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Jennifer's Blog



Happy Spring! At least that is what the calendar says. Hopefully by the time this blog hits the mail and email it really will be spring!

First, we have four new happy hours for you this month. Anita is going to show you how to baste your quilts without having to crawl all over the floor! Pauline will show off her hand embroidery that sometimes is red and sometimes is other colors! Me? I have two this month! One, I am going to show you and let you play on the fusion and 2nd one is to show you the pro stitcher.

That leads me to a contest I am going to have in May. Now, not all of you are eligible for this contest. It is only a contest for those who have taken the Fusion 1 class. You mean you have not taken it? What is wrong with you? Just kidding I know the fusion is not for everyone. I need a guinea pig and



apparently they are too small to reach the controls so one of you are going to be my guinea pig. You are going to get the Pro Stitcher class free! Yes Free! Yes, that's me teasing you to read the whole newsletter. Read more about it farther in the newsletter.

Here is an update on the butterfly quilts. The first one has been given to the Jefferson Regional Hospital Auxiliary for their annual fundraiser event. The second will be given to St Clair Hospital as soon as we can make the arrangements. Since the Quilters Depot family reaches far and wide we want to make sure communities from where we live are all supported.

Shop Hop passports are now on sale if you did not get them on April 7th when we had our kickoff party. They can still be bought up to the time of the Hop in June. If you think the freebies from the kickoff was cool just wait! **I would**

like to share a couple success stories from our customers with you. Here are a couple pictures from completed projects. Yes, bring your completed



projects in and ask me to take a picture. At that point you never know where they will show up! **One** of my big projects that I would like to do before summer is that I would like to get the store onto You Tube. My goal is to have a video of What's new. I would video tape the fabrics or notions and then you could click on the link. Does this interest you? Let me know! I would also like to possibly video tape some of our Happy Hours so that you have a reminder of what you saw!

Lastly, going back to Happy Hours we need your input! Is there a product or concept you would like to see done? Drop me a note or if you want to do it anonymously fill out a comment slip and we will see what we can arrange for future happy hours.

Remember, the one who has the most stash wins! !
Jenn

May classes at Quilters Depot

Quilting Classes:

Quilting 101

Come in and learn how to quilt! Whether you want to hand piece or machine piece this is the class for you. This 101 class is four weeks long. In class one you will be taught how to pick your fabric and learn about your tools. Class two you will learn how to cut and start to piece your project. Class three you will continue to piece and finally in class 4 you will be shown how to finish the project which includes the ways to quilt and how to bind your quilt! Class will use a Fons & Porter reference manual and DVD! Once you take 101 you will be qualified to take 201! As always watch the newsletter we will be alternating what and when. This month we have decided to do a Saturday class for a change. I have a bet with Anita that you will like this time slot! Please help me win! If you ever want an Anita class on a Saturday again I NEED to win! **Hurry in and register for this one!** **When:** Saturday, May 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. Noon to 3pm **Price:** \$60 for all four classes. **Supplies/DVD additional.** **Teacher:** Anita Karas



Quilt in a Day—Wedding Ring Placemat

Would you like to make this great placemat pictured in the next column? Come in and learn the Eleanor Burns way of making a wedding ring pattern. Start with this

placemat and in no time you will be doing your own quilt tops! This is



a three week class.

When: Wednesdays, May 11th, 18th and 25th 6pm to 9pm.

Price: \$25 + book + supplies.

Teacher: Andrae Lowery

Knitting

Colorwork Mittens

For a few of you who took the Tam class, this is a continuation class. Use your leftovers to make these mittens. Just want to make the mittens then this is a nice small class for you! **When:** 2 week class Saturday, May 7th and 21st. **Cost:** \$30 + pattern and supplies. **Teacher:** Heather Metzger.



Crochet

Bavarian Gift Basket

This project makes an ideal hostess, holiday or birthday gift! It can be filled with quilting supplies, notions, toiletries or kitchen notions to jazz up any room in your house. It can also make a great Kleenex

holder! This class will take to the third dimension what was learned in the beginning Bavarian class. Do you know how to do Bavarian Crochet? This is a great project class! This is a three week class and is Intermediate skilled!

When: Session 1: Wednesdays, May 11th, 18th and 25th 1pm to 4pm.

Session 2: Thursdays, May 12th, 19th and 26th, 6pm to 9pm. **Price:** \$30 + supplies + book (book is same from March class if you took that.)

Teacher: Lynne Wohleber



Remember, if parking is tight use the dirt parking lot on the side of Pilates. For safer exiting, go around back and keep turning right til you get to the road!

Remember, if we have a class at night we are open for you! Call ahead to make sure class is in session!

