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Jennifer's Blog



I sit here and am not motivated to write my blog. I know there are things I am suppose to tell you, but cannot for the life of me remember what. So if I forget something, I apologize in advance.

Let me start with Shop Hop. Kick off is Thursday April 7th. If you come in on that day and buy your passport for \$5 you will get your VIQ sticker and the first shop hop block. Then In June, each store that you visit must present you with a free pattern! This will be in addition to the goodie bag each store will give you. Passports should be available up to the time of the event in June. If you buy it after kickoff you just do not get the VIQ sticker. We would love if all of you reading this bought the passports from us. If you still need help with what Shop Hop is, check out last month's Calendar for Happy Hour's on the subject and the one in April. We are planning a great kickoff party with



food and at least one free gift! Since April 7th is *No Housework Day* it would be a great time to honor the holiday and come to the store to get your passport and VIQ sticker!

Our first block of the month is going to get kicked off in April. The block of the month we are offering is going to be the Shop Hop Patterns. If you buy your Passport from us, you will get the class for free! In April, we will introduce you to the kickoff block. Come in for the class, learn how to make the block, and learn how this particular block of the month will work. The rest of the blocks will continue in June after everyone has collected their patterns during the Shop Hop. **Next**, we would like to introduce you to a new charity that we are supporting at Quilters Depot. The Wrapped In Love Foundation, Inc was founded by Darvian

Emmerich in memory of her husband James, who



succumbed to cancer after intensive chemotherapy treatment. Their goal is to provide blankets to patients receiving chemotherapy treatment in area hospitals. Quilters

Depot would like to help them help those who need these blankets. See our small write-up later in the newsletter to hear more about the foundation, see the quilt they made themselves at Quilters Depot, and learn how you can help also!

Lastly, as you know we have bought an AccuCut for the store. My big dream is to start making more charm packs and maybe other pre-cut items if I can con my sales associates into doing it! For you, the customer, I would like to offer two things. Would you like an AccuCut? Come in and talk to me and I will show you the different packages that you can buy. This ranges from just the cutter to the cutter and the dies. Already an owner of a Go or Baby? We can also order you the dies that you want. We would also like to offer rentals on the AccuCut. For just five dollars an hour bring your fabric in and cut what you need! We are ordering new dies all the time so check back or tell us the one you need to rent!

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

Jenn

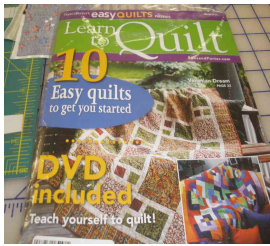
HAPPY
EASTER

April classes at Quilters Depot

Quilting Classes:

Quilting 201

You have successfully completed your 101 quilt or you have been quilting for several years? Now we have the next class for you. Come in and take this level 2 quilting class. Like the first, there is a great DVD to accompany the class! There are 10 quilt patterns in the book. Pick the one you want to make and Anita



will help you do it! The first person to complete their 201 quilt will be featured in

upcoming months newsletters as the picture for this class! This class and 101 will be alternated day and night and by months going forward. **When:** Fridays, April 8th, 22nd, 29th and May 6th 6pm to 9pm **Price:** \$60 + DVD + supplies. **Teacher:** Anita Karas

American Girl

This is an introduction to sewing class for the younger generation. Are you a young lady with an American Girl doll? Would you like to make some clothes for you and your doll? Come in and make this great Apron for you and your doll!



Class one they will pick out and buy their fabric. Class two they will learn

to cut the pattern out and start to sew. Third Class is about completing the finished project. We would like for a parent to come in for the first class to meet our teacher and stay to help make the purchases. If you would like to stay with your daughter/granddaughter as they sew you can make an apron also or just chaperone. Sewing Machines will be available. Age limit 8 years old. We would like the girls to have used a sewing machine or have a parent/grandparent stay with them.

When: Session 1: Tuesdays, April 12th, 19th, and 26th. 5:30 to 8:30
Session 2: Saturdays, April 16th, 23rd and 30th. Noon to 3pm **Cost:** \$30 + pattern + supplies **Teacher:** Andrae Lowery.

ZigZag Placemat

You have seen the sample in the store. Come in and in four short



hours you will have this zigzag placemat for yourself! Our sample was done in green Fabrics, but make it in any color combination that you want! **When:** Session 1: Saturday, April 9th Noon to 4pm, Session 2: Wednesday, April 13th, Noon to 4pm and Friday April 15th, 5pm to 9pm. **Cost:** \$20 + pattern +supplies. **Teacher:** Pat Renihan

Sewing Circle

Want to get out of the house and enjoy a day of sewing? Loosely based upon our UFOs, 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 times a month. Come to one. Come to all! Stay for an hour. Stay for more!

When: Tuesday, April 12th, Wednesday April 20th and Thursday April 28th All Sessions start @ 10:30 and run all day. **Cost:** \$8 (to cover the snacks!)

