





**Independent Authorized Gammill Quilting Machine Dealer** 

## October, 2012



## **Happy Fall!**

Hope you are all enjoying the cool weather as much as we are! The leaves are at their peak color here in Ft. Collins, and we've already enjoyed a dusting of snow. We're bracing ourselves for the rush that is coming up for all long arm quilters. The holiday quilts will soon be coming in...

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we're celebrating our 25th anniversary. We're really enjoying the opportunity to work together. I've purchased Jim's gift after a lot of consideration (shhhh – don't tell). He's getting a new 16 needle embroidery machine. Imagine his delight! It's the perfect gift, kind of like when I got that awesome table saw for Christmas several years ago! I will admit, I'm very lucky he's put up with me for a quarter of a century.

Here's a photo of some darling little pumpkins Lura Schwarz Smith embellished while she was here to teach. She draws these amazing faces on them. Aren't they a hoot? We also worked on some really cool new digital patterns with horses. Wave Rider is now available as a small wholecloth pattern that stitches up to 60". Just wait until you see the others! I'm so fortunate to have such talented friends

Stop by and say hello!



Those pesky fall flies are driving us all nuts...



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Wave Rider Wholecloth

Designed by Lura Schwarz Smith, Digitized by Kelly Gallagher-Abbott

The quilt on the left is 36" x 40". The artwork is shown on the right. This makes a treasured gift in just a few hours! Click here for the pattern.

## **Upcoming Events**

Sockhop Meeting (Statler Owner's Class at Kelly's)
Friday, Oct. 19th (at Jukebox Quilts\*) and Saturday, Oct. 20th (at Deb's)
10a.m. to noon

Mastering the Perfect Stitch: Tension, Technique and Tools.

This presentation reviews information about your machine, thread path, materials, and how they affect your stitch. We'll talk about some general care and maintenance. You'll see many samples of stitches good and bad, and what to adjust to perfect them all. We'll also go over the new CS 4.1 features and next year's schedule and possible topics. Bring show and tell and questions. Please call us to RSVP.

\*At 1 p.m. (on Friday at Jukebox only, don't forget your lunch), those of you who would like to stay for Art and Stitch are welcome – remember work through the second chapter of the manual, and Natalia and I will try to provide you with additional tools and skills. Those attending the last meeting have been working on small wholecloths. Can't wait to see them if they're done.

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#### Saturday, October 27

Ellen Lindner (click here for her website)

Colorado Quilt Council (www.coloradoquiltcouncil.com) meeting in Fort Collins.

This meeting is being hosted by the Rocky Mountain Creative Quilt Guild at the Ft. Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree, and will begin at 9:30.

#### Saturday, November 10th

We're very excited to have Lura Farnham from Na-La's Quilt Shoppe in Fountain, CO here to give some great classes on free motion.

#### Laura's Bio:

My name is Laura Farnham (for her Facebook page, click here.) and I have been quilting professionally for the past 6 years. I am a freehand artist and I love what I do!!! It truly is the best job in the world! My passion for quilting has given me the opportunity to work on some amazing pieces. From a 100+ year old quilt top that has been passed down through the generations, to some new "Show" hopefuls for the future. Baby quilts and wedding quilts and all those in between. I look forward to sharing my ideas with you!!!



#### **Feather Basics**

Drawing/Hands-On

9a.m – 1p.m.

Laura Farnham Do you love the look of quilted feathers, but feel you're not quite sure how to achieve them? Then this is the class for you! From fancy and formal to sashings and borders, to using them as edge-to-edge, we'll cover it all. Laura will show you how to form them as well as how to place them into your quilts. We will be drawing these designs, then heading to the machines to practice if you'd like.

Supplies are easy! Bring a large sketchbook, pencil or pens and your imagination.

Class Fee: **\$50.00** 

#### How Do I Quilt This?

2p.m. - 4ish (2+hrs)

Stumped for a quilting design? Looking for more Ideas? Fear no more! We'll cover everything from edge to edge designs to full custom work. Laura will help you see the possibilities! Bring in your tops and let's see how many different designs we can come up with!

Supplies: At least one top. (we will do more per person, time allowing), bring the tools you may want to use (ie; Rulers, Stencils, etc.) and your imagination. Also bring a notebook to jot down ideas and a camera to photograph mock-ups.

Class Fee: \$ 35.00 \*\*\* Audition Material will be available for purchase during class







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# Sockhop Meeting (Statler Owner's Class at Kelly's) Friday, Nov. 16th (at Jukebox\*) and Saturday, Nov. 17th (at Deb's) 10a.m to noon

#### Super Accurate (and Super Fun) Piecing on a Statler

I'll be showing you how to set up piecing on you Statler. We'll do half square triangles and strip piecing. Members will be receiving patterns for a bunch of sizes of triangles, but you'll also learn to create strip piecing patterns of all sizes in Creative Studio. I'll also demonstrate how to recover from edge-to-edge mishaps, and provide a document for you to keep on hand with step-by-step directions. Lastly, we'll review advanced pattern manipulation in CS that will include dividing, drawing, reordering, use of the gray handles, and exporting newly created patterns. Deb will show her placemat construction on the longarm again – and will providing her pattern for free!

\*At 1 p.m. (on Saturday at Jukebox only, don't forget your lunch), those of you who would like to stay for Art and Stitch are welcome – remember work through the third chapter of the manual, and Natalia and I will try to provide you with additional tools and skills.

We appreciate RSVPs!

