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Happy Summer!

Wow, we've had a busy few months and are looking forward to dropping back down to our normal level of chaos.

Here's what's coming up:

Sat. June 15th, 10a.m. Sockhop at Deb's

Gerri Davidson, a very successful and wonderfully organized Statler owner is going to chat about how she has built her business, finds new customers, consults and collaborates with customers, schedules, prices, etc. I'm looking forward to learning more from Gerri, and know that everyone will walk away with some great pointers and ideas. Please let us know if you're coming, and bring show and tell. Since we have a guest speaker, we will only be meeting on Sat. in Littleton. Call if you have questions.



We recently spent time in Dorking, England at one of Gammill's new dealers, [The Quilt Room](#). They were incredibly gracious hosts, and invited us to their beautiful home in Cornwall. What wonderful memories we'll have of this trip!



Mary McCauley

Some of you were lucky enough to attend the awesome lecture by [Mary McCauley](#). I've been to a lot of fiber lectures in my time, and I have to say, this was one of my favorites! Mary is doing some incredible work with dimensional vessels and quilts, and had everyone excited to dive in and learn how to achieve the same effects.

We still have a few workshop spaces left for Mary's two day class "Fabric and Form: Vessels." The class will be on June 25th and 26th (Tue. and Wed.) from 10-4 each day. The fee is \$100, and includes a light lunch. This class (and the lecture) is sponsored by The Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation. To sign up, you must go to [The Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation](#) site.



Container Garden: Orchid
By Mary McCauley

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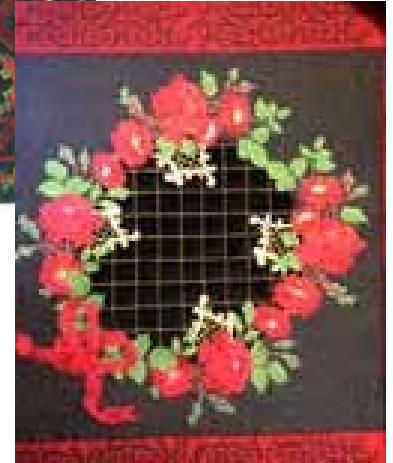
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Jim was just in Rapid City for the quilt show (I stayed home to party with my high school friends at our reunion- I had a blast while Jim and Kyle, our middle son, slaved away). He had some interest in us doing a repair and maintenance trip there for Gammill owners. If you or anyone you know in the Rapid City area needs service, please let us know as soon as possible. We will be in that area and northern WY / southern MT in a few weeks, and would be happy to work on machines. We've also been asked to do another Colorado Springs and points south repair trip in the next few months. Call us if you're interested.



Speaking of the Rapid City show, I quilted a gorgeous velvet and silk quilt titled "Moulin Rouge" for Fran Platt, who just phoned and said we won a blue ribbon! Yeah!

Moulin Rouge by Fran Platt
Quilted by me!



McCalls just featured one of my fun little quilts in their current issue. Check it out [here](#) and on the newsstands! They've printed the pattern for this summer quilt titled "Sunflowers in Shades" that I designed a few years ago. We live near fields of sunflowers, and I love how they track the sun throughout the day, but everyone knows that any responsible sun worshipper should wear eye protection. As most of you can tell, I'm easily entertained.

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Route 66 Quilt Exhibit

The Route 66 quilts are traveling all over the place! We're really excited that they will be featured at the [Route 66 International Festival](#) in Joplin, MO this August 1st-3rd. This is an annual gathering of Route 66 enthusiasts, where they come together to celebrate the heritage of the Mother Road. The Route 66 International Festival is where Roadies, as they are affectionately known, from around the World will meet to share their love and passion for the historic route which dates back to 1926.

The Joplin event will mark the first time The International has been held in Missouri. Most recently, in 2012 Victorville, California hosted the event and Amarillo, Texas was the site in 2011. For Joplin this will be an opportunity to show the World the success they are achieving in their recovery from the May 22, 2011, EF-5 tornado which impacted a third of the city. Of the 6 miles of Route 66 that passes through Joplin none was affected by the tornado.

The festival will offer many different activities such as exhibits and vintage car shows showcasing the impact Route 66 has had on the American fabric; through transportation, culture, art and entertainment. Artist, authors and collectors of all things Route 66 will participate in the Festival to share stories, ideas and enjoy the local Route 66 heritage. The Main Street America Marketplace will be the location for these vendors to show and sell their specialties, arts and antiques. Additionally, bike rallies, a beauty pageant, military exhibitions, a young Roadies parade, carnival rides and so much more will offer something for everyone.

We're so proud that they have asked us to provide the quilt display. The city offices are now in an old department store on the main street, and the exhibit will be displayed in the windows along the street! Consider a road trip to attend this fun event!

Also, Ricky Tims is giving a tour of Route 66, and featured a fun video of the Route 66 Quilts on his blog recently. Click [here](#) to watch it!

Sat. August 3rd is **Cheryl Row's** next machine embroidery class. They'll be working on some fun vinyl bags, and you'll learn techniques for vinyl or leather. Call us to see if there are any available spots.

Hope you are working on a quilt (or quilts) to display in the upcoming **Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival!** We have some great exhibits planned, and there are some fun classes. For quilt entries, [click here](#). For the class listing, visit [here](#).

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New Statler Conference

If you like to plan ahead, block out August 15-17, 2014 for next year's Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival. If you want to stay a few extra days, we're working on a Statler Conference August 18th-21st. JoAn Knight, TJ Speiser and I will all be teaching, and every student will take every class. We're also planning on some fun evening programs. More on this later, but save the dates, and call us if you'd like to be placed on our interest list! It's going to be great fun, but spots are limited. Make sure to sign up as soon as we open registration.

Gammill

Visit our website to see the national special being offered by Gammill, and click on used machines to see any that we have available. We're still anxiously awaiting the new sit-down machine, and have one of the Statler Touch tablet tools in the shop if you'd like to learn more about this fun little device. Call us if you'd like to rent time on any of our hand or computer guided machines. We promise you a very enjoyable day!

A bit of medical nagging...

On another note, we are mourning the loss of one of our favorite customers and a dear friend recently to a massive stroke (sadly, even early intervention would not have helped). I'm going to put on the old nursing cap for a moment, and remind you about some important things. If you suspect someone is having a stroke, think **FAST**. This stands for:

- A drooping **Face** – do you notice asymmetry, is there a difference from one side to the other if they are asked to smile?
- Drifting **Arms** - ask them to raise both arms straight in front of them, does one fall or not lift?
- Slurred **Speech**
- Acting fast (**Time**) Every minute counts with a stroke, and medications that can prevent permanent damage must be administered within less than an hour. Activate the 911 system for transport, which also means that the appropriate doctors, radiologists, tests, etc. will be coordinated and available for the patient's arrival.

For more information, visit www.stroke.org

Summer Hint for Longarm Machines

If you are in a building where it is difficult to keep your machine cool, make sure to oil it more frequently! The oil thins and flows through the machine faster. If your machine has been stored in a room that has experienced higher temperatures, also make sure to oil it well prior to using it.

Sending out a prayer today...

As I type this, there is an overwhelming amount of smoke in the air, and Colorado is again experiencing multiple fires. We are thankful for the firefighters, and are praying for rain and cooler weather so that these all will be rapidly brought under control.

Please enjoy a safe and healthy summer!

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