

# Fabric Expressions

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## Springing into the season -- eventually

Spring is here – well, kind of. It is beautiful, then it's a blizzard. Beautiful again, then there are more snowstorms. I guess this is a normal Spring in the Rockies. Hopefully, by May, we will be done with the snow.

Early this year we exchanged half-square triangles, and now there is a challenge for you to make a quilt with them. You do not have to have participated in the exchange to enter a quilt. Quilts can be any size from 30 inches square to queen-sized. The quilt tops are due in the shop by May 5th. The quilts will be on display, where customers will vote for their favorite. People will also be able to vote on my blog. There will be prizes to the winners.

Fabric Expressions will be taking part in Row by Row again this year. The theme is "Taste the Experience." Row by Row will start on the first day of Summer, June 21st.



I am hosting a retreat in July. We start on Thursday in the afternoon and you can sew as

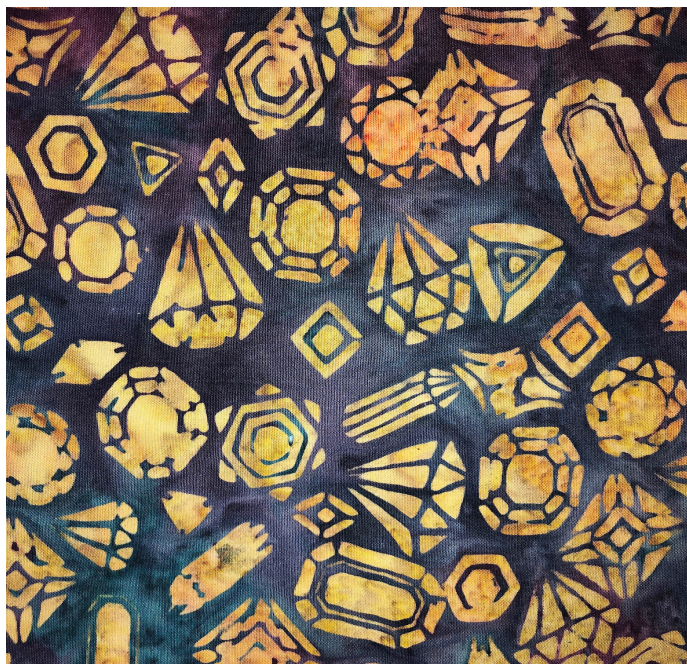
much as you want until Sunday. All the meals are provided. It is a fun time in the mountains above Black Hawk. Space is limited.

We will be having two amazing quilters in the shop Saturday July 13th for book signings. Sherri McConnell will be signing her new book Sunday Best Quilts and Lissa Alexander will be signing her book Oh Scrap.

Our Shop Hop is 20 years old this year. We have designed some beautiful fabrics. Mark your calendar for the first weekend in August. The hop starts Thursday, August 1 and runs through Sunday, August 4.

Marti and Me Club will be taking the summer off, but we will start up again in September. Our first project in September will be "Rocking Kaleido Star."

## SPECIAL EVENTS



**SHOP HOP:** Come join us for the 20th Rocky Mountain Quilt Fever Shop Hop. August 1st–4th. Passports will be ready to pick up in June. We have designed our own fabrics and quilts for this special weekend.

**QUILTING RETREAT:** I am hosting two more quilting retreats in the mountains above Black Hawk this year. We will be at Mojito Creek again. You will arrive Thursday afternoon and sew as much as you want to until checkout on Sunday at 2 pm. All your meals will be provided. Space is limited, and 50% deposit is required when signing up.

July 18-21 and October 3-6 \$250 (Sorry no discounts)



**BERNINA SERVICE:** Bring in your sewing machines in for a cleaning and Basic tune-up while you shop. Kurt is a Bernina Certified

Technician will service your machine. If there is something specific you need done to your machine, let us know before you come so they can bring the Needed parts. Make your one-hour appointment today! Bernina 5/16, 6/14, 7/24, or 8/29. \$125 (Sorry, no discounts)

**TERRIFIC TUESDAY:** On the third Tuesday of the come join us for Terrific Tuesdays. I will demo a quick new project using the different pre-cut fabric packs. (Charm packs, jellyrolls, layer cakes etc.). Bring a show-and-tell for a chance to win a door prize.