Knitting

Fair Isle Tam

We have our great group of knitters, but there is always room for more!



This month come in and make this great looking Tam! Join our knitters and not only do you end up with a great knitted item, but you make some great friends too!

When: 3 classes Saturday, April 2nd, 9th, and 30th. **Cost:** \$40 + pattern and supplies. **Teacher:** Heather Metzger.



*** Last minute add to Calendar.

Quilting 101. Mondays April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th @ 10am to 1pm! Class is \$60 +supplies+dvd. I did not have room in newsletter so if interested, call the store and ask for Anita for the class description and details.***

Special Events Continued

UFO night: 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! **When:** Friday, April 1st @ 5pm to ???**Cost** \$8.

Happy Hours!

Happy Hour w/Anita Cathedral Window Come in and learn how to do a cathedral window. When you walk out of this happy hour you will have the knowledge to make your own quilt top just like Anita's



When: 1) Friday, April 8th @2pm, 2) Thursday, April 21st @6:30pm, 3) Tuesday, April 26th @11am **Cost:** \$FREE\$

Happy Hour w/Anita—Hand Quilting Did you miss this one in February? Come in and Anita will demonstrate the hand quilting stitch and show you what supplies you need to start hand quilting. **When:** 1) Tuesday, April 19th @11am 2) Saturday, April 23rd @10am 3) Thursday, April 28th @6:30pm 4) Friday April 29th @2pm. **Cost:** \$FREE\$

Happy Hour w/Pauline –Shop Hop Quilters Depot is in the 2011 Western Pa Shop hop that is from June 8th to June 11th. Have you been on a shop hop before? Either way come in and we will tell you all the fun stuff that will be going on from the April 7th Kickoff party, what VIQ is, what stores are participating, to what color your bunny suit needs to be. Do you need a bunny suit? You will find all this and more at our Shop Hop Happy Hours! **When:** Saturday, April 2nd, @1pm. **Cost:** \$FREE\$

Shop Hop Kickoff Party!

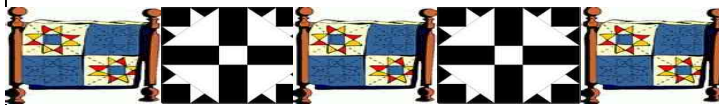
It's that time of the year again! It's time to get your Western Pennsylvania Shop Hop Passport. This is Quilters Depot's first year and we hope that many of you will buy your passport from us this year. If you are a new hopper we will walk you through everything you need to know. **Step 1** Come in on Thursday, April 7th anytime between 10am and 6pm. **Step 2:**

Buy your passport (\$5). **Step 3:** Get your VIQ (Very Important Quilter) sticker. **Step 4:** Receive your first block pattern **Step 5:** Get your free gift from us (might be two) **Step 5:** Participate in our Kickoff party! **Step 6:** Get lots of rest to hop in June!

Remember, you can buy the passport at anytime after April 7th until the time of the shop hop. However, to get your VIQ sticker which entitles you to an extra free pattern at every store, you must come in on April 7th!

Block of the Month

We are going to start our first Block of the Month in April. It's going to be the **Shop Hop Blocks**. Collect the patterns from Kickoff and from each shop you visit in June. We will have three sessions where you can come in and learn how to make the kick off block. Some blocks are more simple than others! If you bought the Passport from us the classes will be free! If you did not the class will cost you \$10/session. Once Shop Hop is done the sessions will continue with two or three blocks a month until completed! You must have the block pattern to participate! **When:** Wednesday, April 27th. **Session 1:** 10:30am to 1pm, **Session 2:** 1:30 to 4pm, **Session 3:** 6pm to 8pm. **Teacher:** Anita Karas (Session 1 and 2), Andrae Lowery (Session 3).



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. (I know I have forgotten something! Call to find out more!)

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



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 :-

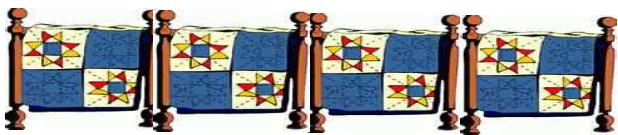


(I did start the manual though). Stay tuned for more details!

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.



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: Remember, if we have a class at night we are :
: open for you! Call ahead to make sure class is :
: in session! :
: Remember, one Sunday a month we are open :
: from 1pm to 4pm for the Smocker's Guild. We :
: are open for you during those hours! Check the :
: calendar! :
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Charity News

Wrapped In Love Foundation:

Wrapped in Love is the newest charity that we are supporting at Quilters Depot. The mission of the foundation is to provide blankets to patients receiving chemotherapy treatments in area hospitals.

Quilters Depot has agreed to help get the information about this foundation out. Quilters Depot is also to be a drop off point for blanket donations. We feel so blessed to be working with the fine ladies of Wrapped in Love.

The following paragraphs contain the basic information that Chris Mabon and Darvina Emmerich would like to share with the community.

