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Hello!

Just a quick note to remind you about some fun upcoming events!

Saturday, May 11th is the next **Sockhop**. We're pleased to have guest Mary McCauley here to talk about her dimensional fiber art. If you are not a Statler owner, you are still welcome to attend this wonderful presentation at no charge. Mary's website is [www.maryhmmccauley.com](http://www.maryhmmccauley.com). There will be no meeting at Deb's, since we have Mary as a guest. We must have RSVPs for this as space is limited. Mary will be doing a class for us Tue. June 25th and Wed. June 26th. The class fee is \$100, including lunch. Both her lecture and her class are being sponsored by the [Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation](#).



Container Garden: Nurse Tree  
By Mary McCauley



Container Garden: Orchid  
By Mary McCauley

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Our **Art and Stitch** group will be on hold for the summer as Natalia is off to spend time in Russia. We'll resume this in the fall, but feel free to call if you have questions!

Join us for the **Colorado Statler Owner's Group** meeting on Tue. May 14th at 10a.m. in south Denver, an informal gathering of Statler owners. Call us for details. I'll be discussing the Jukebox Evernote Pattern Finder, there will be show and tell and a few other tidbits.

On Tue., May 21st and Wed., May 22nd, [Leslie Gabrielse](#) will be visiting from The Netherlands and doing a two day class here. Build an art quilt using his techniques that include raw edge applique, hand embroidery, stenciling and painting. Call right away to sign up if you're interested in this - he only visits every few years, and is a fabulous instructor. Class fee is \$170, and includes lunch both days.

June 7-9 is the [Black Hills Quilters Guild Show](#) in Rapid City.

June 7-8 is the [Virginia Dale Annual Open House](#) here in Northern CO. Visit this historical location and enjoy the many events they have planned, including a drawing for a gorgeous quilt that we quilted.

Saturday, June 15 is the next **Sockhop** group at Deb's in Denver. Geri Davidson will be giving the presentation. We will not be meeting in Fort Collins on Friday, so join us to see one of the most incredible studios ever and to learn from a very talented and successful Statler owner.

Also on Saturday, June 15 is a **Colorado Quilt Council Documentation Day** here at our shop. If you have an antique or contemporary quilt, this is a great place to have it evaluated and documented by the CQC. More info is at <http://www.coloradoquiltcouncil.com/doc.html>.

June 25 and 26th is **Mary McCauley's** class: Fabric and Form: 3 Dimensional Quilting (each day runs 9:00-4:00)

Workshop Description:

Old and new, familiar and innovative, building on the past and exploring the unknown – these are the successful themes that form the approach of our workshop. In this workshop we put old, familiar skills to use in creating new and unique art forms. We will learn about using fabric to make vessels or “textile sculptures”, then design and construct our own new vessels using a simple, systematic process that allows for a great range of invention.



Karlee Abbott (Detail)  
By Leslie Gabrielse

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Outline: Class members will design and create a 3 dimensional vessel or form, using my step-by-step process.

1. Introduction to 3 D fabric structures, examples and inspirations, discussion of 3 D design elements, symmetry/asymmetry, opportunities and limitations presented by fabric medium.
2. Design work: sketching the form, creating a template on paper, planning the construction sequence
3. Constructing the panels, embellishment and “polishing the pieces”
4. Assembling the form, putting the pieces together, wiring technique
5. Finishing touches: Creating the base, labeling, final embellishment
6. “Accessorizing”: storage/carrying box, photography tips

## Call for Entries

Wrap up those recent quilt projects! Here are two events for your consideration:

Firehouse Quilt Show is requesting quilts for their July 19-20 show. Go to [www.firehousequilts.org](http://www.firehousequilts.org) for more details.

The Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival shows approximately 600 quilts, dolls, and garments. We'd love to have your fiber art! Go to [www.rockymountainquiltfoundation.org](http://www.rockymountainquiltfoundation.org) for more information.

## Piecing a Backing - Helpful Hint

Need to piece a backing? Try this hint! Let's say that you have a quilt that needs a 60" x 70" backing. For longarm quilting, it's always best to have the seam horizontal. Cut the backing fabric 120" long, but do not cut it into two sections. Open the fold from the bolt, press if necessary, and remove one of the selvages. Match up the 44" cut sides, right sides together, and start sewing the seam where you just removed the selvage. Sew the 60", all the way right up to the fold. After you are done with the sewing, use the rotary cutter and ruler to cut the fold. You're two sections will match exactly, and will have square edges! Your longarm quilter won't mind that there is extra fabric that will be at the bottom of the quilt. Press the seams to one side, not open.

If you cut the 120" into two sections, then stitch the seam, one fabric (the one against the feed dogs) will always end up short, as the feed dogs gather the fabric more than the presser foot. If you press the seams open, the only thing holding the two layers is the sewing thread, which can easily break. Pressing the seams to one side adds stability to the seam.

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## **New Gammill Products**

Gammill has a new table device to use with the Statler Stitcher. We'll have one of these in a week or so to share with you!

Also, we hope to have one of the new sit down longarms in the shop in mid June. We'll provide more information soon!

## **Need Service or Support? Help Moving a Machine?**

Please don't hesitate to call - we're always happy to help!

**Thanks so much,  
Kelly and the Jukebox Team**

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