5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20

\$5 for four classes or \$2 drop-in fee.

10 a.m., 4 p.m. or 7 p.m.

There is one rule. You must attend to receive the pattern. You can purchase the pattern after for \$3 if you like.

## OPEN HOUSE

**May 3-5**

**Friday, May 3:**  
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Saturday, May 4:**  
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Sunday, May 5:**  
Noon to 5 p.m.

**SIGN UP FOR CLASSES**  
See samples; find the best classes for you

**15% OFF CLASSES**  
(Sorry, no discounts on telephone registrations)

**15% OFF FABRIC**  
(1/2-yard minimum cut)

**15% OFF BOOKS, PATTERNS, PRE-CUTS AND NOTIONS IN STOCK**

**25% OFF 4 YARDS OR MORE**  
of same fabric (Some restrictions apply)



# CLASS SCHEDULE

**TISKET-A-TASKET:** Come make this quick and easy fabric basket made with two fat quarters. They are really cute and make great gifts for house warming, baby showers, a Fourth of July BBQ, or hostess gifts. You will not be able to stop at just one! Pattern required.

Monday May 6 or Wed. 8/7 10 am  
Alison \$25

**MASTERING WOOL NEEDLEWORK:**

Do you love working with wool? Come join Zenith’s hand stitching group. We will meet on the first Wednesday of the month. You can bring any project you would like to work on and get help with. It does not have to be wool. It can be any hand-stitching project.

Wednesday 5/1, 6/5, 7/3 and 8/21\*\* 10 am  
Zenith \$50

**SHOP HOP QUILTS:** Have you been to a Shop Hop and collected all the parts but not put the quilt together yet? Well, this is the perfect class for you. You can work on any of the Shop Hop quilts from the last 19 years. I will be here to help you finish your quilt and check off another UFO from your list. We will meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

Tuesday 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, and 8/6 10 am  
Alison \$40

**INKTENSE2:** Now that you know how to use the inktense pencils, come spend the afternoon with Zenith and work a project you like. You must have taken Intro to Inktense before taking this class. Inktense pens required. Class will meet on the second Saturday of the month except in August.

Sat 5/11, 6/8, 7/13 and 8/24\*\* 11 am  
Zenith \$50

**ROW BY ROW:** You have been collecting row by row patterns and kits, now let’s make some of the rows. You can work on any rows you want, and I am here to help you complete your rows. We will meet on the second Monday except for August.

Monday 5/13, 6/10, and 7/8 10 am  
Alison \$30

**GET ORGANIZED:** Would you like to be a little more organized? ByAnnie.com has come out with a monthly program just for us. Not only will you have useful projects to organize your home, workspace, and car, but also you’ll learn useful skills and techniques to increase your sewing skill repertoire. Each month will be a different bag and technique. We will meet on the Second Sunday, or the fourth Monday of the Month. Patterns required for each project.

Sunday: 5/12, 6/23, 7/14 Noon  
Wednesday 5/29, 6/19, 7/17 10 am  
Alison \$50



**BALTIMORE COUSINS:**

During the 1840s, the ladies of Baltimore were making Friendship album quilts with blocks 12 inches square or smaller. Ladies in other areas of the country were making appliqué quilts with much larger (20-inch to 30-inch) blocks with larger motifs. From my books, I have drawn nine large blocks that have a traditional look and have special meaning from the Victorian era to create a full-size quilt. In four classes, we will investigate the history and meaning of these blocks and work on appliqué techniques for each block the instructor will provide full size pattern and historical notes for \$5.50 each month.

Tuesday 5/14, 6/11, 7/9 10 am  
JaNelle \$60



**PHOTOSHOP**

**ELEMENTS 2:** Judy continues her lessons using Photoshop Elements as a design tool to add creativity and a personal touch to your favorite quilting projects

You will have needed to complete Photoshop elements 101 before taking this class. A new design technique or idea will be explored each month with plenty of time for practice and opportunities for monthly show and tell. Finally, you will learn how to get your designs printed on fabric at Spoonflower.com. Laptops with Photoshop required. Class will meet on the fourth Wednesday except in July. Space is limited.