"The Wrapped In Love Foundation, Inc. is a new non-profit organization starting up in Pittsburgh. This foundation was created by Darvina Emmerich in memory of her husband, James, who underwent intensive chemotherapy treatment and sadly succumbed to cancer. The mission of the foundation is to provide blankets to patients receiving chemotherapy treatment in area hospitals. As you may know, during long hours of chemotherapy, patients become exhausted, uncomfortable and cold. It is our belief that the blankets will provide comfort, warmth and hope to those in need. Blankets will be given to the patients to keep.

The number of people receiving chemotherapy in the Pittsburgh area is staggering. One UPMC hospital alone requires 360 blankets per week. As the demand is great, we are reaching out to the community in a variety of ways, for blankets and/or monetary donations. Pittsburgh is a caring and generous city, which is why it was chosen to be the city where the Wrapped In Love Foundation, Inc. would be launched."

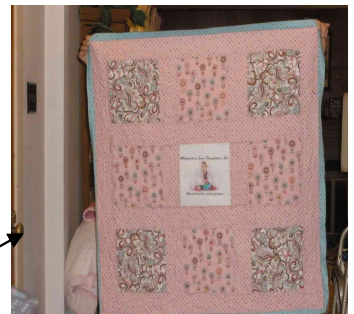
The foundation is asking for new blankets, 50" x 60" in size. Quilts, fleece, afghans or thermal blankets - purchased or home made - are all welcome. The blanket should be washable. Quilters Depot will make sure that the foundation receives all blankets.

In lieu of a blanket donation, the foundation will happily accept monetary donations. Checks, made payable to "Wrapped In Love Foundation, Inc." should be mailed to Wrapped In Love Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 13486, Pittsburgh, PA 15243."

Their website,

www.wrappedinlovefoundation.is currently still under construction as I type this. Hopefully it will be up soon!

First Quilt made by Chris and Darvina @ Quilters Depot!
Long Arm Quilted by yours truly.



April 2011



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					<p>1 UFO 5pm</p> <p><i>April Fool's Day</i></p> <p><i>One Cent Day</i></p> <p><i>National Fun at Work Day</i></p>	<p>2 Knitting—Fair Isle Tam Class 1 of 3 9:30am</p> <p>Happy Happy—Shop Hop w/ Pauline 1PM</p>
3	<p>4 Quilting 101 Class 1 of 4 10am to 1pm</p> <p><i>Rubber Eraser Day</i></p>	5	6	<p>7 Shop Hop Kickoff All Day! 10:30am to 6pm</p> <p><i>No Housework Day</i></p>	<p>8 Happy Hour w/ Anita—Cathedral Window 2pm</p> <p>Quilting 201 Class 1 of 4 6pm to 9pm</p>	<p>9 Knitting—Fair Isle Tam Class 2 of 3 9:30am</p> <p>ZigZag Placemat Noon to 4pm</p>
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<p>17 Smockers Guild 1pm to 4pm</p> <p>We are open!</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday</i></p>	<p>18 Quilting 101 Class 3 of 4 10am to 1pm</p> <p><i>Pet Owners Day</i></p>	<p>19 Happy Hour w/ Anita—Hand Quilting 11am</p> <p>American Girl Session 1 Class 2 of 3 5:30 pm to 8:30pm</p>	<p>20 Sewing Circle 10:30am</p> <p><i>Make a Quilt Day</i></p> <p><i>Cuckoo Day</i></p> <p><i>Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Day</i></p>	<p>21 Happy Hour w/ Anita—Cathedral Window 6pm</p>	<p>22 Quilting 201 Class 2 of 4 6pm to 9pm</p> <p><i>Good Friday</i></p> <p><i>Earth Day</i></p> <p><i>Nat'l Jelly Bean Day</i></p>	<p>23 Happy Hour w/ Anita—Hand Quilting 10am</p> <p>American Girl Session 2 Class 2 of 3 Noon to 3pm</p>
<p>24</p> <p><i>Happy Easter!</i></p> 	<p>25 Quilting 101 Class 4 of 4 10am to 1pm</p>	<p>26 Happy Hour w/ Anita—Cathedral Window 11am</p> <p>American Girl Session 1 Class 3 of 3 5:30pm to 8:30pm</p>	<p>27 Intro to Block of the month— Shop Hop Session 1 10:30am to 1pm</p> <p>Session 2 1:30pm to 4pm</p> <p>Session 3 6pm to 8:00pm</p>	<p>28 Sewing Circle 10:30am</p> <p>Happy Hour w/ Anita—Hand Quilting 6:30pm</p>	<p>29 Happy Hour w/ Anita—Hand Quilting 2pm</p> <p>Quilting 201 Class 3 of 4 6pm to 9pm</p> <p><i>Zipper Day</i></p>	<p>30 Knitting —Fair Isle Tam Class 3 of 3 9:30am</p> <p>American Girl Session 2 Class 3 of 3 Noon to 3pm</p>

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