



Notes from Jukebox

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In the course of just a few days, it has gone from summer to really feeling like fall around here. The air is cool and crisp, and perfect for working on a quilt or two.

Thread Tails and Vapor Trails



There is still time to enter a quilt in the Thread Tails and Vapor Trails Quilt Challenge! We have awesome prizes available. As of now, \$15,500 in award packages are up for grabs. In addition to fabric provided by [Kaufman](#), batting is being provided by [Hobbs](#), and now a \$500 scholarship from [Road to California](#) available for the

Women in Aviation category. Remember, photos and entry forms are due Oct. 1st, so we're getting close! You have a great chance of winning one of the 34 awards, but only if you submit! Check www.navyquilts.com for lots of information, and of course you are always welcome to call us with questions. If you click on the Quilters' tab, there is lots of great information about how to take photos of your quilts for submission forms.

Honor Flight

Since the last newsletter, there has been a ton of action around here! I've become very involved with www.honorflightnortherncolorado.org. I had the incredible honor of accompanying 120 WWII vets (and 59 other volunteer guardians) to visit their memorials in Washington DC in April, and have helped with nearly 160 medical evaluations for another group of 120 that went this past weekend. These trips are provided at no cost to the vets. I rank this trip way up there on my life's list of the most incredible opportunities. Most of these men and women are around 90, and we're losing them rapidly, so there



is a need to work hard and fast on this cause. I invite you to check out similar programs in your area. They need volunteers for thousands of hours of preparation for every trip, medical and non-medical assistance on each trip, and financial support. Listening to the stories of their service first-hand was an indescribable gift to me. Seeing them treated like the heroes they are with fire and police departments lined up and saluting them from overpasses on our way to the airport, over a thousand volunteers and well-wishers seeing them off, and water cannons spraying over our plane was a humbling experience. They were welcomed by cheering crowds in Baltimore, and while at the memorials, folks took time to shake their hands and thank them for their service. The vets were truly touched, and some opened up about their experiences for the first time.



Quilts of Valor

For the trip last April, the vets were each given a quilt by our local Northern Colorado Quilts of Valor organization. If you haven't learned about this incredible organization, please visit their website at www.qovf.org. Every one of us can put in a few hours of quilting time for this cause over the year, and end up making a profound difference for individuals whom have been touched by war. As their website states, "it is not about politics, it is about people."



Navy Fabrics by Kaufman

I just received the most wonderful box in the mail. Kaufman Fabrics is releasing a line of commemorative fabrics for the Centennial of Naval Aviation Celebration! I'll get these scanned, and share them with you in the next newsletter. My 12 year old is hard at work designing his entire room around them! A sneak preview is to the right - this is a large repeat and is going to be great to work with. We'll have these available on the website as soon as I get yardage. I'll also post some free patterns that will show you possibilities for this and the rest of the fabric line.



Our Gang

On a personal note, we're still busy traveling, as Jim's job keeps him in DC much of the time. Our youngest is loving school here in CO. We just launched our middle son off to college in Montana, where he is minutes from the ski slopes. (We're certain that he'll be an industrious student, and won't be distracted by snowfall until every bit of school work is completed and submitted. Right, Kyle?) Our oldest is also here in CO, and continues in college while enjoying all this beautiful area has to offer (like fall football games).



Silver Splendor

I was very pleased to have a quilt chosen as the First Place winner in the Computer Guided category in the recent Milwaukee Machine Quilt Show (<http://www.mmqshow.com>). Check out <http://jukeboxquilts.com/store/digitizedpatterns.html> to see our new line of digitized patterns. If you own a computerized longarm, you could make this exact quilt! We posted over an hour of instructional videos that are available to those who purchase the patterns that will provide a zillion helpful hints, and enable you to easily produce this wonderful quilt designed by Andi Perejda (www.andiperejda.com),

or the smaller silk Peacock Radiance wholecloth that I have designed. For those of you who attended the SUGAR (Statler User Group) conference this summer, these are the same videos I showed in my classes. We're working on several more really cool projects, as well, and will keep you posted. This quilt was made of silk charmeuse and Hobbs Tuscany Silk batting. I loved the batting, but don't recommend such a slippery, stretchy fabric. I've been working a lot with the decadent Kaufman Silk Radiance, which is 55% Cotton, 45% Silk, and the shine and stability make it a total joy to work with. We're now carrying this. Check out <http://jukeboxquilts.com/store/fabric.html>. We are happy to order in additional other colors, too.



Detail Silver Splendor By Kelly Gallagher-Abbott, designs by Andi Perejda. ©2010



Silver Splendor By Kelly Gallagher-Abbott, designs by Andi Perejda. ©2010. 80" square.

It is an unbelievable treat to see the Thread Tails and Vapor Trails quilts that are coming in. Thank you for your talents! We'll be displaying the entire traveling exhibit in Pensacola in November, and the calendar of tier one events, including air shows, has been released and is now on the website. We're making arrangements at every event to display the quilts, and will also have displays available for museums, quilt guilds, shows, and exhibitions. [Click here](#) for the exhibitor request. After the selection process, we'll be anxious to share some of the touching stories with you that are accompanying these entries.

Enjoy your upcoming weekend!

Kelly Gallagher-Abbott

