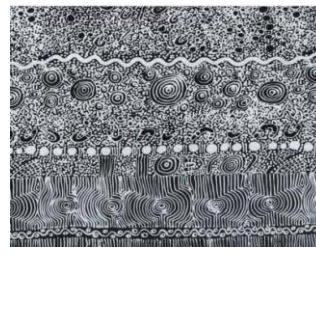
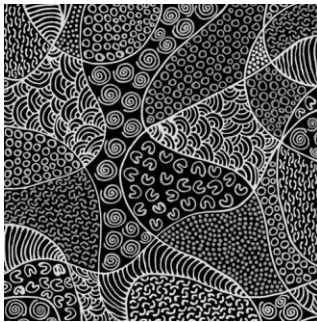
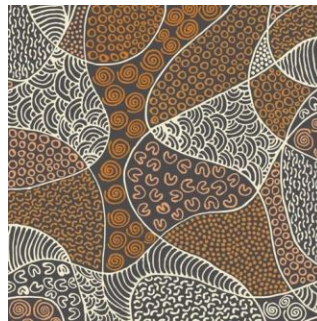
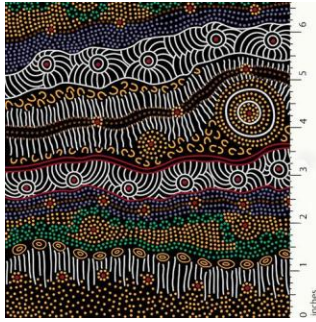
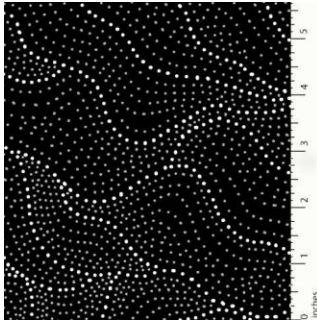
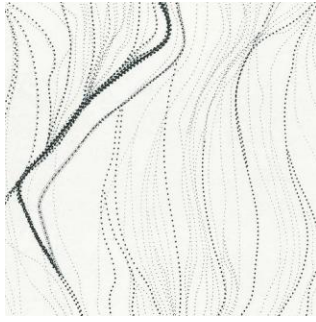
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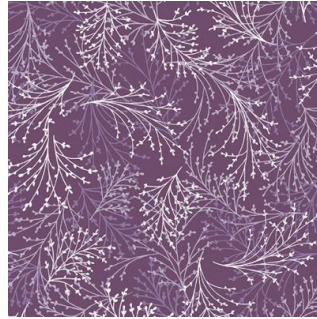
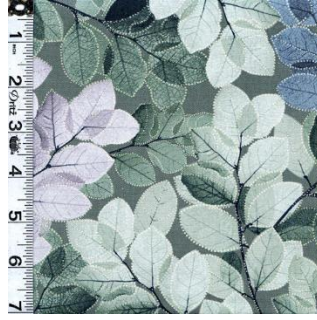


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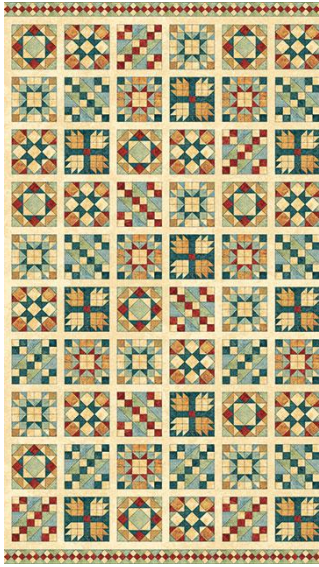


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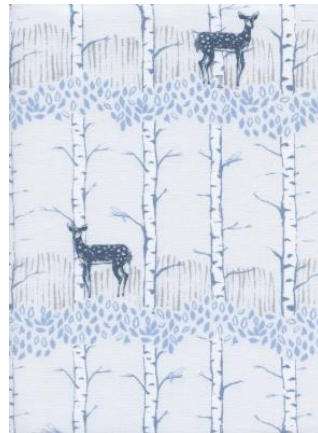
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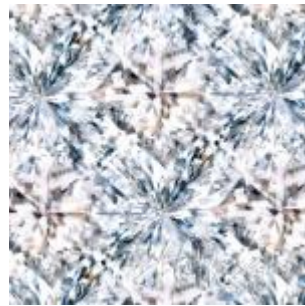


