



July 7, 2023

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I am intrigued by lists. People come up with lists of their favorite books, recipes, worst restaurants, best restaurants, worst town in each state, worst food for your health, the best dog breeds, the worst dog breeds, and my new favorite, what your typical person looks like in each state. I haven't actually looked through that list. I'm not sure I want to know.

So this list from Rotten Tomatoes caught my attention: The 30 best films of all times. I watch a lot of movies. I have a lot of favorites and I figured that out of the 30 films from Rotten Tomatoes, I probably have seen at least 75%. Nope. I don't even recognize about half of them. There was no stated criteria for this list, as in winners of Oscars, or most complicated plot, or even ones you should watch because they are good for you. (And I am now beginning to wonder if it was written and compiled by AI.....)

There is even one film that was by a debut director and the snippet from Rotten Tomatoes said, "This film was just the beginning of what is likely to be a long, successful directorial career for Peele — and it was a great, great start." So a great great great, how ever many greats, start makes it into the top 30 films of all time? I'll let you judge.

#30 is Booksmart (2019). About 2 teens who study hard in school and discover they missed out on a lot. So the night before graduation they have an "exciting and hilarious" adventure. It ranks right up there with the movie Superbad apparently, which didn't make the list, but according to Rotten Tomatoes is about the same.

#29 is Roma (2018). It won best Foreign Language film, which means I haven't seen it because I can't knit to it. And it got nominated for a few other things. It is about a maid, Roma, who goes on vacation with the family she works for and a family scandal adds tension.

#28. Eighth Grade (2018). About a teenager in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. And all that goes with it. There are several of these kind of films in this list.

#27. A Quiet Place (2018). I have seen this one. It is very quiet. And hard to knit to because you can miss a lot because nobody talks. It's a scary movie with bad things that attack loud people. Spoiler alert: There is a sequel, so they survive. Kind of.

#26. Inside Out (2015). A cartoon about growing up, heading into puberty. More teenage angst. I have seen this movie. Not my favorite cartoon.

#25. Rebecca (1940). At last an old movie, black & white. It's Hitchcock, but it was the only Hitchcock movie to make the list. Hitchcock never won an Oscar for any of his films, like Rear Window, North by Northwest, The Birds, Psycho. And none but Rebecca made this list. Joan Fontaine plays Rebecca and the gossip says she was scared of Hitchcock, which is reflected in her performance. Which is what he wanted. This is worth the watching and even better worth the reading.

#24. A Star Is Born (2018). Not all the other versions. Just the one with Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper.

#23. Wonder Woman (2017). An interesting choice. I liked it and it has strong female characters. But I never figured a comic book movie would hit any top 30 list. Stay tuned.

#22. The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari (1920). An interesting choice. It is probably the first horror movie ever made. Dr. Caligari has a special cabinet that contains a somnambulist, or a sleepwalker, who, when let out, goes around killing people. This isn't the only horror movie that made the list. Who knew horror was anything other than a B movie?

#21. Moonlight (2016). Another good for you movie that I've not seen. It got best picture of 2017 and is the growing up story of a kid becoming an adult. More angst.

#20. All About Eve (1950). Another odd choice. At least to me. It's got Bette Davis and Anne Baxter. Baxter plays Eve, a naïve star struck young woman, who is captivated by Davis' aging movie star role. But Eve is up to no good. Of all the Bette Davis movies to choose from, this would not have been my pick.

#19. Spider-Man: Into the Spider Verse (2018). Another cartoon. And another comic book. Another odd choice.

#18. Mad Max: Fury Road (2015). There are 5 Mad Max movies. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> one. It doesn't star Mel Gibson. Perhaps that's a good thing? But it's not the original.

#17. The Godfather (1972). Now the fact that this movie falls below the half way point, should give you a real sense of how bad this list is.

#16. The Irishman (2019). Another mob movie, another with an all star cast.

