



June 14th, 2011

Urgent Announcement:

Jo Ann Blade is coming next week! We've rescheduled her class for June 25th from 10-3. See below for more information! Because of this, the Thursday June 23rd Strip Piecing with the Statler (Sockhop) will be rescheduled for a later date. Sockhop members can attend Jo Ann's class for free!

Greetings!

There's a LOT going on around here! This newsletter is packed with all kinds of stuff. Some of the really fun stuff coming up:

Our house is being featured in the next issue (August) of [Quilter's Home!](#) Awesome photography team Gregory Case and Elena Morera photographed our whole home (after Elena beautifully staged things and made it look better than ever). Melissa Thompson Maher wrote a very fun article to accompany the pics. We know you'll enjoy it! The magazine hits the news stands in mid July. A special thanks to editor Jake Finch and the rest of this creative team.

I'm being interviewed by radio host Pat Sloan on American Patchwork and Quilting Radio on Monday, July 20th at 4 p.m. e.s.t. You can listen live at <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/radio/index.html> or access the podcast at the same address. Join us!

Get Your Kicks!

Call for entries! Long time friend Patt Blair (www.pattsart.com) and I are curating an exhibit that will travel for the next three years featuring quilts of Route 66. Check out our Blog on this fun project at <http://route66quilts.blogspot.com/>. Rules and entry forms are being posted this week. We'd love to have you participate!

Please don't hesitate to call if there is anything we can do for you!

Kelly Gallagher-Abbot

Gammill's Current Special

Gammill's incredible special prices are good through June 20th! Now is a great time to purchase that machine you've been wanting, or to trade in the one you have for a brand new one that includes the new Breeze Track system. Call us for more information!

Are you interested in a used machine?

2010 26" Classic Statler on a 12 foot table with the older track (not the Breeze track) that is just over 6 months old. Does not include zippered leads, but table is brand new. Used price: \$23,000 plus delivery and training, warranty transfers for balance of 4 years.

2001 Classic, non-regulated, 12' table with light bar. \$3500 plus delivery and training.

2001 Classic retrofitted to Vision, 12' table with light bar. \$8500 plus delivery and training.



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Repair and Maintenance of your Gammill Machine - Super 150 Special!

Jukebox Quilts is the **only** Gammill authorized warranty or maintenance service provider in a 400 mile radius. We are offering to spend up to 150 minutes checking and cleaning 150 areas of your machine for \$150! This is for service in our shop, where you are welcome to stay and watch (and learn) or drop off your machine and enjoy our fun local quilt shops and old town area. Call us for information on how to transport your head and cross track. Need us to come to you? We'll travel 150 miles round trip for an extra \$50. It gets even better - we will include a new tension spring for your intermittent tension, a whole new front tension mechanism that includes a new spring and new felt pads, and a new antibacklash spring. That's worth an extra \$20! Appointments are required, and we have a limited number of time slots, so call about this soon!

Maintenance taking over 150 minutes will be billed at \$55/hour, miles above 150 at .50 per mile. This offer is good through August 1st, 2011.

Thread Tails and Vapor Trails

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The Air Show Events are in full swing! We need volunteers for the air shows and Tier 1 CONA events! This is a great opportunity for a guild to reach thousands of people. While you show the TTVT quilts, you can share information about your group, and recruit new members! No selling is permitted, but you're welcome to hand out printed information. Please email or call us for more information.

Haven't seen the quilts? Visit <http://navyquilts.com/awinners> to see all of the travelers and winners. Also, don't forget that we have the full line of military fabrics newly released by sponsor Robert Kaufman Fabrics, and have a set of 30 postcards of the winners for \$10.00. You can see the fabrics at <http://www.jukeboxquilts.com/store/MilitaryFabrics.php>. There are **free patterns** using some of these fabrics that are fast, fun, and easy! We appreciate your supporting the sponsors **Robert Kaufman Fabrics, Hobbs Bonded Fibers, Road to California Quilt Show, and Derrel's Bernina in Pensacola**. This challenge and display would not be possible without their generous support.

