

# Piecing it Together Newsletter



**MAY - JUNE 2017**

## Shop News

### Just in...

The fabric you see being cut on the right is JUST IN and it is gorgeous. See page 3 for more.



### New Block of the Month

Our Gravity Block of the Month has started. Those of you who signed up, please come get your kits. We are always available to give you a demo on how to get started.

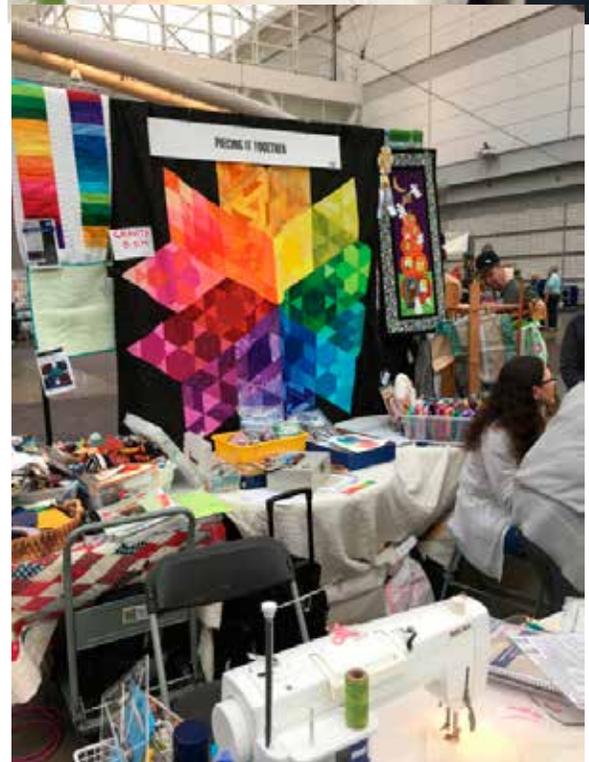
### Shop Hop/Row-by-Row

We sold quite a few Passports at our Shop Hop Kick-off Party on March 16. It's not too late to get your passports at the shop (only \$5). Stop by the shop anytime. The Shop Hop runs from June 13 through June 17.

Shortly after the Shop Hop will be the *Row-by-Row Nationwide Shop Hop*. The Row-by-Row will start June 21 and ends September 5. Come in and get your free pattern. Collect eight patterns from eight different shops, make the quilt (it must be completely finished), take it to the shop of your choice—hopefully that will be Piecing it Together—and get 24 Fat Quarters. Let the fun begin!

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## PIT at the Pgh Knit & Crochet Festival



## SHOP NEWS CONTINUED

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New this year is the **Junior Row-by-Row**. This starts the same time as the regular row-by-row event. How does this work? Just bring a child in to get a free pattern. Help them make ONE row, bring it back to the shop. If yours is the first of five, the child gets a ribbon.

### Vending



This is one of the patterns for the kids.

We are vending at the **Three Rivers Quilt Show** which this year will be held at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino from **April 27-29**. We hope to see you there.

### Ongoing Activities

The next Potluck Dinner will be held Saturday, July 15, from 3pm-5pm. Kits will be ready June 1. Everyone who attends is asked to make a block that will be raffled off to one lucky person. In addition, everyone brings a dish to share, and there's show and tell, too. Space is limited so call to sign up.

We have two **Community Service** sewing days coming up. One will be held on **May 27**, and the other will be **June 30**. It's amazing how much gets done during these days, but a lot of work is also done before and after the shop sewing days.

— Johanna



Ready for delivery!

## A Quilt for a Cause!

This quilt (cropped in the photo), donated by a quilter, is part of the quarterly raffle Piecing it Together does to make money to donate to the *Weekend Backpack Program*. The money is used to help provide food over the weekend or during school vacations for chronically hungry children where other resources are not available to them. Backpacks are distributed every Friday and on the last day before a holiday. Each Backpack provides enough food that a child can easily assemble into six healthy meals. This helps ensure that children will have food over the weekend and return to school on Monday ready to learn.



