

A Message from Pat at www.patfergusonquilts.com

Long Arm Quilting, Custom Quilts, Classes, Workshops

MAY 2008 E-Newsletter

MQX WAS GREAT!

“Mini Big Quilt” (by Caroline Murphy and machine quilted by Pat Ferguson) was featured along with the other 39 winning quilts from the \$100,000.00 Quilting Challenge 2007 at the Machine Quilters Expo in Manchester, New Hampshire . I personally spoke to Carol Newman, Vice President of the magazine and she confided that although Mini Big Quilt did not win, it was in the top 4 choice quilts. All of the quilts were phenomenal and seeing them up close was a thrill.

After 2 ½ days at the show, I came home with some new pantographs, lots of new tools and a head spinning from all of the new ideas and inspiration!

*** “BROADS” are here***

A brand new addition to patfergusonquilts.com is hard to find 108” wide quilt backings. I have added a few more to the collection and will be adding more on a regular basis.

Colors for spring in various patterns- lilac, powder blue, light sage, maize, flax, pinky coral, pink, white on white, a multi color batik along with one black and a rich chocolate & black marble.

*“**BROADS**” will be sold in 3 ¼ yard cuts allowing enough yardage for most larger quilt backs, or borders and backings for smaller quilts. The 3 ¼ yard cuts range from \$41 to \$47 with the batiks at \$54.*

This size is roughly equivalent to 9 yards of 42” fabric so you can do the math to see the great savings on this great quality fabric.

*“**ODD BROADS**” are also available in a limited supply.*

*These are smaller cuts at the end of the bolt, suitable for twin or smaller quilts- sizes vary. So, let me know what color “**BROADS**” you would like to add to the collection. More information to follow on*

www.patfergusonquilts.com in late May.

SHOW RIBBONS

While I was away at MQX I had 3 quilts in the Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association show in RI. Two of my quilts were judged and received PURPLE (excellence 99-100%) ribbons from judge Holice Turnbow- "Rose Garden" (white work trapunto) and "Salsa Bowl Kaliedoscope". How exciting!

The third quilt "Snippy Garden" was entered just for fun. See www.patfergusonquilts.com to view these award winning quilts. These quilts will also be in the "Pieces of Spring" quilt show this coming weekend, along with Pat's newest quilt

"Fried Eggs & Salsa on the Lake"

Pieces of Spring Quilt Show

May 17 & 18 10 am-4 pm

Knowlton Hall, Rte. 44, Ashford, CT

Mark your calendar for this fun event sponsored by the Ashford Friends of the Library and featuring the Heart in Hand Quilt Club. View many antique and new quilts, take a chance on the beautiful "Pearl's Whirligig" quilt and 3 overstuffed raffle baskets. Unique vendors will include Charlton Sewing Center, Gail's wool felted purses, Curtain Cu- Ups and the Knitting Room.

I will also have quilt care products available for purchase- acid free storage boxes, new & vintage quilt wash & quilt labels, etc. Quilt appraisals (old & new quilts) will be scheduled by appointment.

Appraiser Lois Palmer

Call Linda 860-429-7995 to make your appointment

**Pat is now a proud member of
SAQA – Studio Art Quilt Associates. Inc.
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Inc.**

~~~~Gift Certificates~~~~  
**Available Anytime!**

*If your friend, 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, quilt care products, 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.*

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**\* Acid Free Quilt Storage Boxes\***

*Pat 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 along with Orvus quilt wash or Vintage Quilt Soak*

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**\*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 19<sup>th</sup> when the Narragansett Bay Quilter’s Association will visit after viewing the Clamshell Quilt Show in East Lyme, CT.*

*If you have a group or even just a few friends interested in visiting Pat’s studio, please contact [pat@patfergusonquilts.com](mailto: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.*

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**\*Classes Will Resume in the Fall\***

*Due to the upcoming wedding of son Bryan and his fiancé Jeanne, there will be no classes scheduled at Pat's Studio until the fall.*

*Pat will keep you updated.*

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**\*\*Who would have known.....\*\***

*I am always telling my students that I learn from my mistakes and so do they. I learn a lot and seems like I learn something new almost everyday! Here is a life lesson , not related to quilting, that I thought I should pass on.....*

*One morning I turned on the shower only to find that we had no hot water. I called our furnace repair man and decided to wash up in the bathroom sink with warm water so that I could carry on with my busy day. I felt like quite the smart pioneer lady toting my hot tea kettle to the bathroom sink. As I proceeded to pour the water into the porcelain sink I heard a rather distinct "CRACK, CRACK" and discovered that my sink was leaking into the cabinet below. Who would have known that a porcelain sink, which is fired in a kiln, would actually crack? Not to mention all of the times that hot water has been poured into a sink to release a clog!*

*Now the plumber had to be called to replace the sink. He said that he had never seen this happen but that I probably shocked the cold sink with the boiling water. By the end of the ordeal, I felt much better- The furnace had a clogged pipe and did not require any parts for repair and needed a check up anyway. I got a nice new sink, I did not like that contractor's installed sink anyway and the cabinet below got a good spring cleaning.*

*(By the way, things always happen in 3's--- that same morning, as I turned on my iron to press a quilt backing, for some mysterious reason, that electrical socket no longer worked. That quick fix socket will be replaced by my husband and he will find this out when he receives this newsletter!)*

Wishing you simple mistakes to learn from and happy solutions – don't think of it as a mistake but as an opportunity to be creative!

*Happy Quilting!*

*Pat Ferguson*

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