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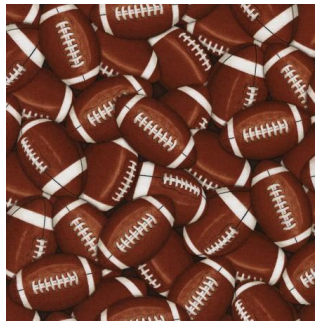
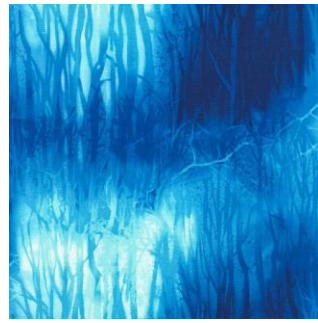
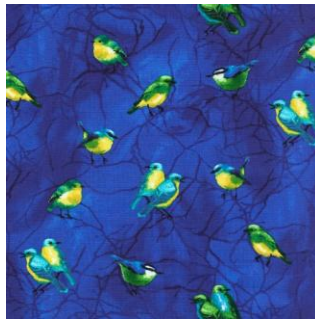
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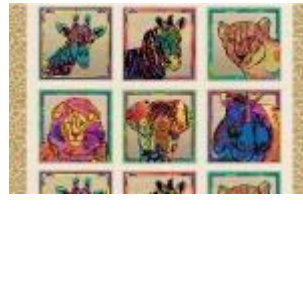
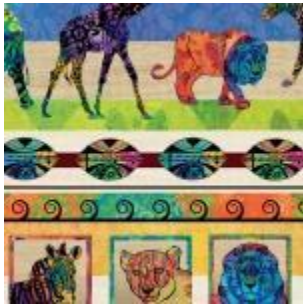
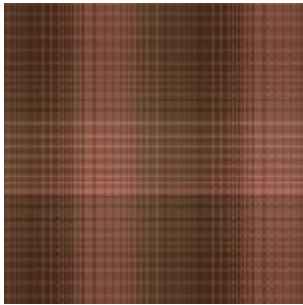
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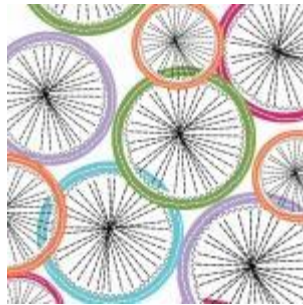


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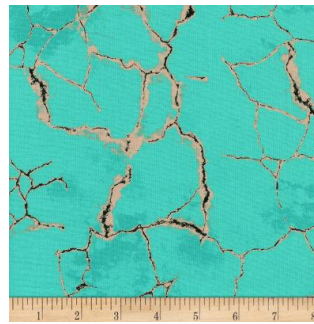
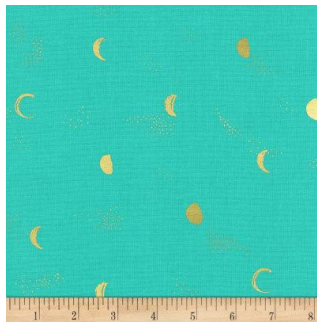
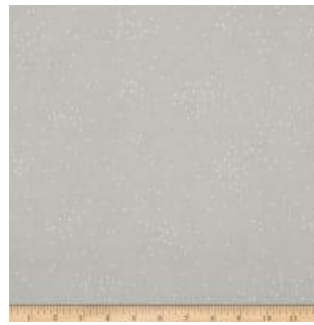


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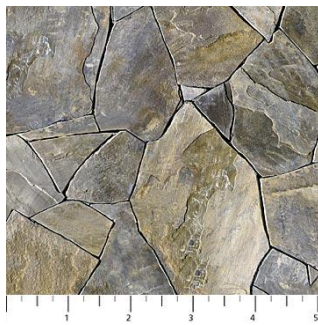
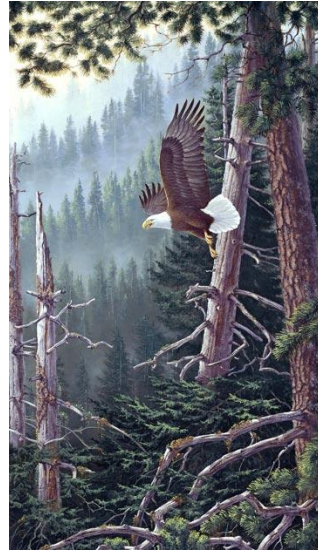
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SIGN UP FOR LONG ARM QUILTING CLASSES TODAY!

Classes are on Wednesdays and some Saturdays: 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30, or 6-8:30. Check the calendar for dates. Only 4 to a class.

Rentals have started for those who have taken the class. Tuesdays and Fridays, and a couple of Saturday and Sunday rentals. Check the calendar for rentals. Generally, there are 2 rentals times per day: 10:30-2 and 2:30-6. \$25/hr or \$85 for 3 1/2 hours. \$50 minimum. Plus \$5/bobbin for thread. Most quilts (double and smaller), even for beginners, will take about 2 1/2-3 hours. We will discuss what you plan to do on your quilt and will help you estimate how long it will take.