Wednesday 5/22, 6/26, \*7/31, and 8/28 10 am-1 pm  
Judy \$80



**HAVE A HEART:** Is a great way to express your love for someone special. The large quilt is jelly roll friendly. The small quilt would make a great wall hanging or baby quilt. Pattern

Required.

Saturday 5/ 25 & 6/22 10 am  
Alison \$45

**WOMEN’S VOICES:** Toni and Juanita, the original owners of Fabric Expressions, designed this quilt. It was originally a block of the month using templates that you made each month. I will update the patterns for rotary cutting. Everyone works at their own pace. You can join at any time. Patterns required.

Tuesdays 5/28, 6/25, 7/30, and 8/27 10 am  
Alison \$50

**ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS:** Discover quilt making and learn the basics without a great investment in time or materials. You can use our rotary cutter, mats and rulers as you construct a lap size quilt. In one weekend, JaNelle will teach you basic machine piecing techniques, and by the end of the weekend most people have the main part of the quilt completed. Space is limited. Pattern provided.

Saturday 6/1 10 am – 4:30 pm  
Sunday 6/2 12-4:30  
JaNelle \$75

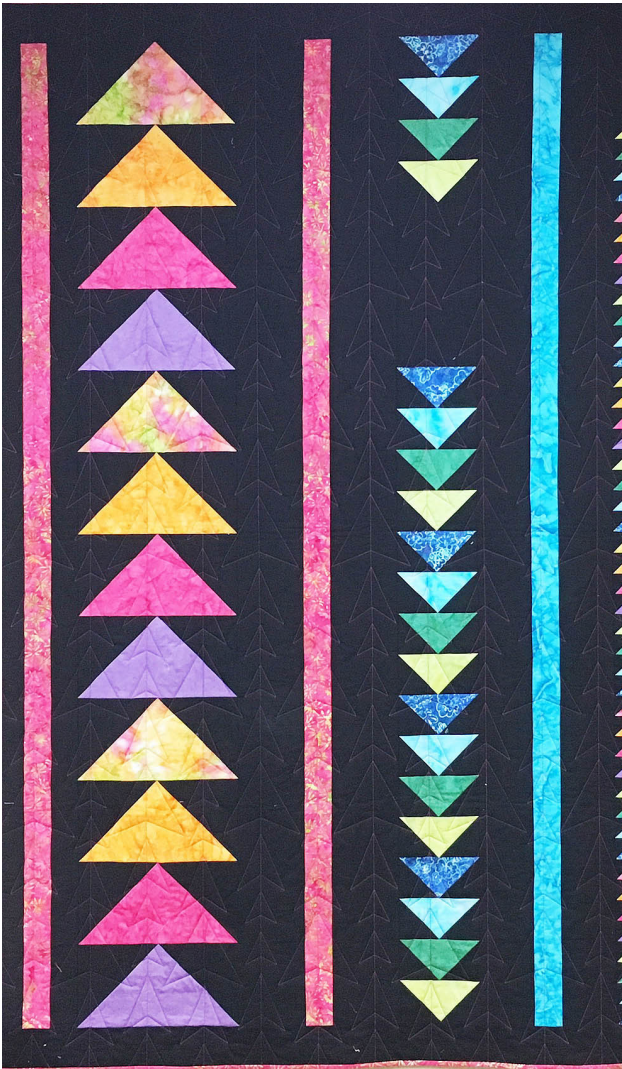


**POLICIES:** Class fees are refundable with one week’s notice, except for special classes and events. Fabric Expressions reserves the right to cancel a class up to three days prior to the scheduled date. If such is the case, your fee may be transferred or refunded. Please be considerate of others and do not bring children with you to class. Class fee does not include supplies unless stated. Pick up or request a supply list when registering by phone.



**SPIRAL GALAXY:** A gorgeous paper-pieced star quilt with a lot of layout options. You do not need to know how to paper piece before coming to class. I will teach you the method and show you some tools to make the process easier. Pattern required.