Your dollar makes a difference!

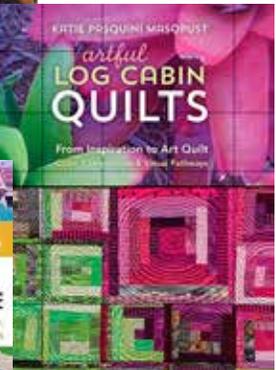
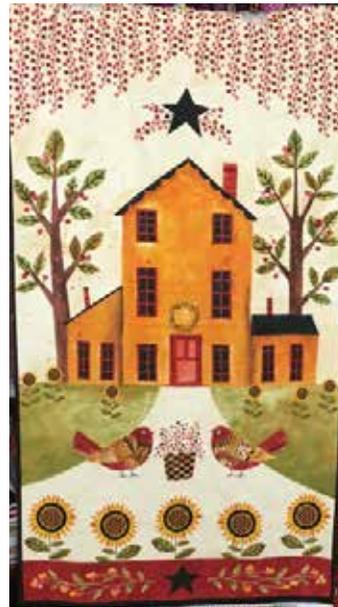
This quilt, shown in the last issue, was won by Denise Gniewkowski. Will you win the quilt above? You have to buy a ticket to win!



Well I guess you can use your sewing machine tray for more than sewing tools!

Annie says a well-balanced diet should include food of many colors!

# JUST IN...



**Tutu Notions Holder and Pincushion**

Kit for this quilt includes **12 batik fat quarters**, 1 yard of white background fabric and the pattern. \$42.00. This makes a 54" x 70" size quilt. You can always add borders to make it bigger. Note that some kits come with a light gray background fabric instead of white.

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## What are You Working On?

by Vivian Benton, newsletter editor

I asked this question because I've been in a bit of a slump lately. I started a few projects but didn't get far before I moved on to something else. So lately I've just been playing games on my iPad every evening (that's another story!).

I realized though that making a quilt or quilts for a quilt show (Three Rivers in this case) takes a lot out of you. You want them to be as perfect as you can make them—no chopped off points, straight sashing, straight borders and nice mitered corners in the binding. All my attention has been focused on these quilts. After that, I breathe a sigh of relief to be done and, for me, I just have to take a break from the stress. And, yes, it is stressful! So at this point I don't know what I want to do next.

I do have some things I MUST do. I'm preparing for a class I'm teaching next month so I have been spending time working on that. This has taken my mind off the more creative aspects of what I think I should be doing.

To help get my creative juices flowing I'm going to do the challenge in my Pittsburgh Modern Quilt Guild. I've designed my block (has to be 24" square) so all I need to do is get started. Hah!

So here are some comments from other quilters about what they're working on.

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### Julie Spangler

I am working on finishing all the projects that have been waiting for a while, most of them small projects that need to be sandwiched, stitched and finished. Trying to clean out most of the closet.

### Georgia Moncada

I am presently working on hand piecing a Patchwork of the Crosses. I'm also trying to assemble a bunch of "Drunkard's Path" blocks of bright prints like Kaffe Fassett with a black background, and I have several more in the pipeline..... We also have a rescued new-to-us small dog. Her name is Sophie and she is about 8-9 lbs. She is white and partly Maltese. More fun! Keep on stitching!

### Moira Muhs

Hi Vivian, I am working on Graffiti Quilting. I will send you a picture soon. It is a lot slower quilting this way, but it's more dense where I want the quilting to be and very free hand too.

### Janice Merritt

Hi Vivian. I am sending you this photo of my latest project, since you asked.



A good friend offered to stay with my husband so that I could make a long-hoped-for trip to California, to visit my grandchildren and coincidentally my daughter and son-in-law. It was a good trip. So, I decided to make her a quilt with this fabric that I found at PIT. There are many other projects that I could be working on, when not outside doing yard work, but I really really appreciate what my friend did for me, so I am focusing on this. Thanks for asking!

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### Linda Willams

Hey Vivian. I am putting the binding on a Civil War quilt and trying to finish a stack and whack!



PIT now has  
Grunge Jelly Rolls in  
the shop.

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## May Classes

- 1 **Monday Afternoon Bee.** 1:30-3:30
- 2 **Ruler Carrier.** 10-12, \$5. Pattern is free with class
- 2 **Take 5.** 1-3, \$15
- 3 **Ruler Work (#1).** 10-12, \$15. Annie
- 3 **Advanced Machine Rulers.** 1:30-3:30, \$15. Annie
- 4 **Six-hour Baby Quilt.** 10-1, \$10, Carol Panza. This is a quilt-as-you-go technique.
- 5 **Hunter Star.** 1-3, \$15  
You pick the fabric and we'll cut you a kit.
- 6 **Crazy Woolies.** 10-12, \$5. Esther
- 6 **Ruler Work (# 1).** 10-12, \$15. Annie
- 6 **Ruler Work (# 2 & #3).** 1-4, \$15. Annie
- 8 **Monday Afternoon Bee** 1:30-3:30
- 9 **All Wrapped Up (2 classes).** 2-5, \$30, Esther  
(2nd class is May 23)
- 10 **Ruler Work. (#1).** 10-1, \$15. Annie
- 10 **Ruler Work-Advanced (#1 & #3).** \$15. Annie.
- 11 **Hand or Machine Appliqué for Beginners.** \$5, 2-3
- 12 **Modern Quilts-Squares & Rectangles,** 10-1, \$15
- 13 **Clamshells & Circles.** 10-12, \$15. Annie
- 13 **Ruler Work (6" Spiral) (#5).** 1-3, \$15. Annie
- 13 **Beyond the Block.** 10-2 (4 classes), \$80, Doris
- 15 **Monday Afternoon Bee.** 1:30-3:30
- 16 **Crazy Quilt Heart Table Runner.** 2-5, \$15
- 17 **Hand Quilting,** 11-1, \$15
- 18 **Easy Tote Bag.** 10-1, \$15
- 19 **Rail Fence Table Runner or Baby Quilt.** 11-2, \$15
- 20 **Log Cabin Your Way,** 10-4, \$40. Vivian  
This log cabin design provides you with several log cabin blocks, squares and rectangles, to arrange as you like.
- 22 **Monday Afternoon Bee.** 1:30-3:30
- 23 **Quick-Step (two classes).** 10-1, \$30.  
(2nd class is May 30.) Carol Panza
- 24 **Binding** .1-3, \$15  
Learn three ways to bind a quilt. Kit is included.

- 25 **Chocolate Kiss.** 11-1, \$14. Pieced and appliquéd.
- 26 **T-Shirt.** 10-4, \$30
- 27 **COMMUNITY SERVICE.** 10-4
- 29 **Memorial Day.** Store closed.
- 30 **Quick-Step** continued.
- 30 **Crazy Quilt Hearts** continued
- 31 **Pineapple Placemat Two Ways.** 11-1, \$10

## June Classes

- 1 **Foundation Piecing.** 12-2, \$10
- 2 **Scrappy Tote Bag.** 11-1, \$10
- 3 **Crazy Woolies.** 10-12, \$10. Esther
- 3 **Beyond the Block,** 10-2. Doris
- 5 **Monday Afternoon Bee.** 1:30-3:30
- 6 **Stars for All Seasons.** 10-2 (4 classes) \$80  
Beginners. Esther
- 7 **Nine Patch.** 11-1, \$10
- 7 **Iron-on Thread.** 3-4, \$5  
Learn how easy it is to use fusible thread.
- 8 **Woven Placemat.** 11-1 \$10
- 8 **CCAC Sewing.** 6:30 (6 weeks)
- 10 **Give and Take Appliqué.** 10-4, \$40. Vivian  
This quilt uses a no-waste fusing technique to create the look of a New York Beauty. Depending on your fabric choices, you can achieve a totally different look than what's shown in the sample. It can also be made in two sizes. Pattern required.
- 12 **Monday Afternoon Bee.** 1:30-3:30
- 13-17 **Shop Hop**
- 17 **Triangle Magic.** 10-4, \$40. Vivian  
This quilt is strip pieced and then cut into triangles. How hard can that be, right? It certainly looks harder than it is. A focus fabric helps create this dynamic design. A 60degree ruler and pattern are required.
- 19 **Monday Afternoon Bee.** 1:30-3:30