Quilters Depot Hours:

Mon: 10am to 6pm
Tues: 10am to 8pm
Weds: 10am to 6pm
Thurs: 10am to 6pm
Fri: 10am to 6pm
Sat: 9am to 3pm
Sun: CLOSED

Special Events Continued

UFO nights: Come in with your friends or meet new ones as you bring your unfinished projects in to work on. Toss ideas around and have a few laughs as you enjoy the company of your fellow quilters. As always there will be pizza. As always there is chocolate and if your lucky something sweet! We listen when a few of our ðaliensð have asked for more days! So you get TWO ufoðs in May! **When:** Friday, May 13th and 20th 5pm to ??? **Cost** \$8.

Sewing Circle

Want to get out of the house and enjoy a day of sewing? Loosely based upon our UFOð, bring in your friends; just bring yourself! Sit in our classroom and work on those projects or start a new one. You will be provided with snacks and drinks as you work! These Sewing circles will be held three or four times a month. Come to one. Come to all! Stay for an hour. Stay for more!

When: 1)Thursday May 12th, 2)Friday, May 20th (this turns into UFO at 5pm. Do the whole day!, 3) Monday May 23rd and 4)Tuesday May 31st. **Cost:** \$8 (to cover the snacks!)

Happy Hours!

Happy Hour w/Anita—Quilt Basting. You will never have to crawl on the floor again to baste your quilt once Anita demonstrates this Table Basting Technique! **When:** 1) Saturday, May 14th @10:30am 2)Monday, May 16th @1pm 3) Thursday, May 19th @11am 4) Tuesday, May 31st @6:30pm. **Cost:** \$FREE\$

Happy Hour w/Pauline – Hand Embroidery You have seen all the beautiful work that Mom/Pauline does. This month she will show you a new technique.



Are you tired of always embroidering on light fabrics? Then this new technique is for you! You MUST REGISTER for this Happy Hour! We

will need a count of how many are attending for supplies. You must bring a small hoop, and needles.

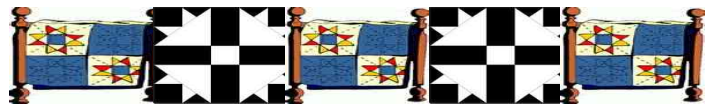
When: 1) Monday, May 9th @10:30am, 2)Tuesday, May 17th @1pm, 3)Friday, May 27th @6:30pm. **Cost:** \$FREE\$

Happy Hour w/Jenn—Fusion 1 You have read the section on the fusion month after month. You have not taken the class? You are not sure if it is for

you? You grumble to me that for the price it is too high for you to risk it? I get that! I know it is worth it though! Just ask those 30+ students who have taken the class! So here is your chance. Come in for either of the Fusion 1 Happy Hours. I will give each attendee a quick overview of the fusion and give each of you a few minutes to play on the machine. This should help you decide if you want to take the class. This will not qualify you to rent, but it might help you decide if you want to take the class. **When:** 1) Tuesday, May 17th @6:30pm 2)Saturday, May 21st @10am. **Cost:** \$FREE\$

Happy Hour w/Jenn—Prostitcher This Happy Hour is going to be a demonstration of some of the cool things that I can do on the prostitcher. Anybody can come see the demonstration! However, for those of you who have taken the Fusion 1 class this will be your chances to register for the raffle for the chance to be my guinea pig (mad scientist rubs her hands together). On the next page read the raffle writeup to find out how to win this exciting prize!

When: 1)Tuesday, May 24th @6:30pm 2)Saturday, May 28th, 10am. **Cost:** \$FREE\$



On Demand Classes!

Did you see a class that you really wanted to take, but you were not able to schedule it? Well this may be the answer for you. We offer On Demand Classes to fit your schedule.

Come in for a one on one or bring some friends for the class. **The classes will be \$30/person for two hours plus any supplies.** Or come in and get a one on one to learn how to do something we have not had a class on for \$20/hour. This includes knitting and crochet classes. We request that you call to schedule at least two days ahead of time! Please call Pauline to schedule the class you want!

Classes include, Pillow Cases, Pillow Case Dress, Bargello Quilt Tops, Purses, Crochet Scrap Rug, T-shirt Quilts, Hand Quilting, Machine Embroidery, and RagQuilts. (Some classes if longer than the original class will be priced accord-

Do you have young aspiring sewers in your realm? Look for our July Calendar to feature a Co-Ed junior sewing class! Have your younger family members learn how to make pajama pants or shorts!

Future plans include hopefully, a Jr Quilting 101, more American Girl Doll clothes and clothes for them! Is there something special they would like to learn? Let us know and we develop a class!

We need to pass our sewing skills and the love of it to the next generation! Let's start now!



