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February 2010 E-Newsletter

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****Classes at Pat's Studio****

***Basic Machine Quilting-**

Sat. March 20, 2010 10am-4:00pm fee \$45.00

In this class you will discover the versatility and quickness of quilting with your machine. Stitch-in-the-ditch, under quilting, one step reversible quilting, adding borders and all aspects of quilting with a walking foot will be covered in the first half. Stippling, meandering, echo quilting, drawing and all aspects of free motion quilting will be covered in the second half. Threads, needles, battings, quilt preparation and helpful tools and notions will also be discussed. Learn how to set up an ergonomically correct quilting station for your safety and comfort. You will make actual samples that can be saved for future reference. There is no pressure to complete a project or be perfect in this class. We just play, experiment and have fun! The confidence and know how gained in this class will enable you to complete all of those quilt tops that have been waiting to be quilted!! You should have completed at least one quilt top in order to fully benefit from this class.

*** "ZENTANGLE" -**

Sat. April 10, 2010 1-3:00pm fee \$35.00

"Zentangle is an easy to learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns".

(quote from www.zentangle.com website)

~Developed by Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts~

Certified Zentangle teacher, Gwen Fuller, will visit Pat's studio to teach this relaxing and rewarding form of art that can never fail. Requiring no artistic

skills, this basic beginner class, is suitable for any and all skill levels. Even if you think you have no artistic skills you will find them here! Open your mind to different patterns that can cross over and add to your free motion quilting repertoire. Are you stuck on plain everyday stipples? This class will give you inspiration and a new way to look at your quilt, in smaller sections, for some spectacular machine quilting possibilities.

Class is open to anyone age 12 and older.

Zentangles applies to many fields of interest. It is therapeutic, non technical, and takes on its own form with each person's individual doodles. Learn many basic patterns to get you started.

Supply List:

No supplies or sewing machine needed

just come to class ready to begin a new adventure.

*Gwen will supply basic tools needed.

*Pat will supply plenty of table space, great lighting, coffee & tea.

*Zentangle Kits will be available for purchase.

~COME AS YOU ARE ~BRING A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER~

***Printing Photos on Fabric & Wall Hanging-**

Converged, Floated or Multiples

Sat. May 1, 2010 10am-4:00pm fee \$45.00

Plus additional Kit fee \$39.00

Are you an amateur photographer with lots of beautiful photos stored in your computer? First, you will learn how to make your own special fusible photo fabric sheets. This process will save you lots of \$- all the more to spend on quilting fabric!

Pat will then teach you how to choose photos to "converge", an artful technique of uniting two separate images into a work of art. Or you may choose to artfully arrange multiple photos in a theme, symmetrically or in an unconventional pattern. We will experiment with your photos printed on paper. (No sewing & no pressure to complete a project)

Bring any fabrics to audition for your wall hanging. We will explore different settings, prairie points, narrow piping and other accents.

You will leave full of ideas and inspirations to complete your photo wall hangings in many wonderful ways.

Kit will be ready for you at class.

(Bubble Jet Set, Bubble Jet Rinse, soaking tray, protective gloves,
1 yd. fabric (enough for 12- 8x10 photos), freezer paper,
10 Steam-A-Seam 2 sheets)

***Borders & Bindings-**

Sat. May 15, 2010 10am-4:00pm fee \$45.00

Flat, even borders are what judges look for in a soundly constructed quilt. A quilt that "waves" while hanging in a show, usually has problems with the borders. As a long arm quilter, I deal with all too many quilts that have wavy borders that need taming or borders that are too small for the quilt top.

Bindings are the finishing touch on your quilt.

Judges want them to be flat, straight and "full of batting".

This class is designed to help you complete the border on one quilt and get a solid start on the binding on a second quilt.

NOTE

This class is advertised very early in order for you to have time to get 2 quilts ready- a great incentive to complete 2 projects!

Follow this class with the Monster class below-----

***Machine Quilting A Monster-**

Sat. June 5, 2010 10am-4:00pm fee \$45.00

Many of you have taken the typical machine quilting class where you work on small samples. That's great, but what do you do when you get home and have to face machine quilting a queen size quilt on your own?

Pat has machine quilted hundreds of quilts, so she has designed this class especially for those who want hands on instruction on a large quilt of their own.

Learn how to fit that monster into your machine and how to maneuver it.

Explore options for quilting designs, stencils, threads, needles, tools, where to start and how to proceed. Pat also gives suggestions for setting up an ergonomically safe working area.

NOTE

Before signing up for this class, it is best if you have taken Pat's "Basic Machine Quilting" class in order to have a solid understanding of basic machine quilting. This will also allow you to sign up for the previous Borders & Bindings class that will help you on your way to completion

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**Quilting With Pat at the Mansfield Senior Center
Winter 2010**

Thursdays 10 am -12:30
March 4,11,25 April1,8,15,22,29

To register contact the Mansfield Senior Center 860-429-0262

During this session we will make a wonderful kaleidoscope type quilt from the book "One Block Wonders". In our first class we will review patterns, techniques, tools and supplies needed.

As always, if you prefer, you may choose to finish up old projects or to begin a new one of your choice.

All Day Quilting Retreat

With Pat at the Mansfield Senior Center

Tuesday March 30 9am-4:30pm

Join us for an entire day of quilting. Bring one large projects or several that you need help on. Pat is available to problem solve and coach.

Bring "Show & Tell" – we love it!

The Senior Center provides free parking, great lighting and clean table space, while the quilting class provides friendship, quilting information, encouragement and many laughs. You do not have to be a Mansfield resident or a senior to participate- all ages & skill levels welcomed!

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NEW! Classes at Hampton Community Center

To Register Contact:

hamptonrecreation@gmail.com or Melanie 860-455-9958 or Gay 860-455-9875

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"REMAINS" to be SEAMED

Saturday, March 27, 2010 9am-3pm Pat Ferguson

You will have a great time using this super fast "REMAINS" sewing method with no seams or points to match! Use up all the left over scraps, strips, partially pieced blocks, borders, practice pieces, orphaned blocks, "oldies" and "uglies" from years of quilting. Every "REMAINS" block is unique! Pat will bring a tub of "REMAINS" and encourage students to clean out their scraps to trade and share.

Birds in Bloom Needle Turn Appliqué

Saturday, May 8, 2010 9am-3pm Maria Lage

Learn to perfect your invisible appliqué stitches and create sharp inner and outer points, smooth inner and outer curves and perfect circles.

Use the finished project in a small wall quilt, incorporate into a large quilt or frame it for instant gratification. Patterns will be provided at no extra charge.

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E-newsletter to friend ***

FYI

If you received a copy of the current Keepsake Quilting catalogue, check out the "In A Pickle" quilt pattern on page 59. It was designed and made by Larisa Key and machine quilted by **ME!**

VENDING

I am now vending quilt shows and guild meetings.

It is a new and exciting venture for me.

I love it because I get to see more quilters and I am inspired by all of you.

If your guild would like a vendor at a meeting or if you have a quilt show coming up, I would love to be a part of your event.

I try to carry items that other vendors might not have including:

~Quilt Care & Storage Products~

~Printing on Fabric Supplies~

~Unique Quilter's Gift Items including "TOOL JEWELRY"~

~My Favorite Notions~

~"BROADS" wide backings~

* QUILT SHOWS *

Spring is coming and so are the quilt shows!

Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild

March 13,14, 2010 www.thimblepleasures.org

Pioneer Valley Quilt Show

April 16-18, 2010 www.pioneervalleyquilting.com

Machine Quilter's Expo (MQX)

April 15-17, 2010 www.mqxshow.com

Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association

April 24, 25, 2010 www.nbquilts.org

NBQA Raffle Quilt

If you are feeling lucky, you can purchase raffle tickets for the gorgeous queen size quilt that will be given away in May 2010.

See photos, ticket information and show dates on

www.nbquilts.org or www.patfergusonquilts.com.

(I had the honors of machine quilting this vivid quilt (red, gold, brown, black) with sunrays, feathers, swirls and curves)

If you would like your quilt show posted on future newsletters, email details to pat@patfergusonquilts.com

PAT'S POINTER

How are you surviving this long cold winter? Are you taking advantage of the fluffy snow or are you taking time to catch up on your quilting projects? Maybe both!

I am in the process of writing my quarterly article for "ON TRACK" magazine and the subject is

"Your Stash- It's Not How Big It Is But How You Use & Store It"

This prompted me to do some gathering and sorting, but most of all, it made me aware of what I really had- things that I had forgotten about became new ideas again. I encourage you to gather all of your fabrics in one place, take them out of the bags, wash, fold, sort and roll in all of your treasures!

If you take me up on this challenge, I would love to know what new creations have been inspired~

email your photos to pat@patfergusonquilts.com

*** Gift Certificates ***

are available in any denomination and can be mailed directly to your recipient with a personal note enclosed.

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Email pat@patfergusonquilts.com or call 860-429-6999

Also available online- use your credit card!

Happy Quilting!

Hoping that you are able to finish up some of your quilting projects and move on to new fresh ideas-

Pat Ferguson

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Address: _____ zip _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

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Please make checks or money orders payable to: Pat Ferguson
Mail to: 109 Fitts Road, Ashford CT . 06278

??questions??

Email pat@patfergusonquilts.com or call Pat 860-429-6999

*Payment (check or cash) in full is due to register.

*No cancellations. (exceptions- inclement weather or less than 3 students)

*Complete supply list will be mailed or emailed to you upon registration
along with directions to Pat's studio.

*Class size is limited (6-8 students) to create the ultimate learning atmosphere.

*Bring a lunch. Refrigerator & microwave available. Pat will supply coffee & tea.

*You must have a sewing machine in good working order (and know how to use it)
along with basic quilting tools to bring to class.

*Pat provides each student with a 4' table, chair and great lighting.

*Don't forget to bring your machine pedal, reading glasses and a cushion if you wish.

*Plenty of parking in a lovely and peaceful wooded setting.

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