



## The t-shirts are here! All sizes!

The art work is by Adam Orla-Bukowski, a local Cheyenne artist.

For those of you who have contributed 100+ you will get a free t-shirt.

I'm also selling them for \$20, with the proceeds being split among the store, the artist and the Hospital Foundation.



June 19, 2020

## Block of the Month and Other Classes CLASSES

We have a schedule set for upcoming classes. (See below) We will start next Saturday. Class size will be limited to a max of 5 and a minimum of 3, with the exception of Beginning Quilting. Max will be 6 and minimum will be 4 for Beginning Quilting.

We usually don't have max & minimum, but because of Covid-19, we want to be safe.

Requirements for class will be: **wearing a mask**. If our local covid cases continue to rise, however, we will cancel. So always double check with us to make sure the class is a go. We may also repeat some of these classes in the fall, something we usually don't do, but again, covid has changed the world a bit.

Classes will either start at 11 and go until 3, or will run from 1-4. We will not take lunch breaks. You are free to leave the shop to grab snacks, but there will be no eating in the shop. You can bring stuff to drink.

Also, I'm sorry about the width of this newsletter. The calendars screw

things up and don't fit in the size I want them to, no matter how much I fiddle with them. There is only so much cussing I can do, and it still won't do what I want it to.

It's tough acting the part of the country farmer. It gets tougher every year. Because I get older and so does the farming equipment.

Let me say first off, it's not my fault.

Last week the water heater decided to produce luke warm water. Not so much of a problem in the summer, but I knew it had to be fixed. And because the water was luke warm and not cold from the well pit, the intelligent mind (not mine, I tend to track toward the pilot light must be off even though it's an electric heater) suggested that one of the two heating elements had quit working.

So, 5 days later, when the water heater guy came we discovered that the breaker switch had flipped. Voila, flipping the breaker turned the heat back on. There was another big breaker that had also flipped. I have no idea what that one does, but I did what any sensible country farmer would do, and I flipped it back on. Just in case it was important, too.

But I am going to get a new water heater. Mine is 30 years old. It was installed about a year before I bought the place. And something is triggering those breakers, and probably something other than wind, lightning and hail. It was supposed to come today....but, all good plans have hitches. I'll get it next week.

The second country farmer gadget every country farmer has is a riding lawn mower. Now, don't get any ideas about what "country farmer" actually means. I don't grow anything because I don't water anything at my house, other than the dogs and, right now, two potted plants that I am sure to kill within the next few weeks. I only grow weeds, some grass-the legal kind-and a shelter belt filled with trees. Everything has to fend for itself. I'm done with planting flowers that can't stand the heat or the wind. If I forget to water in the morning and the wind & heat kicks up, by evening everything is dead. And since we live in a high arid desert climate, I see no reason to work hard, waste water and still kill everything in sight.

Don't send letters. Many of you are great gardeners and I envy you. But my favorite gardening book that I got many many years ago was all about maintaining your lawn in 30 minutes or less a week. It was a great book. The suggestions included: don't plant grass anywhere you need to use a weed eater. Put in rock or flowers instead. Don't put obstacles in the way of mowing. Don't plant anything that requires maintenance. Essentially, the guy's point was: It is much better to spend time swinging in the hammock

enjoying your backyard than it is to constantly have to work at upkeep.

I took that message to heart and then some. I don't edge anything - if the lawn mower can't get the tall stuff, the tall stuff is allowed to be tall. I don't weed anything, because if I did I wouldn't have anything green anywhere. If it doesn't rain, then the grass will turn brown and that is the natural order of things. If it can't live on its own, then I don't want it.

But I do mow, so that the place looks tidy and so the neighborhood horseback riders have a decent path to follow by the road. And if the grass gets taller than the dogs, they struggle getting around. So I mow for them.

For the big stuff, I use a Craftsman riding lawn mower with the biggest deck I could get 25 years ago. It's a great mower and takes lots of abuse. But it does have a chronic flat tire that requires pumping up on a regular basis. I should also tell you that flat tires run in the family. My dad had a car that I rejected because of bad u-joints. It eventually became the Flintstone car because it had holes in the floorboard where the gas pedal was.

But it also had a chronic flat tire. So dad would drive the other car to the gas station, borrow the pumper upper, come home, fill the flat, and then drive back to the gas station. I told him to buy a new tire. He said the tire cost more than the car did. He was right, but I won. I refused to play the borrow the pumper upper game.

And now I am like my dad, borrowing a pumper upper to fix the flat tire on the riding lawn mower instead of just buying a new tire.

I did manage to get the first round of mowing done, and then rain and wind set in. I'm a fair weather mower, so I waited for several days until Monday night. By then, the tire on the mower had gone flat again, so I had to first pump it up before setting off to mow the front yard for the dogs.

The grass wasn't all that high, but the deck of the mower was set low and some of the grass was tall. So I'm just saying, it wasn't my fault when I ran over the hose. Now, I've chewed up hoses before. In fact, I've chewed up a lot of stuff with this mower: hoses, Styrofoam, tumbleweeds, tree branches, dixie cups, plastic bags, an occasional tin can, and rocks. Lots of rocks. Which is why I try to avoid mowing in windy and dry conditions. I don't want to set anything on fire.

Well, the mower immediately shut down because the hose wrapped around the care. I sat there for a minute, thinking. Then I turned off the mower deck and raised it up. And started the mower. So far so good. So I backed up. And pulled the hose with me, wrapping it around the front tire. So in a series of carefully designed tactical moves, I managed to get the hose from around the tire without getting off the mower, but no matter whether I went backward or forward or turned circles, I was still dragging the hose. I didn't dare start the mower part, although because it's a Sears Craftsman and built for abuse,

it might have just chewed the hose apart.

But I went for sensible and got off the mower & tried to pull the hose off. Nope.

So help was called, and the hose was disentangled and the mower and the deck are now back in working order. The next day I finished and I didn't even have to pump up the tire. I was worried about that because I couldn't figure out how I was going to drive my car into the front yard to get close enough to the riding lawn mower. The pumper upper works off the cigarette lighter in the car.

So it's now time for the hammock (cot on the deck) and I'm betting I won't have to mow again this summer. It's not going to rain so the grass won't grow. So my 30 minutes are up.

ps I know I promised book lists. That is coming.

pps I know. It's raining. And hailing. So much for my 30 minutes.

## Row By Row

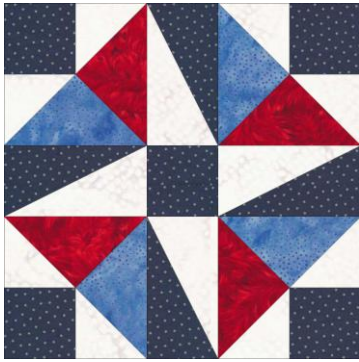
Row By Row will start June 21. I have designed a star block, but I have also designed a 9" X 36" row of stars. These stars interlock. The pattern given will be for one block, but I will include cutting directions and the layout for the full 9" X 36" row. This row will be the first row for my Wyoming Row by Row quilt, designed since we were first allowed to participate. If you've been collecting since the first year, the top row will be these stars, then the mountain row, then (in any order) the horses, the camping, the log cabin and square dance (bow ties).



## State Shop Hop

The State Shop Hop has started. We have fewer shops participating this year because of the pandemic. The theme for this year's Shop Hop is Stars. And no, I'm not using the same star for the Shop Hop and the Row by Row. Please call ahead to the participating shops to find out if they have any special requirements for visiting.