Class descriptions follow the calendar, so keep scrolling. Classes are listed alphabetically.

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 BOM 10:30 Floral Menagerie 1-4 Great Pumpkin 4-6 Long arm rental

						day 1-6
3 CLOSED	4	5 Long arm rental day	6 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	7 Beginning Quilt 1-4	8 Long arm rental day	9 Embroidery Club 10-noon Summer School Sessions, 1, 2, 3 & 4
10 Beginning Quilt 1-4	11 Summer School Sessions, 1, 2, 3 & 4	12 Long arm rental day	13 Long Arm Quilt class 10:30-1:30 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	14 Beginning Quilt 1-4	15 Long arm rental day	16 Hunter Star 10:30-5
17 Beginning Quilt 1-4	18	19 Long arm rental day	20 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; OR 2:30-5:30 Market Party 6-8:30	21 Beginning Quilt 1-4	22 Long arm rental day	23 Window Squares 10:30-5
24 Beginning Quilt 1-4	25	26 Long arm rental day	27 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	28 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Full Moon	29 Long arm rental day	30 Zig Zag 10:30-5
Color of the month: blue						

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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CLOSED		Long arm rental day	CLOSED AT 3		Long arm rental day	BOM 10:30 Long arm rental day 1-6 Great Pumpkin 4-6
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15 Beginning Quilt 1-4	16	17 Long arm rental day	18 Disappearing 9-Patch 10:30-5	19 Beginning Quilt 1-4	20 Long arm rental day	21 Jelly Roll Race 10:30-5
22 Beginning Quilt 1-4	23	24 Long arm rental day	25 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	26 Beginning Quilt 1-4	27 Long arm rental day Full Moon	28 9-Patch-Snowball quilt 10:30-5
29 Beginning Quilt 1-4	30	31 Long arm rental day	Color of the month: Brown			

**Beginning Quilting Thurs. starting Thrus June 7 1-4 OR Sun June 10 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.

**Block of the Month First Sat of
month 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 "modern" quilt. Something new, something different. I will provide some other options as we explore the modern quilt world.



Disappearing 9-Patch Wed July 18 Barb Boyer 10:30-5 \$20

Take 48 5" squares, plus some extra fabric, make 9-patches, cut apart & sew back together again and voila! you have a fun, quick quilt. You don't have to worry about biased edges with this one. This is another one of our summer fun quilts. Techniques to learn: What happens when you chop up a perfectly good 9-patch!

English Paper Piecing Club 4th (or last) Mondays 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20

English paper piecing dates back to the early 1800s. It is a hand sewing method that uses paper templates to help sew complex angles together, like hexagons. Any number of different designs can be made, including Grandmother's Flower Garden-this is the pattern I am STILL doing this year. Several patterns will be available, including traditional Flower Garden and the Downton Abbey free pattern.

Hand Applique/Back Basting Wed As scheduled 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!

Hand Embroidery Club 2nd Sat. of the month, 10-noon FREE Kathy Sconce

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. You can work on your own projects or you can join the project we are doing. This year we are following a purchased pattern called My Crazy Life. It is wool appliques on flannel backgrounds. Then we will explore a variety of embroidery stitches to embellish each block-4 six inch blocks per month (or whatever you choose to do), for a total of 48 blocks. 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. We will also discuss wool, felted wool, wool felt, various threads for embroidery, various techniques for the wool applique and setting options for the quilt.

Hand Quilting Wed As scheduled Sandra Freeburg \$25

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.

Jelly Roll Race Barb Boyer Sat July 21, 10:30-5 \$20

Using 1 2 1/2" strip set (you need 40-48 strips) plus fabrics for borders, you can stitch this colorful quilt in less than an hour. I'm kidding. You can't get the borders on. Okay, I'm kidding. But most can get the inside sewn in about 4 hours. But it is a race and I throw some extra fun into the class. This is a great quilt to use to practice your long arm machine quilting! And it is easy. You can add borders or leave as easy. This is another one of our summer fun quilts. Technique to learn: sewing strips together on diagonal without drawing your lines.

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd Wed of each month, 6-8:30 Carol Moler

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. This year we are doing a knit along project involving 6" squares. Each month we will learn a different pattern (or 2), make it into a square and eventually put all the squares into one project-afghan, scarf, bag, etc. Join us & learn some new stitches!