30th Annual **RSVP**
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This is the only other location where the complete collection will be available to be seen outside of Pensacola, FL and Washington DC.

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THREAD TAILS & VAPOR TRAILS

This quilt challenge was the idea of Charlie Hoewing, wife of Vice Admiral Gerald Hoewing. Vice Admiral Hoewing USN (Ret) is President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida. Charlie, a quilter and museum volunteer, thought it would be wonderful to have a quilt challenge centering around the 100th anniversary of Naval Aviation. The Centennial will be celebrated throughout 2011 at numerous events across the nation.

Quilt Block Contest • Due June 30th, 2011

The color theme is "Shades of Black & White". Blocks can be made from a pattern of choice using the following techniques: appliqué, pieced or combination. Blocks must measure 12 1/2" to be used in the 2012 Sampler Quilt. Prizes will be awarded.

Hoosier Air Museum Hours:
Sunday through Saturday
9 am to 5 pm Daily

Vendors On Site:
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Visit the complete display in Auburn, Indiana! Kelly will be attending this wonderful event, and will be doing two lectures on Saturday, July 2nd. Contact us or the RSVP for more information! The complete display will also be shown at the **Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival August 19th-21st in Loveland, CO.**

Tension Issues Driving You Nuts? The Fix is Easier Than You Think!

Do you have frequent thread breaks, fraying, or are you experiencing shrinkage of your finished tops? These are all simple to resolve (provided your machine is properly timed). In this issue, we'll cover bobbin tension. The next newsletter will feature information about altering your top thread path to match your newly corrected bobbin tension.

You cannot own any machine and be afraid of adjusting your bobbin tension. Different threads are different thickness. Without adjustment, they'll pull at a very different tension from your bobbin case. A tool that we find to be indispensable is a TOWA Gauge. You place the bobbin you are using in your bobbin case, then place both in the gauge. You pull the thread around two guides and a reading will tell you what the bobbin tension is. Each machine can have a different tolerance, but once you find "the sweet spot" you'll set every thread at the same reading. The tension is adjusted while the case is in the gauge. We find that 16-18 (160-180 on newer gauges) is perfect on our machines. This is considerably less than the factory settings, which are set for very strong threads. While working on silk fabrics and silk batts, we quickly learned anything higher drew too much of the quilt up - the tension was balanced, but both the top and bobbin tension were too tight. This can cause you to lose 5-10% of the quilt! By loosening both, you'll get great texture, fewer thread breaks, and a perfect stitch. It's well worth checking every bobbin you use - every bobbin may have a slightly different reading.

We have TOWA gauges available for \$79.00. We have gauges for both L and M bobbin sizes. Good bobbins are also critical. If your reading "bounces" between numbers, you might have dropped the bobbin - and it is time to dispose of it (this is impossible to detect with the drop method normally used to check your bobbin tension, but will cause total havoc with the stitch quality). Also, don't underestimate the value of a new anti-backlash spring on a regular basis.

In the next issue, learn about different ways to thread your machine to provide the perfect balance for your new bobbin tension.



We get the most accurate and consistent readings by pulling the thread straight down from the gauge.

"After reviewing thread paths and tension with Kelly, I was able to go home and begin using threads I had marked "NOT FOR THE LONGARM." They worked great! What a difference!" CC, WY

Classified Ad:

We have a 12' Alignment Mat available. Normally \$195, call us with an offer.

Classes at Jukebox

Applique the Statler Way

Instructor: JoAnn Blade

Saturday, June 25th 9a.m.-3p.m.

Learn all about applique with the Statler. We're lucky to have teacher and CS trainer Jo Ann Blade here to teach "Applique the Statler Way" and other cool techniques and tricks she's doing with her Statler. Check out her website at www.joannsquilting.com and click on "Applique the Statler Way" under "Website Categories." Watch the changing photos for samples of the fun stuff she's doing. Jo Ann will teach CS techniques for splitting up your existing patterns to get more bang for the buck. The patterns can then be easily adapted for appliqueing by Statler. She'll review steps she's using to create a Baltimore Album and these other quilts, and cover fills, virtual stitchout, removing sew over lines, threads and needles. This is a great overview of the power of CS and the possibilities of the Statler. Bring a sack lunch and your laptop with CS 4.0 loaded to try this. There will be a separate charge of \$50.00 for this class (Sockhop members are free, please RSVP), and class size will be limited. Call us for more information.