## WHAT'S NEW!!

From In The Beginning:



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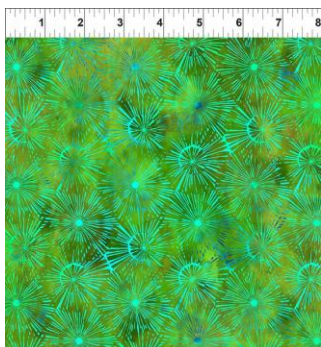
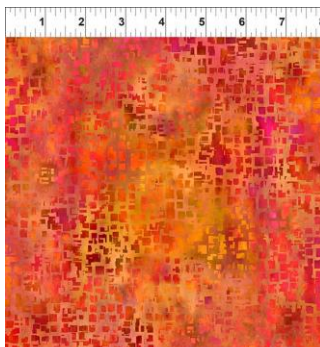
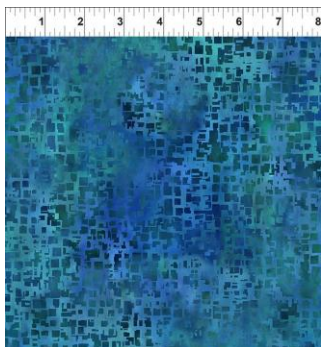
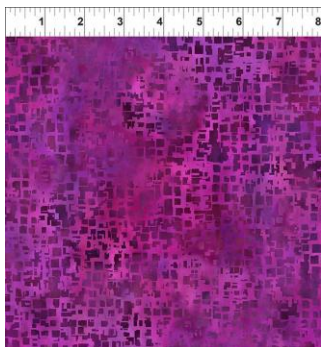
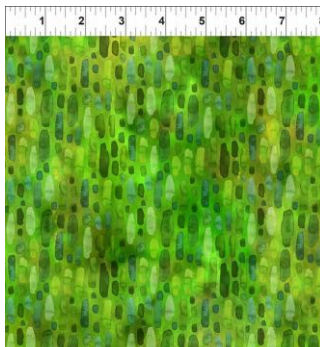
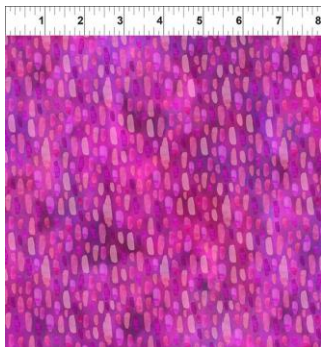
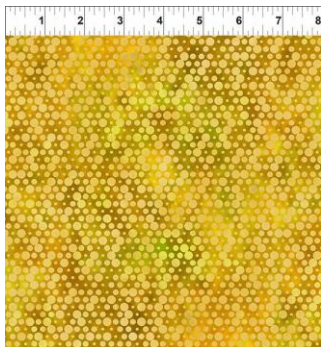
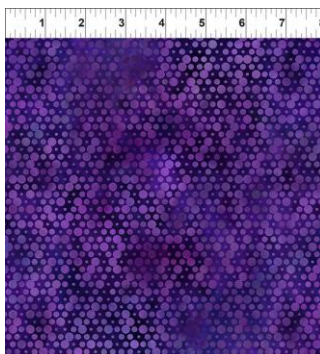
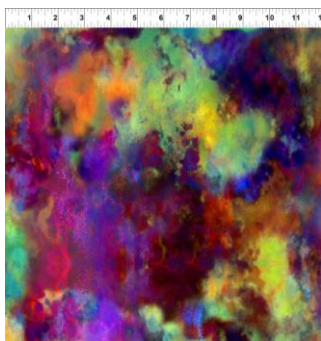


We will have limited kits: 2, maybe 3. Number of kits of dependent on how much border stripe fabric is required.

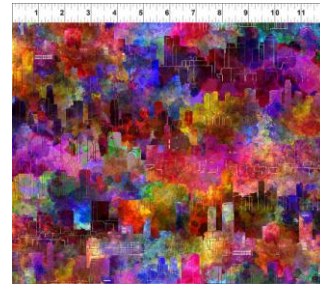
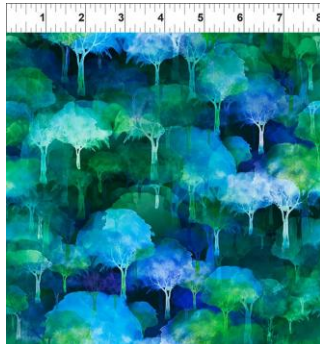
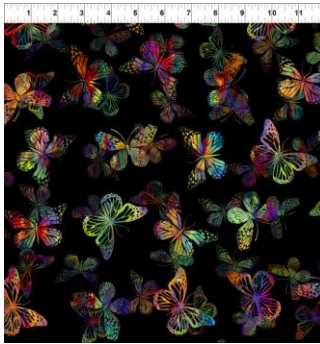
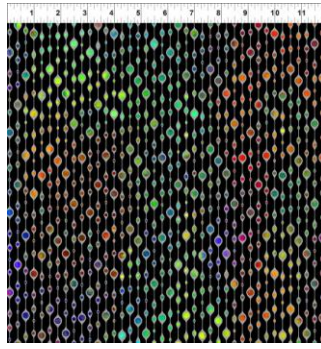
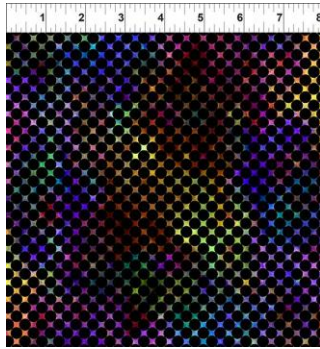
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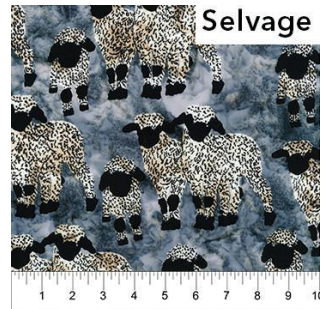
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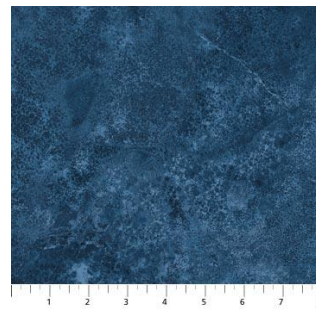
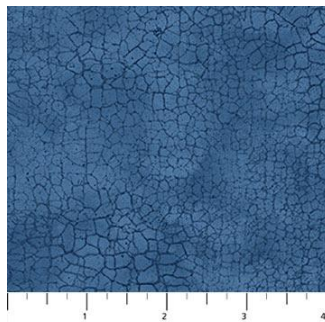
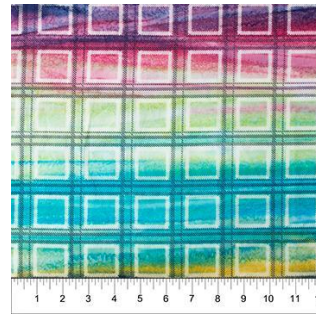
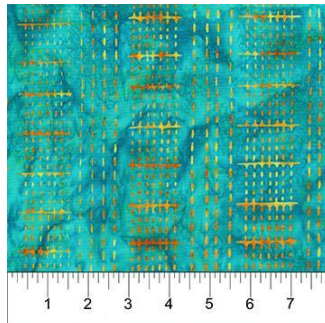
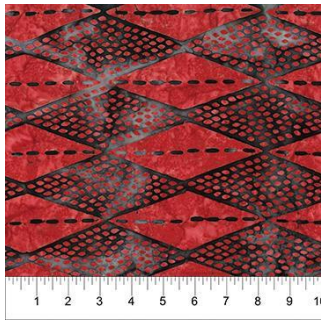
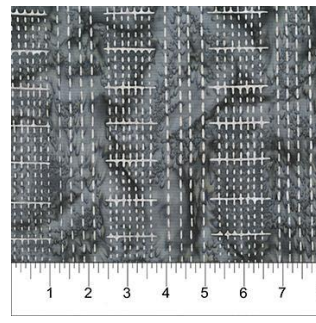
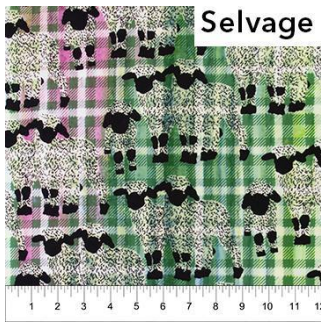
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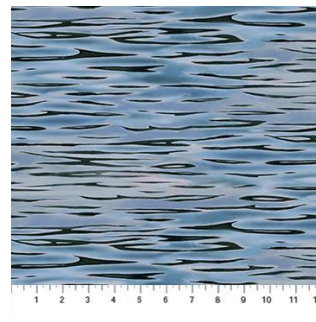
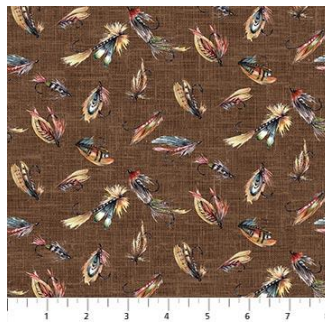
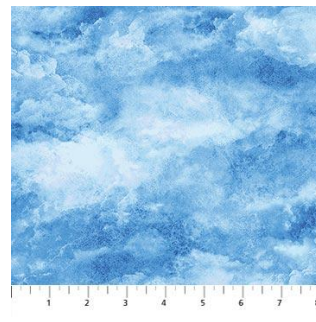
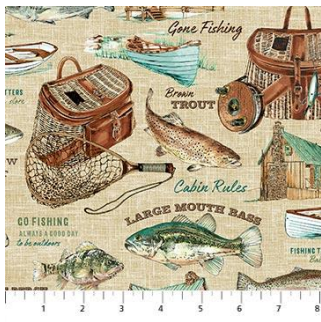