## Sockhop Meeting (Statler Owner's Class at Kelly's) Saturday, December 15th (only at Jukebox this month)

10a.m. -noon

Join us for a holiday gathering and to discuss how to best approach those Modern quilts that are the current new trend. These quilts have some specific criteria, and we'll brainstorm and show photos of quilting ideas that best compliment them. Time permitting; we'll demonstrate how to create some awesome patterns in Creative Studio that you'll be able to use on these quilts.

Please bring some holiday goodies to share, and as always, we appreciate if you RSVP.

#### **Attention Sockhop Members:**

If you'd like to pencil in some dates for 2013, here is the tentative schedule for our regular meetings. Please note that these may change.

Sockhop 2013

Feb. 8th (Jukebox\*), Feb. 9th (Deb's)

March 8th (Deb's), March 9th (Jukebox\*)

April 12th (Jukebox\*), April 13th (Deb's)

May 10th (Deb's), May 11th (Jukebox\*)

June 7th (Jukebox\*), June 8th (Deb's)

August 9th and 10th – these are alternate dates if we have to cancel any of the previous meetings. There will be no Sockhop in August unless we need a make up meeting.

Sept. 13th (Deb's) and 14th (Kelly's)

Deb will be teaching pattern design at this meeting.

Oct. 11th (Jukebox\*) and 12th (Deb's)

Nov. 8th (Deb's) and 9th (Jukebox\*)

Dec. 14th (Jukebox, no Art and Stitch in December)— alternate day if any in Sept. – Nov. have been canceled. There will be no Sockhop in December unless we need a make up meeting.

\* indicates Art and Stitch group from 1p.m. – 3p.m. at Jukebox only.

#### **2012 Free Patterns for Members**

We will be providing a bunch of patterns in December – they will include the pattern for Sublime (great for the appliqued quilt or to use the pattern on modern quilts), all sizes of half square triangles for full width of fabric and fat quarters (10 patterns total), and the pillowcase pattern that includes all 26 letters of the alphabet for Statler embroidery. These can be used on anything that you want a hand-stem stitch look on (think wholecloth center medallions, placemat embroidery, etc.) There will be a couple of extras, too, for icing on the cake! Make sure we have your controller number of file.

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#### Saturday, December 8th

10a.m. to noon

#### Mastering the Perfect Stitch: Tension, Technique and Tools for Mid or Long Arm Quilting

This presentation reviews information about your machine, thread path, materials, and how they affect your stitch. We'll talk about some general care and maintenance. You'll see many samples of stitches good and bad, and what to adjust to perfect them all. This class is free to anyone who has purchased a machine from us, otherwise the class fee is \$25. If you're still only using one thread type on your machine because you're afraid to try anything else, this class is for you! Call to reserve your spot.

#### January 24th-27th, 2013

#### Road to California

Attention Route 66 participants – we will be having a get-together for all quilt artists at Road. More info to come, but we thought you might like to pencil it in!

## Interested in Emboidery?

#### Sisters in the Hoop

Are you interested in machine embroidery? We're very excited to have Cheryl Row teaching 5 full day classes next year. You bring your machine, and we'll work on a project each session. Cheryl provides written instructions and the patterns. You'll learn tons about stabilizing, threads, pattern manipulation, etc. Cheryl has been teaching this in Denver, and has a loyal group of attendees that rave about this series! She's taught for Bernina and Tomorrow's Heirlooms, now owns a Melco (industrial 16 needle) and really knows the machines. Each session will be \$25, payable to Cheryl. Call us if you're interested. The dates (subject to possible change):

Saturday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Stain Website**

We've mentioned this website before, but it's a great resource, so thought we'd invite you to visit it again. Bookmark it for later, we hope you never need it!

http://web.extension.illinois.edu/stain/

### **Cancelation Policy**

We require full payment for any class at the time you sign up. If you cancel more than 30 days prior to the class, we will refund 90% of the class fee. If you cancel 7-29 days before, we'll refund 50%. 25% will be refunded in you cancel less than 7 days prior to the event. If we cancel the class for any reason, you will receive your full enrollment back.

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## Get your Kicks - On Route 66



This wonderful exhibit is now "on the road" (no pun intended:). Visit <a href="www.jukeboxquilts.com">www.jukeboxquilts.com</a> for the calendar of where the exhibit is currently booked. The big California debut will be at the Road to California Quilt Show in January (see previous page). We'll have an artist reception for anyone attending, and curators Patt Blair and Kelly Gallagher-Abbott will be available to answer questions.

We'll start featuring the quilts in this newsletter. This one is by Mary Ann Hildebrand of Comfort, TX, and is titled, "California or Bust!" Here's the information from her statement:

Represented State: Oklahoma Landmark: Okie migration



Artist's Statement: The Dust Bowl of the 1930's and the Great Depression made life very difficult for many in the Midwest. Some packed everything they could carry on their old trucks and cars, and headed west on the "Mother Road", U.S. Route 66, in search of a new beginning in California. Known as the "Okies", their stories were portrayed in John Steinbeck's Grapes of Wrath. Imagine all the bittersweet memories of their journeys...the pain of leaving their homes, the hardships they endured along the way, the wonder of the sights to be seen, and the hope of what was to come at journey's end.













Get this incredible 66 foot long exhibit for your next quilt or car event! Seven panels include over 40 quilts and a 60 foot long fabric map made by Patt Blair. It hangs on 8x10' pipe in just minutes, and is a major crowd pleaser! Contact us for more information.

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