Upcoming Sockhop Events

For members of our Statler Operator Classes at Kelly's (Sockhop group), JoAnn's class is free! The 6/23 class on Strip Piecing and the Circle of Illusion is being canceled so that we can have JoAnn here (her class in March was rescheduled due to a family emergency). The Strip Piecing/COI class will be rescheduled for the beginning of 2012.

Sockhop schedules are:

11-12 Social time, announcements, show and tell, Q and A. We're happy to share tips and tricks on anything related to your machines or Creative Studio, so come with questions!

12:00 Break for lunch (bring own bag lunch, we'll provide drinks and dessert)

12:30-2 Program



Jo Ann appliqued all of these quilts entirely on the Statler! You're going to love this class!

Saturday, July 23rd

Learn foundation piecing on your Statler! Complete foundation pieced units quickly and accurately thanks to the power of Creative Studio and the Statler team! The initial pattern includes registration lines for perfect placement of every component of the foundation pattern. You'll be blown away by how fast and perfect you can make blocks. The sample quilt includes some applique by Statler, as well.

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Other Upcoming Classes and Events:

Fiber Arts at the Avenir Museum Gallery of the University Center of Fine Arts, Fort Collins, CO

A fiber celebration featuring work from artists nationwide is on exhibit June 24-August 12 in the University Center of Fine Arts at 1400 Remington Street (old Ft. Collins High School Building). This is sponsored by the Northern Colorado Weaver's Guild, and will include weaving, spinning, dyeing quilting, knitting, and other work. Free admission, information is available at 970-669-6626.

Gammill Artists Featured on Studio Tour

Enjoy the Fort Collins Studio Tour June 25th and 26th. Two Gammill/Statler owners, Ayn Hanna and Gwen Hatchette's studios are two of about 30 showing on this self guided FREE tour! More information is available at <http://www.fcgov.com/lctix/galleries-events.php>.

Free Motion Commotion Design Catalog II

Instructor: Merrie Jones

July 9th 9-11 a.m. or August 12th 12-2 p.m.

Class fee \$50, materials \$20, fee is \$40 if you take this and the Simple Business Tips class.

Get started on your design catalog right away. It's easy to do and it keeps you out of a rut when you find you're doing the same thing week after week. Have your favorite patterns ready for those challenging blocks. Learn a cool way to doodle on blocks and keep the creativity flowing. We'll spend time drawing in a classroom setting and then take those drawings and work on the long-arm quilting machine.

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Starting a long-arm quilting business is exciting, so many things to learn and gadgets to buy. What taxes do I need to collect? Where do I go for wholesale supply vendors? How do I price my services? If these are the questions you're asking, you need to take this class. If keeping it all organized seems daunting to you come and take my class using the small business organizer for the long-arm machine quilter. You'll be amazed at how easy it really is to stay ahead of the paperwork. You'll be glad that all your information is located in a convenient place and the paperwork you need is already organized when tax time rolls around. Binder and CD included in class fee.

Rocky Mountain Applique Adventure

October 5-9, 2011

Steamboat Springs, CO

Yowza! This will be a super fun, very affordable five days with David Taylor, Lura Schwarz Smith, Kelly, and Madeleine Vail! Check out www.rockymtnapplique.com for details, and sign up soon. Classes are limited to 15 each. You'll leave super inspired, make lots of great new friends, and get to stay in one of the most beautiful places on the planet. Hope you can join us!

Statler Classes by Kelly at the Road to California Quilt Show Jan. 19-22, 2012

Kelly will be teaching several classes featuring the Statler. Watch <http://road2ca.com/> and our future newsletters for more information!