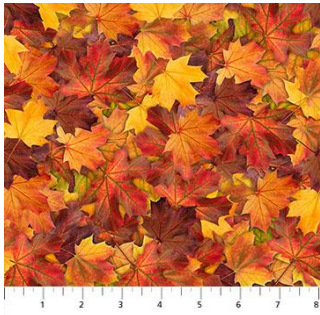


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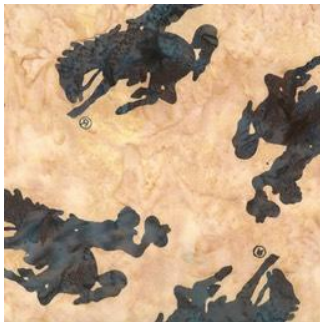


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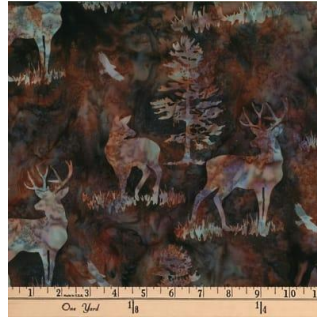
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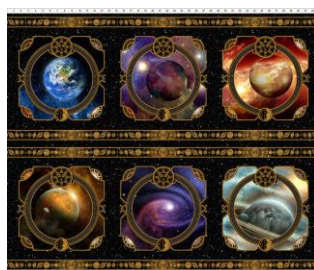
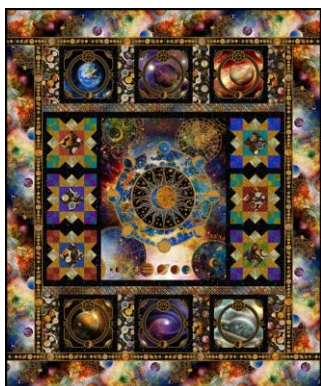


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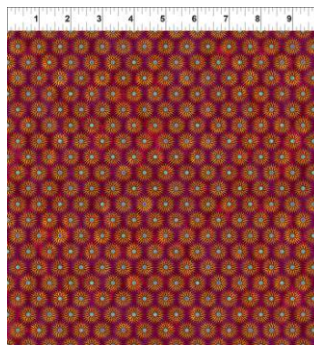
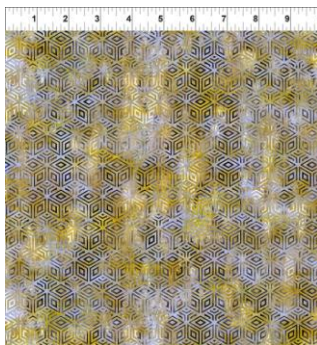
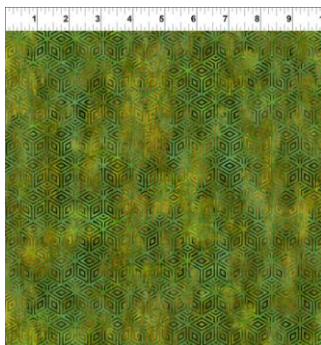
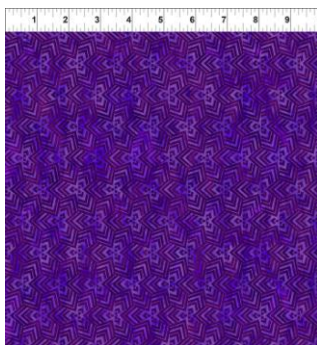
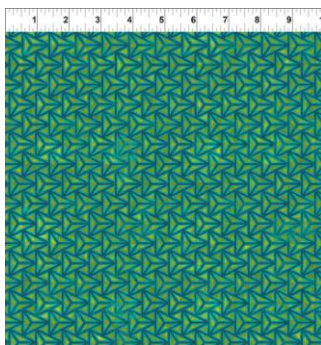
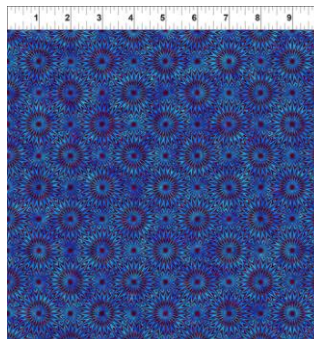
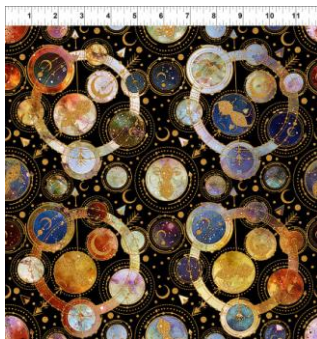


From In the Beginning -- we also have 4 kits of the quilt:

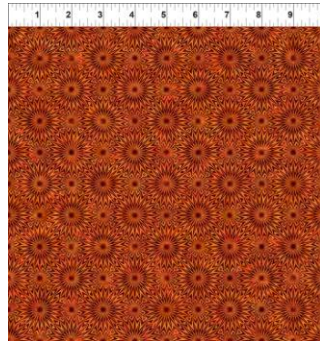
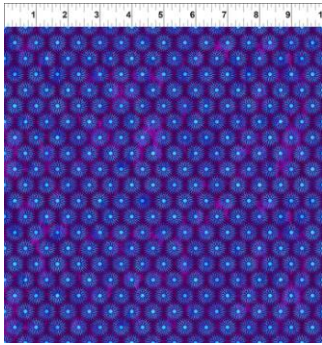




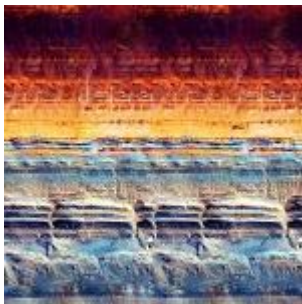
Quilt: 4 kits available







From Hoffman:







# JUNE 2020

| Sunday                       | Monday | Tuesday                  | Wednesday                    | Thursday | Friday | Saturday  |
|------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--------|---|
|                              | 1      | 2                        | 3                            | 4        | 5      | 6<br>BOM 10:30  |
| 7<br>Closed                  | 8      | 9                        | 10                           | 11       | 12     | 13<br>Embroidery Club 10-noon<br>Embroidery Club 10-noon<br>Embroidery Club 10-noon |
| 14<br>Closed                 | 15     | 16                       | 17                           | 18       | 19     | 20  |
| 21<br>Closed<br>Father's Day | 22     | 23                       | 24<br>Knit Pickers' Club 3-7 | 25       | 26     | 27<br>EZ Breezy Tablerunner 11-3  |
| 28<br>Closed                 | 29     | 30<br>Hand work Club 2-4 | Color of the month: blue     |          |        |   |



# July

| Sunday           | Monday                           | Tuesday                     | Wednesday                       | Thursday                        | Friday                        | Saturday   |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|                  | Color of the month:<br>Christmas |                             | 1                               | 2                               | 3<br>Independence Day Holiday | 4<br>BOM 10:30<br>Independence Day<br>Close at 3   |
| 5<br><br>Closed  | 6<br><br>Full Moon (observed)    | 7<br><br>Hand work Club 2-4 | 8<br><br>Knit Pickers' Club 3-7 | 9<br><br>Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 10                            | 11<br>Embroidery Club 10-noon<br><br>Embroidery Club 10-noon<br>Elizabeth Hartman Quilts 1-4 |
| 12<br><br>Closed | 13<br>EZ Breezy Tablerunner 11-3 | 14<br>Hand work Club 2-4    | 15<br>Binding 1-4               | 16<br>Beginning Quilting 1-4    | 17                            | 18<br>Radiant Quilt 11-3   |
| 19<br><br>Closed | 20                               | 21<br>Hand work Club 2-4    | 22<br>Knit Pickers' Club 3-7    | 23<br>Beginning Quilting 1-4    | 24                            | 25<br>Elizabeth Hartman Quilts 1-4   |
| 26<br><br>Closed | 27                               | 28<br>Hand work Club 2-4    | 29                              | 30<br>Beginning Quilting 1-4    | 31                            |  |

# AUGUST 2020

| Sunday           | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday                            | Friday | Saturday  |
|------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------|---|
|                  |  |  |   |                                     |        | 1<br><br>BOM 10:30<br>There Be<br>Dragons 1-5   |
| 2<br><br>Closed  | 3<br><br>Magic<br>Triangle<br>Quilt, 11-3<br>Full Moon | 4<br>Long Arm<br>Rental Day<br><br>Hand work<br>Club 2-4 | 5<br>Knit Pickers'<br>Club 3-7<br><br>Knit Pickers'<br>Club 3-7 | 6<br><br>Beginning<br>Quilting 1-4  | 7      | 8<br>Embroidery Club<br>10-noon<br>Embroidery Club<br>10-noon<br><br>Embroidery Club<br>10-noon<br>Magic Triangle<br>Quilt, 1-4 |
| 9<br><br>Closed  | 10   | 11<br><br>Hand work<br>Club 2-4                          | 12  | 13<br><br>Beginning<br>Quilting 1-4 | 14     | 15<br><br>A Study in<br>Subtle 11-3   |
| 16<br><br>Closed | 17   | 18<br><br>Hand work<br>Club 2-4                          | 19<br><br>Knit Pickers'<br>Club 3-7                             | 20<br><br>Beginning<br>Quilting 1-4 | 21     | 22<br><br>Zootropolis<br>11-3   |
| 23<br><br>Closed | 24   | 25<br><br>Hand work<br>Club 2-4                          | 26  | 27<br><br>Beginning<br>Quilting 1-4 | 28     | 29  |
| 30<br><br>Closed | 31   | Color of<br>the<br>month:<br>blacks                      |   |                                     |        |   |

A Study in Subtle August 15 11-3 Sue Frerich \$30

This is one of the quilts we were not able to teach this spring. The quilt uses soft shades of taupes, grays, browns, and other subtle colorations to create light and medium/dark blocks. The block is simple, but small, and there are tricks to getting everything to line up. You can also make this quilt in any combination of fabrics, so it is perfect for scraps.