Monday 7/1 and 7/15                      10 am  
Alison    \$45



**UP AND DOWN:** A striking modern quilt using columns of flying geese in a variety of sizes. You will be a master of making flying geese when you are done. There is a bonus tabletop pattern included. Pattern required.

Monday 6/ 3 and 6/17                      10 am  
Alison    \$45

**MACHINE QUILTING101:** Learn the fundamentals of machine quilting. You will learn everything your need to know from preparing your quilt top to free motion quilting. You will spend the day practicing different techniques using a variety of battings and quilt blocks. Space is limited. Kit and book required.

Thursday 6/6                                      10 am  
JaNelle    \$75 (Kit fee included)

**RED LETTERDAY:** A fun quilt with large blocks. Each block is made with two fat quarters. The center block is made with just one fabric, but you can make it with two if you would like. My sample is made with William Morris Fat Quarters. Quilt measures 67” x 67.” You can easily add borders if you would like it bigger. Pattern required

Thursday 6/13 and 6/27                      10 am  
Alison    \$45

## CLUBS



**APPLIQUÉ CLUB:** Do you have a passion for appliqué? Are you interested in working on projects, learning various techniques, participating in show and tell and sharing your morning with fellow appliqué enthusiasts? Come join our monthly club! This year we are continuing a block exchange style. Everyone provides their own fabrics and a theme for the blocks. Each month you will have a different persons block(s) to make. You bring your complete blocks to the next months meeting for show and tell and get the next persons fabrics. At the end you will have unique applique blocks to make a quilt. We meet on the second Wednesdays of the month.

5/8, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14                      10 am  
Alison    \$20

**STASH BUSTER CLUB:** Do you have a large fabric stash? There are a lot of books and patterns out there to help use up some of your scraps and stash. If so we have a club for you. We will be working scrappy quilts. You can pick the project of your choice. Bonnie Hunter, Edita Sitar, and Pat Speth have some great scrappy quilt books and patterns. The group will meet on the fourth Thursday, except in June, when we will meet on the third Thursday.

Thursdays 5/23, 6/20\*, 7/25, 8/22      10 am  
Alison    \$50



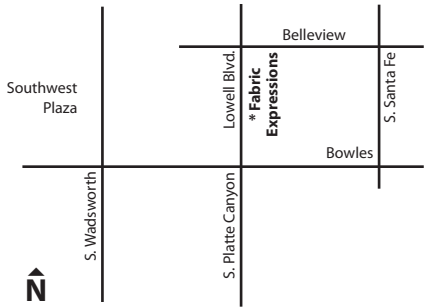
**JEN KINGWELL CLUB:** We expanded the Gypsy Wife Club to a Jen Kingwell club since we have some people who have completed The Gypsy Wife quilt. We will meet on the fourth Friday, except in June, when we will meet on the third Friday. You pick the project from any of Jen’s books or patterns.

5/24, 6/21\*, 7/26, 8/23                      10 am  
Alison    \$50





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CLASSES *(continued from p. 3)*



**FLYING DUTCHMAN RUNNER:** A fun runner that can be made with Charm Packs, Layer Cake squares, Jelly roll strips or scraps from your stash. The runner is made with Doug Leko Folder Corners ruler and the pattern is included. Ruler/Pattern required  
*Monday June 24* *10 am*  
*Alison* *\$35*



**JELLY ROLL RUG:** Gather up your favorite jellyroll and make this fun and easy rug. One jellyroll will make a nice size rug. You can easily make it bigger by just adding more strips. This is an all day class, with a lunch break. Pattern Required.  
*Saturday 6/29* *10 am*  
*Alison* *\$40*



**AURORA NIGHTS:** A fun and colorful quilt made with stars and wide strips. A good class for all levels. In the first class we will be making the stars and the second class we will be putting the rows together. Pattern required  
*Saturday 7/6 & 7/27* *10 am*  
*Alison* *\$45*

**APPLIQUE BASICS:** Is the “A” word a bad word in your vocabulary? