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Photos on Fabric Supplies, Quilt Care & Storage Products,
"BROADS" 108" Wide Backings, "TOOL JEWELRY"

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May 2010 E-Newsletter**

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Zen Dahlia début at NBQA Quilt Show

My newest whole cloth quilt, based on a combination of "Zentangle" and quilting patterns, received a Purple ribbon (98%) & Sunday's Viewer's Choice ribbon at this great guild show in North Kingstown, RI. The entire pattern was quilted with many florescent color threads and many original hand designed patterns taking 120 hours to complete.

Check my website for more photos of "Zen Dahlia" and also photos of my second entry in the show "Memmingen" which received a Blue ribbon.

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It was great to see so many of you who stopped by my booth to say hello and give me such supportive feedback on my quilts. I had a great time vending at the show.

**Thank you to my customers & students**

**who have recommended my machine quilting services and quilt care & storage products to others.**

**I appreciate your continued support since 1985!**

## **"Zentangle" class**

During the week of May 18-21, I will attend a "Zentangle" seminar to become an officially certified teacher for this incredible art form developed by Rick & Maria in Whitinsville Mass. I am excited because this pen and paper technique can be done by anyone of any age and is extremely relaxing and mind opening, especially to those like me, who think they are not able to draw. The technique breaks repetitive patterns into easy steps and enables one use these patterns to fill spaces on paper, to create beautiful works of art.

It occurred to me that this is exactly what we try to achieve with machine quilting. We fill the background spaces and piecing spaces with a very limited array of stipple and continuous line designs. This is what inspired me to convert this "Zentangle" pen and paper technique into fabric, needle and thread. The two overlap in many ways but the "Zentangle" technique allows for many more creative design possibilities. I am excited about the developing quilting classes around it. Watch for these classes in the fall! Visit [www.zentangle.com](http://www.zentangle.com) to view the technique and [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com) to view the resulting quilt. This will be an exciting new class that many of all quilting levels will want to attend. If you are interested, let me know and I will place you on a list for the fall. Email [pat@patfergusonquilts.com](mailto:pat@patfergusonquilts.com) to reserve your space in class.

## **Quilt Appraisal Date: Sat. Sept. 25, 2010** **(by appointment only)**

### **Why should you get your quilt appraised?**

\*If you have a fire in your home, without a written appraisal, you will only receive the price of an everyday blanket for your damaged quilt.

\*With all the time and expense invested in a new quilt, they are much more valuable than we sometimes think.

\*If your quilt has received a ribbon or has been machine quilted by an award winning or published long arm quilter, the value has increased.

\*If you will be shipping a quilt to a show or as a gift, you might consider a written appraisal to confirm insurance value if lost or stolen.

\*Family heirloom and antique quilts may have much more value than we know- it is a good idea to have a written record to pass down through the generations.

\*If you are giving a quilt as a gift, consider giving an appraisal as part of the gift so that the recipient will realize its value.

**Lois Palmer, certified quilt appraiser,**  
**will evaluate quilts, by appointment only, at Pat's Studio in Ashford, CT.**

A written appraisal includes any information that you have along with the expert dating and technical knowledge that Lois has gained in her years of experience, making it an extensive document for future reference.

**Quilt care and storage products will also be available for purchase.**

**Learn more about these from Pat**

**Or SHOP ONLINE : [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com)**

**To reserve your appointment please contact**  
**Pat Ferguson 860-429-6999 or email [pat@patfergusonquilts.com](mailto:pat@patfergusonquilts.com)**

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E-newsletter to friend\***

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**\*\* New Product of the Month \*\***

**Shop online [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com)  
Or call 860-429-6999 to pick up and avoid shipping**

**"Simflex" Expanding Gauge \$19.99**

Originally designed for evenly spacing buttons. As a machine quilter, I use this tool to quickly and evenly space quilting designs. It is invaluable for finding centers and dividing areas in half, thirds, quarters etc. with absolutely no math involved.

**Heat Press Batting Together 10 yd. roll \$7.99**

Now you can quickly and easily fuse your batting pieces together. This thin, soft 1½" wide cloth tape holds batting together with no lumps or bumps. **No more pinning, machine or hand sewing!** Think of the time you can save by pressing instead of sewing and the cash you can save by using up batting pieces. For use on all batting fiber contents.

**On Sale "The Quilter" Humorous Print**

**Matted – 16"x20" reg. \$22.00 sale \$15.00**

**No Mat –11"x17" reg. 18.00 sale \$11.00 (one left)**

**\* 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
Shop online with credit card www.patfergusonquilts.com

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

A few space left- but sign up soon

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.

See you in the fall with new classes!

NBQA Raffle Quilt

If you are feeling lucky, you can purchase raffle tickets for the gorgeous queen size quilt that will be given away on May 20,2010. See photos, ticket information and show dates on

www.nbquilts.org

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

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PAT'S POINTER

Quilt Appreciation

If you are making quilt for someone as a gift, you might want to find out if they will actually appreciate such a labor of love. As quilters, you and I know how much fabric, sweat and time go into making a quilt. Many times, the recipient does not craft or sew

and has no idea of the true value of such a gift. If the quilt is an heirloom, be sure to give a written APPRAISAL and a QUILT CARE KIT (quilt wash, quilt storage bag, wrapping tissue, Book "101 Things you need to know if You Own A Quilt", gift card & instructions) all available from www.patfergusonquilts.com . Hopefully, this information will keep the quilt from being used in the truck as a moving blanket. If your recipient is not at all nostalgic, consider making a smaller, simpler utility quilt and let them use it as much as they want. Just encourage them not to wash it every week, avoid the sun and keep kitty and fido off to extend the life of the quilt.

New Free Tutorial

Quilt Care & Storage

How to wash and store and care for new and old quilts
Download this new free tutorial at www.patfergusonquilts.com
Other free tutorials also available to download for free.

Happy Quilting!

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

Pat Ferguson

Please feel free to forward this E-newsletter to a friend

Class Registration Form –Spring 2010

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ zip _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

***Machine Quilting A Monster-**

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

Plus additional Kit fee \$39.00- _____

TOTAL=

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 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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