Long Arm Info

Long Arm Class and Rentals

Long Arm Class I: Classes continue for the long arm. The waiting list has dwindled so there is not much of a waiting list for the class. Classes will be by appointment only. **When:** The usual schedule is Tuesday evening, Friday Evening and Saturday or whenever there are night classes and Jenn is on duty! Come in and talk to Jenn or email her to schedule your class! **Cost:** \$75.00. **Teacher:** Jenn.

Misc info: The classes will be one-on-one unless arranged differently with Jenn. I will supply batting and thread for the class. You will need two pieces of scrap fabric, a yard or less for front and back. I will also be providing you with an instruction manual to help you along. I hope to start the Pro-stitcher class in May. (No I am not done yet :-



(I did start the manual though). Stay tuned for more details!

Long Arm Rentals:

Once you have taken the class for the Long arm and you would like to rent and do

your own quilting, it will once again be by appointment only. Same times are available for scheduling. Jenn will be on standby to help at all times. **Cost:** \$10/hour + your supplies. **Misc info:** There will be rules and regulations on rentals that will be covered in the class and in the manual.



It's National Smile month! Share a smile!



PROSTICHER CLASS RAFFLE

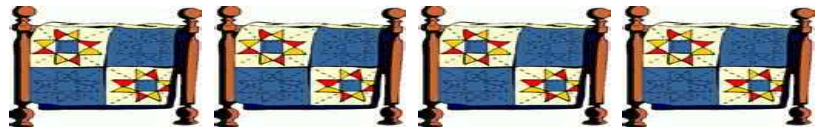
Requirements:

- 1) Must have taken Fusion 1 class.
- 2) Come in for one of the two Prostitcher Happy Hours to register.

What you win:

- 1) A \$FREE\$ Fusionô Prostitcher class (at least a \$75 retail value)
- 2) A Prosticher Manual (2 copies. The Preliminary one that you will use during the free class and then once I have the final copy you will get that version also.)
- 3) The chance to spend a couple of hours with me (Jenn) and be my guinea pig (Retail value is estimated to be over a million dollars! :-)
- 4) The honor of knowing that you helped shape the next Fusion class that I will start teaching this summer! (Hey! Yes it is an honor).

I will pick the winner after the second Happy Hour on Saturday May 28th and we can schedule your class for anytime after that!



Birthday Club Special Event Coupon!

Since it is both mine and Anita's birthdays this month. I keep thinking what to do to celebrate? Casino, playoff hockey game, a beach vacation, or a big rowdy party! Oh wait! Those are not store related. I digress and fantasize!

To celebrate our birthdays and expand our Birthday Club do the following:

- 1) Come in during the month of May
- 2) Register your birthday
- 3) Have this coupon we will give you an extra 10% your purchase on that day! If you are a **May** birthday, bring your coupon in with the one you receive for your birthday and get an extra 10%. Yes, I will compound discounts for this special coupon!


Expires 5/31/2011 8pm



May 2011



Creative Beginnings Month, National Smile Month, Gifts from the Garden Month, and National Family Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <i>National Teachers Day!</i>	4  <i>Jenn's Bday!</i>	5 <i>Cinco Do Mayo</i>	6 Quilting 201 Class 4 of 4 6pm to 9pm  <i>Anita's Bday!</i>	7 Knitting—Colorwork Mittens Class 1 of 2 9:30 am Quilting 101 Class 1 of 4 Noon to 3pm
8 <i>Mother's Day!</i> 	9 Happy Hour w/ Pauline—Hand Embroidery 10:30am	10 Girl Scouts 5:30pm to 8pm (Troop event)	11 Bavarian Crochet—Baskets Session 1 Class 1 of 3 1pm to 4pm Wedding Ring—Placemat Class 1 of 3 6pm to 9pm	12 Sewing Circle All Day! Bavarian Crochet—Baskets Session 2 Class 1 of 3 6pm to 9pm	13 UFO 5pm to 9pm <i>National Apple Pie Day!</i> <i>Tulip Day!</i>	14 Happy Hour w/ Anita—Quilt Basting 10:30am Quilting 101 Class 2 of 4 Noon to 3pm
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22	23 Sewing Circle All Day! <i>Penny Day!</i>	24 Happy Hour w/ Jenn—Prostitcher 6:30pm	25 Bavarian Crochet—Baskets Session 1 Class 3 of 3 1pm to 4pm Wedding Ring Class 3 of 3 6pm to 9pm	26 Bavarian Crochet—Baskets Session 2 Class 3 of 3 6pm to 9pm	27 Happy Hour w/ Pauline—Hand Embroidery 6:30 pm	28 Happy Hour w/ Jenn—Prostitcher 10am Quilting 101 Class 4 of 4 Noon to 3pm
29	30 Closed Happy Memorial Day! 	31 Sewing Circle All Day! Happy Hour w/ Anita—Quilt Basting 6:30				

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