#15. Get Out (2017). This is the movie by the debut director. Chris goes to stay with his girlfriend's family over the weekend, and he uncovers a dark secret. Another horror movie, which makes at least 3 on the list, 4 if you count All About Eve, which isn't really horror. But Halloween didn't make this list.

#14. BlacKkKlansman (2018). About a black guy and Jewish guy who infiltrate the Ku Klux Klan. By all reports it's well done. I just haven't watched it.

#13. Mission: Impossible – Fallout (2018). The last one, so far. Two more are coming.

#12. Lady Bird (2017). Another teenage angst coming of age movie about relationships between friends and family. I would have thought Juno might have been a better pick. But Juno didn't make the list.

#11. Toy Story 4 (2019). Not Toy Story 1. Another cartoon.

#10. Us (2019). Another horror story, another vacation gone bad.

#9. Knives Out (2019). Now I thought this was a funny movie. But #9 of all the best movies ever made?

#8. Casablanca (1942). At least Casablanca beat out Knives Out.

#7. Avengers: Endgame (2019) But the Avengers beat out Casablanca. And Endgame, while concluding the story line started in the Avengers (I think, it's hard to tell with this series, and I've watched them numerous times) is mainly a vehicle for cameo-style appearances by all the various Avengers, so they all can get their solo screen time before the franchise ends. Kind of ends. You never know with Marvel.

#6. Parasite (2019). Not a clue. Another horror? thriller? And....foreign film. Again, it's one you gotta watch & not just occasionally pay attention to. It did win Best Picture.

#5. Citizen Kane (1941) Another Marlon Brando entry. But On the Waterfront did not make the list. You watch this moviet to figure out who or what is Rosebud.

#4. The Wizard of Oz (1939). A classic. That lost to....

#3. Black Panther (2018). And Black Panther beat both the Wizard of Oz and Casablanca. Interesting.

#2. Modern Times (1936) (Not Seems Like Old Times, with Goldie Hawn). This is a Charlie Chaplin movie. I like Charlie Chaplin, and it probably got on the list because it was his last movie. I like The Gold Rush, where he plays with and eats his shoes.

AND THE WINNER IS....Not what you expected, I bet.

#1. It Happened One Night (1934), which I always mix up with A Night to Remember (about the sinking of the Titanic). A romantic comedy, which won awards, was directed by Frank Capra, & stars Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert. So this is, apparently, the best movie ever made.

Of these 30 movies, I have seen 15 of them. I probably will never watch the other 15.

P.S. I bet you thought I was going to talk about July 4<sup>th</sup> being the hottest day on record for the earth, with Wednesday maybe even hotter. Since I thought it might get cold enough to snow on Tuesday, I don't want to talk about it.

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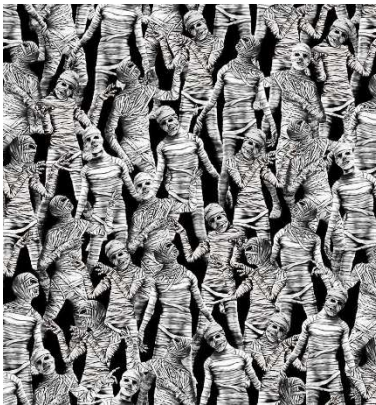
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From Dashwood Studios





From Timeless Treasures

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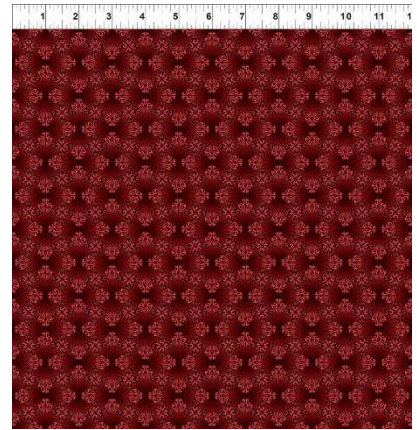


From Riley Blake. BIG FOOT is here!



From In the Beginning





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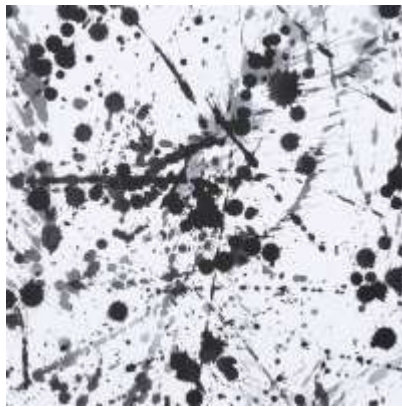


From Dear Stella (NOTE The Hedgehogs) & Oasis (the horses)

Plus we got whites in from P & B. I won't put thumbnails in, because they will just look white.







Alexander Henry

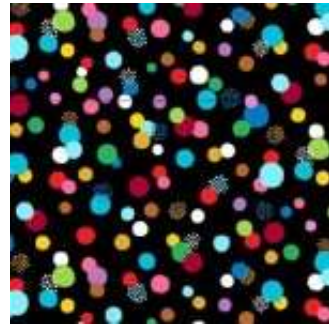


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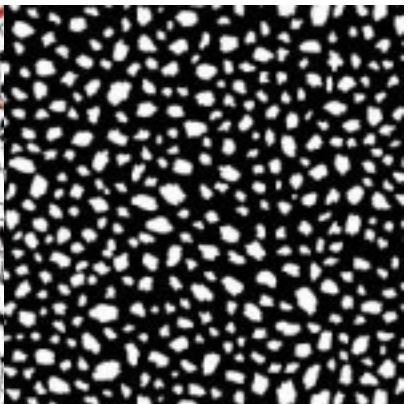
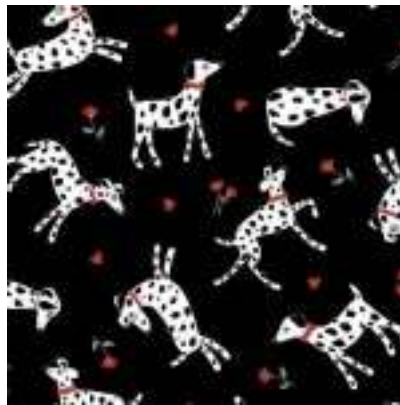


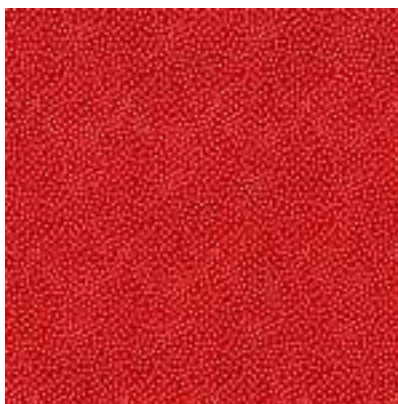
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From Michael Miller





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## Spring Newsletter

Please look on the calendars above for times and dates.

### Ongoing Classes & Clubs

**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 the challenge will be Starry Skies. Challenge #1 is to use at least 25 different fabrics in the quilt – should be easy. Challenge #2 is to choose backgrounds for the blocks that aren't the typical cream/white neutrals that we generally use. Instead, we will mix it up a bit, using both traditional backgrounds for some blocks, and then choosing "colors" in both light and dark fabrics for other blocks.

**Hand Embroidery Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, which is Garden Belles. Each block features a lady in vintage costume, in the garden, or similar outdoor setting. These are old fashioned ladies in dresses, which offer all sorts of stitchery creativity.

**Knit Pickers' Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month, 2-5 Carol Moler

Come join our Knit Pickers' Club. We knit 2 days a month every second and fourth Wednesday, from 2-5. The Club is open to all skill levels and, despite the name, includes crocheters as well. We want to share what we've learned, find new patterns, and simply just sit and knit. We may work on some felting projects, fingerless mittens, mittens, and socks. We can even help you get started—teach you the basics.

**Hand Sewing Club** every Tuesday afternoon 2-5

This club is open to everyone. Bring your hand sewing (embroidery, binding, knitting, crochet,

etc) and sit & stitch.

## July Classes

### **Machine Binding Sat July 8 1-5 \$40 Jean Korber**

This is hands on class. You will need a small project (10" to 40", table runner, small wall nagging, place mat, etc) that is quilted and ready for binding. In class Jean will show you how to cut your binding, press it, and stitch it down (DO NOT CUT YOUR BINDING IN ADVANCE), how to stitch it down & miter the corners and then how to apply decorative stitches to the edge. In class you will cut your binding, stitch it to your project, miter your corners and then stitch it down by machine on the other side, using decorative stitches.

### **Elizabeth Hartman Quilts, your choice Sat July 29 10:30-5 Barb Boyer 10:30-4**

E.H. Quilts are made using a 45 degree flip & sew method. The trick is in the organization & keeping track where you are in the piecing. These make great kid quilts, wall hangings, ones with all the animals—bed quilts. You can start by making one animal from the quilt, and build out from there.

## August Classes

### **Rail Fence Sat August 5, 1-5 \$35 Barb Boyer**

Rail Fence is an easy quilt to construct. You will design your own pattern, meaning you can choose the size of your strips and how you want to place your blocks: In the chevron style as shown in the sample, or create your own design. Six colors is all you need. And alternate block fabric, if you choose to add other things into your quilt. And borders, of course.

### **Patches of Life Sat August 26 10:30-4 \$35 Barb Boyer**

This is an Eleanor Burns pattern, which uses 48 precut strips (generally one roll plus a few extra strips) and fabric for the half square triangles and the Triangle in a Square blocks, which create the illusion of curves. Class will be all about how to create the 9-patch blocks, the half square triangles, and, of course, the Triangle in a Square block.

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## CLUBS

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### **Hand Work Club FREE!**

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2-5, join us to just sit & hand stitch, crochet, bind, or knit group. Bring what you're working on, sit up at the table in front by the window and work on your projects for a while. You can get advice & suggestions from your fellow quilters and share your experiences about your projects.

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### **Knit Pickers' Club FREE!**

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).

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### **Block of the Month Club FREE!**

First Saturday of the Month, 10:30-11:15. Join at any time. You get a free fat quarter if you come to class with the previous month's completed block.

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### **Toad Toters Club**

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 6; February 4 (observed); March 7; April 6; May 5; June 4

### **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 whites, June blue**

# July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>BOM 10:30</b> Fun Ways to use your panels: A strategy & design class 1-5 <u>\$35</u>
2 Beginning Quilting 1-4 Shop Is now open 1- 5!	3 <b>Full moon</b>	4 CLOSED	5 Long Arm class 10:30	6 Long Arm Rental Day	7	8 <b>Embroidery Club 10- noon</b> Machine Binding 1-5 \$40
9 Shop Is now open 1- 5!	10	11 <b>Hand work Club 2-5</b>	12 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	13 Long Arm Rental Day	14	15
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Shop Is now open 1- 5!		<b>Hand work Club 2-5</b>	<b>Knit Pickers' Club 2-5</b>	<b>Long Arm Rental Day</b>		<b>Elizabeth Hartman Quilts: Your choice 10:30-4</b>
30	31					<b>Color of the month: Christmas</b>
Shop Is now open 1- 5!						



# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Hand work Club 2-5 Full Moon	2 Long Arm class 10:30	3 Long Arm Rental	4	5 BOM 10:30 Rail Fence, design your own 1-5 <u>\$35</u>
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27	28	29	30	31		
Shop Is now open 1- 5!		Hand work Club 2-5	Long Arm class 10:30 Full BLUE moon	Long Arm Rental Day		Color of the month: blacks



## Nolting Quilting Machines



## 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.

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Normal Shop Hours:  
**Monday-Saturday 10-6**  
**Sunday 1-5**

**Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)**  
**New Hours for Winter Time (starting Nov 7-May 22)**  
**Monday-Saturday 10-5, closed Sundays unless a class is scheduled. Then we're open 1-5.**  
**Check the schedule.**

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer  
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