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**June Classes continued**

- 20 **Stars For All Seasons** (class #2). 10-2
- 21 **Ruler Work for Beginners**. 10-12, \$15. Annie
- 21 **Ruler Work-Advanced**. 1-3, \$15. Annie
- 21 **Row By Row** starts
- 22 **Lone Star**. 12-2, \$10
- 23 **Just Can't Cut It**. 11-4, \$25
- 24 **Artistic Animal Collage**,. 10-4, \$40. Vivian
- 27 **Stars for All Seasons** (class #3). 10-2
- 28 **Junior Row by Row**. Child and adult help day.  
Pick your pattern. The kit is \$10. Help is available from 10-4.
- 29 **Turning 20**. 10-1, \$15
- 30 **COMMUNITY SERVICE**. 10-4



**Machine Ruler Work**  
(See schedule for dates)



**Stars for All Seasons**  
(June 6, Esther)



**Crazy Quilt Heart Table Runner**  
(May 16, Staff)



**All Wrapped Up**  
(May 9, Esther)



**Triangle Magic**  
(June 17, Vivian)



**Six-Hour Baby Quilt**  
(May 4, Carol P)



**Log Cabin Your Way**  
(May 20, Vivian)



**Quick Step**  
(May 23, Carol P)

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## Class Offerings continued



**Artistic Animal Collage**  
(June 24, Vivian)



**Woven Placemats**  
(June 8, Staff)



**Give and Take Applique**  
(June 10, Vivian)



**Just Can't Cut It**  
(June 23, April 7, Staff)

**Take 5**  
(May 2, Staff)





## FYI, Reminders, and Thank You

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Would you like to give something back to the community? If so, Community Service is calling you! Not only will you be giving back to the community, you'll also get to meet other quilters, have lunch and perhaps even learn something new. We really could use your help. Next meetings are **May 27 and June 30**.



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Need a place to lay out your quilt? You're welcome to do it at the store. Just call first for an appointment.

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We offer private quilting lessons for only \$20 an hour. Call us if you need help and we'll schedule a time for you.

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Need to make a quilt fast? Come in and check out our new selection of panel fabrics and other fast-finish kits.

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Did you know that with store receipts totaling \$100 (regular-priced items only) you get a free yard of fabric? (Offer does not include wool and minkee fabrics.)

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Happy Birthday to You! Come in on your birthday and receive a special one-time discount of 20%. Just show your ID within one week of or one week after your birthday to receive your discount.

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Need to cut strips or other quilt block designs fast? We have just what you need. Our AccuQuilt Studio Fabric Cutter can cut those for you in no time. We have LOTs of shapes. Call the shop to find out if we have the shape you need. We're getting in new ones all the time. (Fabric must be purchased from the shop for free cutting.)

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Do you have a quilt that needs to be batted?  
1 session with Staff - \$40  
Thread-basted, full size or larger

1 session with Staff - \$25  
Pin-basted, full size or larger

Or you can do it yourself for free using our tables.

Please call to schedule an appointment with staff.

### LEARN MACHINE QUILTING ON A MID-ARM MACHINE

Piecing It Together provides one-on-one training classes to anyone who would like to learn to quilt on a mid-arm machine. You must take the training class (1 session, \$75) before you can rent time on the shop's machine. We provide three leads which you can use again and again. The class is three hours long and is by appointment only. After this class, it is \$12 an hour to rent time. If you have taken the class but have forgotten some of what you learned, we are offering a refresher class for \$11. Call the shop for details.

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