

*A Message from Pat at [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com)*

*Long Arm Quilting, Custom Quilts, Classes, Workshops*

## **NOVEMBER 2008 E-Newsletter**

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***\*\*Some appointments left so call or email soon\*\****

***\*Quilt Appraisals November 8, 2008-10:00-5:00 pm\****  
***\$40.00 Written Appraisal- \$20.00 Verbal Appraisal***

### ***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. 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.*

***Reserve your appointment by calling Pat 860-429-6999 or email [pat@patfergusonquilts.com](mailto:pat@patfergusonquilts.com)***

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

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### **"A QUILTER'S GATHERING"**

*in Nashua New Hampshire, Nov. 6-9 [www.aquiltersgathering.com](http://www.aquiltersgathering.com)*

*This is a New England favorite and their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*Keep an eye out for 2 particular quilts:*

*\*MINI BIG QUILT\* by Caroline Murphy, machine quilted by PAT. This incredible quilt was one of the 40 finalists in the 2007 \$100,000.00 Quilting Challenge Magazine*

*\*Vintage Log Cabin\* by Anne Messier, machine quilted by PAT. This finely pieced quilt has a spectacular display of reproduction fabrics from the Cochecho fabric collection.*

***Congratulations to Caroline and Anne for being accepted into this juried show!!!***

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## **You Are Invited to an Open Studio!**

***patfergusonquilts.com,LLC***

***109 Fitts Road Ashford, CT***

**Pat Ferguson- award winning and published quilter/teacher will have an open studio on**

***Sat. & Sun. Nov. 29-30, Dec.6-7, 2008 10am-5pm***

*You and your friends are invited to visit Pat's studio to watch her quilt on a very unique 12' Gammill long arm quilting machine. View many beautiful quilts, landscapes and house portraits that reflect Pat's many years of quilting & teaching experience. New and rescued vintage quilts, photo wall hangings, quilt cards, gift certificates and other hand made quilt related items for sale*

**Visit [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com) for workshops & classes**

**Visit [AOSCT.org](http://AOSCT.org) to view 95 other participating artists**

***New this year!!***

***Gail Ignatowicz, owner of Sarah's Satchels***

*Will be joining me in my studio with her gorgeous, one-of-a-kind felted wool handbags. Each one is unique with bold designs and classy handles. Come and meet Gail and watch her at work.*

***\*\*Light refreshments and free drawing\*\****

**Mark your calendar for a fun and inspiring visit**

*Directions: Fitts Road is located off Rte. 44, traveling E. 2 miles past the intersection of Rte. 89 or traveling W. 2 miles past the intersection of Rte. 198 (directly across from Ashford Dari Bar & White House Auto)*

***For a complete listing of artists visit [www.AOSCT.org](http://www.AOSCT.org)***

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**\*\*\*Pat is Published\*\*\***

*International Machine Quilters Association (IMQA) magazine "ON TRACK!" questioned their readers as to how they felt about quilters entering a show when a second party did the machine quilting on the quilt. After I responded with a lengthy letter I found it published as its own full page (pg 20) in their Nov/Dec issue. Also, due to this letter, "ON TRACK!" has invited me to be a regular contributor to their publication. Any of you who do machine quilting will find this magazine chock full of technical and business information. IMQA's goal is to provide educational opportunities to all machine quilters and to promote machine quilting as an art form to the general public.*

Visit [www.IMQA.org](http://www.IMQA.org) to become a member and reserve your copy.

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**Mini quilting retreat  
All Day Quilting With Pat**

**Monday November 17, 2008 9am-4:30pm**

**Call the Mansfield Senior Center to register- 860-429-0262**

Join the quilters at the Mansfield Senior Center to quilt the day away with Pat Ferguson. Bring old or new projects to work on at your own pace - a project that has you stumped or begin something new. The entire day, Pat will be available to problem solve, give quilting advice and coach. The Mansfield Senior Center has great lighting and plenty of space to accommodate up to 12 participants of any age. (you do not have to be a Senior to attend).

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**\*\*\*Pat's Pointer\*\*\***

*Have you ever pressed your quilting fabric and found that it gets distorted or wonky? You are probably pressing it side to side, parallel to the cut edge. This crosswise grain has a bit of stretch to it. Try pressing parallel to the selvage edge- there is no stretch here and your fabric will stay nice and straight. Adding a touch of spray sizing will help add back that "crisp" feeling making it easier to handle too.*

*Happy Quilting!*

*Pat Ferguson*

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