

OCTOBER 2008 E-Newsletter

A Message from Pat at www.patfergusonquilts.com

Long Arm Quilting, Custom Quilts, Classes, Workshops

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

* Some appointments left so call or email soon*

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

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

****Frequently I am asked how often I run classes at my studio or the next time I will repeat a particular class****

If you are thinking of waiting to take a class please don't wait. I do not schedule classes during the summer months (except on reserve) because most quilters, including myself,

are spending the warmer days outdoors. I also do not schedule classes in the deep winter months because my driveway is a bear to navigate in ice and snow. That leaves the few months of spring and fall, when I try to schedule Saturdays which seem to work out the best. Sadly, there are only so many Saturdays and I also schedule workshops for quilt guilds, hold two weekends of Artists Open Studio, not to mention the weekend holidays and quilt shows to work around.

So... I will not be scheduling more classes until Spring 2009 & mostly by popular demand.

****Is there a special class that you would like to reserve?*****

Pat will schedule a class of your choice for you and at least 3 of your quilting friends. You choose the class, the date and guarantee 4 attending students. Pat will open her studio or travel to your chosen location (mileage may be requested for long distances).

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

Why attend a class at Pat's Studio?

You will have access to award winning, vintage and working quilts in Pat's collection. Gain knowledge from a quilt instructor and quilting coach with well over 25 years of experience. You will pay less than classes at the large quilt shows and be part of a much smaller class with much more personal attention. You will have your own personal space to spread out. See how a professional quilter sets up her work area and what tools are favored. Browse the mini quilt shop of class necessities, gift items and quilt care products. Meet Gloria Gammill, the heart of the operation.

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

Still time to register for all classes.....

Each student has their own 4' table and padded chair. There is plenty of parking in a quiet & pleasant wooded country setting. Great light for sewing. Pat supplies coffee, tea and water.

You bring lunch- refrigerator & microwave available to use.

Basic Machine Quilting Sat. (3 spaces left)

Oct. 4, 2008

10am-4:30pm \$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. *NOTE* This class is a prerequisite for "Machine Quilting A Monster" class.

Machine Quilting a Monster (3 spaces left)

Sat. Oct. 25, 2008

10am-4:30pm \$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 you must have your quilt layered for machine quilting (Pat will supply a hand out instruction for this) and have a solid understanding of basic machine quilting.

Fabric Photo Wall Hanging Sat. (4 spaces left)

Nov. 15 & 22, 2008

10am-4:30pm \$90.00 plus \$39.00 Kit fee

Photos on Fabric- Converged or Floated. Are you an amateur photographer with lots of beautiful photos stored in your computer? Pat will teach you how to choose photos to "converge" or "float" into a work of art. Converging is an artful technique of uniting two separate images into one. Floating can be done on an angle or straight with wavy or clean photo edges. You will also learn how to prepare your own fabric for printing and fusing your photos. Finally, use your quilting skills to make a one of a kind photo wall hanging. These make great wedding, birthday or holiday gifts.

This is a two class project and you must know how to print photos from your computer.

A kit fee of \$39.00 includes all products and fabric to make your own printable and fusible fabric sheets (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)

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).

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE "BROADS"

3 1/4 yard by 108" wide quilt backings

Great quality at fantastic prices!

Visit Pat at her studio or ask for swatches.

****NEW "GREEN" BATTING****

My customers know that I carry "Quilter's Dream Batting in cotton, blend, poly, black poly, wool and puff in many sizes and lofts. Quilter's Dream Batting now has a brand new batting that is actually pale green and made from recycled soda bottles. It feels very soft and drapes much like their poly batting. It is wrinkle resistant, washable, and can be stitched up to 12" apart. Once in a quilt, it is indistinguishable from their "virgin" polyester battings.

Try this earth-friendly, recycled batting and rescue soda bottles from the landfills. A throw size rescues 7 bottles, a twin rescues 13 bottles and a queen rescues 20 bottles!

Quilter's Dream Batting even reports that your batting and packaging is 100% recyclable.

Try some in your next quilt!

*****Don't Miss This Event*****

Windham Textile & History Museum – “Sewing Revolution: The Machine that Changed the World,” Sept. 26 – Dec. 28, 2008. Hours: Fri-Sun, 10-4 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3.50 students and seniors. Guided tour of the museum includes Victorian period rooms and factory settings. 411 Main St., Willimantic (860-456-2178; www.millmuseum.org).

Over fifty antique sewing machines from the museum's collection are shown together for the first time, along with trade cards, signs, and other sewing machine memorabilia.

The exhibit examines the impact of the invention on factory workers and middle class home sewers, with vignette settings of a sweat shop and a Victorian home sewing room. The broader economic and industrial consequences of this “queen of inventions” are also explored.

Talk/Demonstration - On Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. Larry Schiller of Schiller's Sewing Circle will give a talk and demonstration of a 19th century treadle machine and Rick Schiller will demonstrate a 21st century state-of-the art computerized machine.

*****Don't Miss This Event*****

Wayside Quilter's Guild presents a Fall Quilt Show

Sat. Oct 18, 2008 (10am-5pm)

Sun. Oct 19, 2008 (10am-4pm)

Works by members, raffle quilt, vendors, boutique, demonstrations

For directions info@waysidequilters.org

Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School, 390 Lincoln St. Sudbury MA 01776

*\$5.00 admission **** free parking*

Happy Quilting!

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