Long Arm Quilting Classes Wednesdays in April & May from 10:30-1:30, 2:30-5:30 or 6-9 and Barb Boyer \$30 (check calendar for times & dates)

In this class you will learn all about the Nolting long arm quilting machines:

loading, threading, quilting. I'll demonstrate how to load and thread, set stitch length, change tension, wind and load bobbins. Then I will load a practice quilt onto the machine and show how to do hand guided quilting. Each student will be given at least 15-20 minutes of practice time. (Each class is limited to 4 students). You will be able to do free hand quilting plus you can practice following a pantograph. Any quilter who wants to rent to machines must take this class first, regardless of whether you have experience on a long arm machine. This class is not designed to teach you everything there is to know about long arm quilting-it's just a start.

**Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month, Feb-Dec.
4-6 FREE**

This year we are going to do the Great Pumpkin Quilt, a purchased pattern. It will start in February because we are still finishing last year's Holiday Houses in January. Starting in February we will work on the Great Pumpkin quilt. We will plan to do 2 blocks a month, and do the top banner section over two months. In class we will discuss use of color in the backgrounds and pumpkins. We will also discuss and learn various machine applique techniques to use on the blocks.



Nine patch Snowball Quilt Sue Frerich Sat July 28, 10:30-5 \$20

Learn how to the 9-patch block + snowball block turns squares into circles. We will teach the block in one size, but offer other sizes of blocks that are also suitable for 2 1/2" pre cut strips. If you need a quick western quilt, baby quilt, 30s reproduction quilt--this one makes up quickly. This is another one of our summer fun quilts. Technique to learn: How to make the corners of snowballs to the 9-patch seams.

Spoon Quilting As scheduled Sandra Freeburg \$25

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).

Summer School Sessions Barb Boyer \$5 June 9 (Sat), 11 (Mon), July 9 (Mon), 14 (Sat), classes at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. & 4 p.m.

We are holding refreshed classes, called Summer School, that last 1 hour each. At 1 p.m., we will teach how to put on borders; at 2 the class will be on half square triangles, including how to measure, how to cut, the math involved and how to square up; at 3 the class will be on quarter square triangles; and at 4 the class will be on flying geese, how to cut, sew and square. So if you need a refreshed on one or more of these techniques, each class is only \$5 and lasts 1 hour. The classes are scheduled on Mondays and Saturdays (generally the second Monday and Saturday from June through August). Class is demo only; you don't need to bring anything but yourself.

Window Squares Sat June 23, 10:30-5 Sue Frerich \$20

Frame your square with a rainbow of colors, and a stripe border and you have a cute sunshiny quilt! You can add novelties in your squares, keep them low volume or make the polka dots. It's a quick & easy quilt. We call it Window Squares, because the quilt is hanging in our front window! This is another one of our summer fun quilts. Technique to learn: piano key border.

Zig Zag Barb Boyer Sat June 30, 10:30-5 \$20

Using 1 2 1/2" strip set (you need 38 strips) plus fabrics for the sides, you can stitch this colorful quilt in an afternoon (especially if you have all your strips cut & ready to go). You can add borders or leave as is. This is another one of our summer fun quilts. Technique to learn: How to keep track of all the colors.

Nolting Longarm Machines

Nolting has 5 main machines, each with different reaches: from 17" to 30" depending on the machine. They are sold with or without a frame, but after I saw & helped set up one of the steel frames this week, I recommend buying the frame. All machines, except for the Standard--the most economical machine-- have a stitch regulator. I recommend a stitch regulator. All machines can be equipped with a computer and there are a couple of different ones to choose from. In addition, you can get an extended table base so that you can use rulers, you can get larger bobbins on some of the models and on the frames you can get hydraulic lifts to raise and lower the tables. In the coming weeks, I will print out more information on each model.

The best entry level machine is the Fun Quilter. It comes in 17", 20" & 23" reach. It comes with the Intellistitch Equalizer stitch regulator, standard speed control, needle up/down, and fixed handles in the front & rear. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.



The Pro Machine has the Intellistitch Turbo stitch regulator, single stitch option, standard speed control, needle up/down and customizable

handles in the front & rear. The Pro Machine comes in 20", 24" and 30" reach with 10-12" of inside height. There are easy dials on the front to set stitch length and other options. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.



The NV Machine is the newest in the fleet of Nolting machines. This machine has a touch screen with programmable stitch regulation. You can stitch in 4 different stitch modes plus single stitch and needle up/down. It also has an adjustable brightness LED work light. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.



Nolting also has a commercial machine with the Intellistitch Equalizer stitch regulator, standard speed control, needle up/down, and fixed handles in the front & rear. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.

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 use printed patterns and some vintage free patterns that you can embroider, embellish and color. Depending on the projects, 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: Jan 1, Jan 31, March 1, March 31, April 29, May 29, June 28, July 27

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: whites & beiges; June brown; July Blue

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Happy quilting!

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