

A Message from Pat at www.patfergusonquilts.com

Long Arm Quilting, Custom Quilts, Classes, Workshops

April 2008 E-Newsletter

It has been awhile...

Lots has been happening at patfergusonquilts.com since my last newsletter in December 2007!

With several teaching engagements, the publication of "Mini Big Quilt" in the \$100,000 Quilting Challenge Magazine, the arrival of new "BROAD BACKS", the first bus trip to patfergusonquilts.com, and an upcoming wedding of my super son and his beautiful fiancé, things have been hopping here.

Most of all I want to thank my loyal customers for making this the best year yet with "Gloria" Gammill running many more hours than in the past. Gloria did go on strike for a weekend, blowing her mother board and allowing me a quick trip to St. Albans Vermont for repair. I must say, every quilt that comes in is unique and I enjoy quilting every one of them.

MQX this weekend

The Machine Quilters Expo is happening this weekend in Manchester, New Hampshire. I hope that you are able to attend and view the wonderful machine quilted quilts in the home sewing machine, mid arm and long arm categories. If you have never been, this is a "must see", "blow you away" quilt show.

All of the 40 finalists quilts from 2007, \$100,000 Quilting Challenge Magazine will be featured at the show along with "Mini Big Quilt" made by Caroline Murphy and machine quilted by, yours truly, Pat Ferguson and Gloria Gammill. (Caroline was kind enough to give me the Golden Scissors from the prize package along with some other goodies- they are proudly displayed in my studio.) I can't wait to see these quilts in person as I know they are much more detailed than the magazine was able to depict.

Check out www.MQXShow.com for driving directions and classes.

I hope to see you there!!

MQx is where I pick up new ideas, tools and pantograph edge-to-edge designs- if you have any special requests, email me before midnight on Wednesday and I will take a look!

BROAD BACKS are here

A brand new addition to patfergusonquilts.com is hard to find 108" wide quilt backings. I just received my first shipment today and plan to add to the collection on a regular basis. The first batch includes spring colors in various patterns- lilac, powder blue, light sage, maize, flax, pinky coral, a multi color batik along with one black for good measure. "BROAD BACKS" will be sold in 3 ¼ yard cuts allowing enough yardage for most larger quilt backs or borders and backings for smaller quilts.

So, let me know what color "BROAD BACKS" you would like to add to the collection.

More information to follow on www.patfergusonquilts.com in May.

**~~~Gift Certificates~~~
Available for Mother's Day**

It is just around the corner!

If your Mom, Grandma or special Auntie is a quilter, she will appreciate a gift certificate from patfergusonquilts.com. It can be used toward machine quilting services or any products available.

Pat has many quilting products available including Acid Free Quilt Storage boxes, quilting supplies, fabric photo printing kits, Tool Jewelry, new "Broad Backs" and much more.

A free note card will be included with each Gift Certificate and can be mailed directly to a designated destination.

*** Acid Free Quilt Storage Boxes***

Pat now carries acid-free buffered storage boxes measuring 18"x30"x6", perfect for storing your treasured quilts. Twenty four 20"x30" acid free sheets of tissue are included in the \$24 price, making this a super value. These boxes are also suitable for storing any heirloom linen, clothing or wedding gowns.

This makes a perfect shower gift

Bus trip to Pat's Studio

In February, patfergusonquilts.com was visited by a bus tour from the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, CT. Pat presented a quilting demonstration on Gloria Gammill and a question and answer session about quilt care. Pat's art quilts were viewed while the group enjoyed cookies and tea. Everyone departed with a goodie bag.

The next Bus Tour will be July 19th when the Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association will visit after viewing the Clamshell Quilt Show in East Lyme, CT.

If you have a group interested in visiting Pat's studio, please contact pat@patfergusonquilts.com. Pat will arrange a special program just for you and demonstrate the art of long arm quilting. The studio is nestled on 18 acres in the beautiful Connecticut Quiet Corner where the view is peaceful and inspiring.

Classes Will Resume in the Fall

*Due to the upcoming wedding of son Bryan and his fiancé Jeanne, there will be no classes scheduled until the fall.
Pat will keep you updated.*

Wishing you warm and refreshing
spring inspiration.....

Happy Quilting!

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