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Independent Authorized Gammill Quilting Machine Dealer

Notes from Jukebox

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Big, **BIG**, **BIG** news around here! We've recently purchased a building in old town Fort Collins, and will be moving in after some remodelling work, probably around April 1st. You won't need to wait that long, though, to check it out. Angela, owner of [Moma Said Sew](#), is moving her delightful quilt shop in and plans on opening March 4th. The building is the Art Center of Fort Collins, otherwise known as the Poudre River Arts Building on the northeast corner of College and Willow. Angela will be in 406 N. College, and we'll be directly upstairs. The building also houses [The Center for Fine Arts Photography](#) (400 N. College); [Ideas Happen Here](#), an art school for children; [The Open Stage Theater and Company](#) offices; and The Glass Umbrella, a really cool glass shop and school owned by talented artists [Karen Cannon](#), [Mary Barron](#) and [Anne Meier Davis](#) (all in 402 N. College). We've always wanted to have a wonderful, collaborative and creative space with like-minded owners of other shops, and now we have it! We'll keep you posted about classes and other events by all the artistic businesses in this building. This summer, we may have an available storefront - if you know of anyone looking, have them call us!

So, what will this mean for our customers? There's great parking without time restrictions, and we're within walking distance of about a zillion awesome restaurants and fun shops. It's less than a block to the Poudre River Trail, so bring your bikes (or check one out from the [FC Bike Library](#)). Fort Collins has the reputation of being the Napa Valley of Micro Breweries, so within a few blocks you'll find [New Belgium](#) and other great breweries and hard cideries to visit, if you so desire. Here's a hilarious thought: after quilting for awhile, rent this [Septacycle](#) with a group of friends or your family, and enjoy riding around the area! Check out their video - you'll have no choice but to laugh. The new [Discovery Museum](#) is also just across the street. We're straddling two of Fort Collins' districts - the Art District and now with the Engines and Energy Conversion Laboratory next door that is creating a new "Innovation Corridor," I think we're in a pretty spectacular spot! Sorta like the Walgreen's commercial- only we're on the corner of "Inspiration and Innovation." Ideas and creativity abound!

We'll have our machine showroom there, will be doing all customer training, and will have our very popular machine rental business at this new location, so bring in a quilt and give one of our Gammill machines a spin. Our current shop will be used for machine staging, storage and manufacturing, and occasional "messy" classes like Ayn's dyeing class (see below). We'll look forward to having you visit us in our new space!

Charity Quilts

We quilt or allow our machines to be used for hundreds of charity quilts each year. If we have a machine and staffing available, there is no charge for you to quilt a charity quilt, as long as you are clear about the plan for the quilt when you book time, and are willing to provide complete details about the organization receiving the quilt. If you have a group that wants to come in and use our machines to make quilts for their favorite charity, call us and we'll schedule all machines for the day. Use of the machines are subject to availability, so please plan ahead.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Feb. 22 9:30-12

It's All About the Quilting!

I'm giving this lecturing at the Feb. [CQC meeting in Westminster](#).

Great quilts are achieved when every step of the quilting process is designed and executed in a cohesive fashion. So many quilts are wonderfully constructed to the point of a finished quilt top, but then things begin to go "wrong" as unrelated quilting is chosen to hold the three layers together. We'll discuss a wide variety of quilts and talk about how to effectively choose, design, and complete the best quilting (or how to communicate your desires to your longarm quilter). I will talk a lot about the judging process, and what judges consider essential in award winning quilts in terms of the quilting. This presentation will be a combination of slides and a trunk show. You may want to bring a notebook and pencil for note taking. Guild members are also encouraged to bring quilts and quilt tops to show, inspire others, or to ask questions about planning the right quilting time permitting. Part of the presentation will include information about batting, threads, and other supplies and techniques, but primarily this talk will be about how to fill space and to end up with a quilt that you'll be thrilled with!

Thursdays Feb. 27, April 24th (which may change to the 17th), June 26th, Aug. 28th, and Oct. 23rd
Sisters in the Hoop Embroidery Class with Cheryl Row

Contact Cheryl (call us for her contact info) for information about this very fun class where you bring your domestic embroidery machine and make gorgeous projects. Class fee includes the pattern files, kits are occasionally provided for a small additional amount. This is a great class that will teach you to LOVE your embroidery machine!

Friday, Feb. 28th and Sat. March 1st

[Interfaith Quilters' Annual Quilt Sale](#)

Sat. March 1st, 10a.m. - 4p.m., at Jukebox Quilts

Terribly Terrific Technique Class at Jukebox Quilts

Class fee: \$40 Call Jukebox to reserve spot at (970)224-9975

Learn some very fun techniques in this class. We will create machine pieced circles and curves that couldn't be easier, faster, or more precise (without pins!), will prepare appliqué that is done by machine but has turned edges and is indistinguishable from hand needle-turned appliqué and review methods for perfect miters and bindings that will impress any judge that are so simple, your jaw will drop in amazement and your mind will spin with the possibilities! You will receive a number of patterns

to choose from or can purchase any of our appropriate patterns to practice these techniques. We will provide lunch! A materials list will be emailed when you registered.

April 11th and 12th

[Rocky Mountain Shop Hop](#)

Visit 20 shops in one location! Entrance is free, and there are a bunch of free demonstrations throughout the show.

April 24th, 25th and 26th

[Lyric Kinard is Teaching at Jukebox Quilts for the Colorado Quilt Council](#)

Sign up for three days of fun classes with Lyric, and attend her lecture Sat. morning. The Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation is sponsoring this meeting, and we promise some it will be fun!

May 1-4th

[Denver National Quilt Festival](#)

May 10th

Lecture at the Canyon City Guild
More on this in the next newsletter...

May 17th and 18th

[Ayn Hanna's Eco-Dye Playshop](#)

Want to learn what magical colors and marks can be achieved through the combination of plants, water, and heat? Ayn will be teaching her next Eco-Dye Playshop in Fort Collins on May 17-18! Early bird registration is available now through March 1st (a \$50 discount to regular class fee). Class is limited to 12 participants, and will be at our warehouse at 2025 Turnberry Road, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

June 18-20

[The Digital Stitch](#)

Join us at our awesome Statler conference! There will be three full days of instruction, great food, and lots of fun!

More in the next newsletter about my classes at Quilt Colorado in July, the Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival in August, and other events!

Sockhop

Statler Owner Classes at Kelly's

Sorry for the delay in getting these dates to you! The building purchase has left so many questions and our calendar up in the air. Here's the plan:

Four Meetings, 4 hours long

The members requested that we have longer meetings fewer times per year, and during non snow months if possible. We're giving it our best shot with these dates.

Sat. May 24th

Stand Alone Mode in CS - Harnessing the Power!

Sat. July 26th

Drawing Patterns in Creative Studio

Sat. Sept. 20th

Terrific Techniques - Using the Statler for foundation piecing, applique, embroidery, etc.

Sat. Oct. 25th
Incredible Trapunto Using your Statler

Two Bonus Meetings

Sat. April 19th

I have a Statler Touch Tool- Now What?

Sat. August 30th

Using Evernote to Organize your Purchased Patterns and Tips and Techniques for Creative Studio

Will send more details about these later. We just wanted to get them penciled in on your calendars!

Looking forward to seeing you all. As always, don't hesitate to contact us if we can do anything for you.

Kelly, Jim, and the Jukebox Crew