Beginning Quilting 8 weeks \$65 Barb Boyer Starting Thurs July 9, 1-4

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.

Binding July 15, 1-4 Barb Boyer \$25

Barb will show you how to cut and sew a traditional binding, including mitering the corners and joining the ends. Then you will cut and sew your own binding on a small project. Therefore you must have a small project ready to be bound. It can be as simple as a placemat, a panel that has been quilted, or just a quilt sandwich (back, batting, fabric on top that has been quilted). You will cut your binding (either bias or cross grain), stitch it down by machine, turning the corners and joining the ends.

EZ Breezy Table Runner June 27 & July 13 11-3 Sue Frerich \$25

This is a quilt-as-you-go table runner, with curves. Sue will show you how to stitch and quilt at the same time. The pattern calls for using fusible batting and glue, but Sue will show you how you can work with regular cotton batting to achieve the same results. EZ Breezy. Simple gift.

Elizabeth Hartman Quilts, July 11 & 25 1-4 Sue Frerich \$30

Elizabeth Hartman animal quilts are fun and once you understand the various sewing methods (45 degree flip, triangles, rectangles and squares) you can make any of her patterns. Therefore, Sue will teach the fundamentals of the Hartman style and you can choose any pattern you want. We have quite a few of hers in stock right now. This class has 2 sessions, the first class to get you started and the second to help you continue your work and to show off what you've made.

Let There Be Dragons Quilt Sat April 11 1-6 \$25 Barb Boyer

In the Beginning has created this marvelous dragon fabric: in orange & flame colors, or cool blues & purples. The dragons are in a panel and there is a coordinating border stripe. The blocks are easy and the panel makes this quilt go together quickly. You will also learn how to miter the borders-a new skill to add to your toolbox!

Magic Triangle August 3 11-3 OR 8, 1-4 Sue Frerich \$25

This is a "design it yourself" styled quilt. The block is simple, but placement is key. You can create many different patterns depending on how you twist and turn your blocks. The "magic" part is how you cut your blocks in half, thus avoiding all those pesky triangles.

Radiant Quilt July 18, 11-3 Sue Frerich \$25

All you need is a group of fat quarters (7-16 depending on how big you



want to make your quilt), plus a light and dark accent. The quilt has a sunshine/shadow effect to it and it makes up quickly.

Zootropolis August 22 11-3 Sue Frerich \$35

You've seen her quilt. You want to make one, too! Zootropolis is a skyscraper of animals, each to its own window. You can use a simple fusible process for raw edge applique for the animals, or you can use a special product that allows you to turn under all of your edges so it looks like you've hand appliqued everything in place. The fun part of the quilt - well there are a lot of fun parts: choosing the fabrics for each animal, adding embellishments to your animals, and then choosing fun quilting patterns for each block. This class will have follow up class(es) in the fall.

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## 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 needleup/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.

**Normal Shop Hours:**  
**Monday-Saturday 10-6**  
**Sunday 1-5**  
**Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)**

**Covid-19 Hours**  
**M-S 10-5. Closed Sundays**

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### Color of the Month and Full Moon Schedule

Since I don't have classes posted, I forgot that I also didn't post the full moon and color of the month schedule.

Full Moon: June 5 (today, but we will observe it tomorrow as well); July 6, August 3 and September 1.

Colors: June blue; July Christmas; August black; September orange.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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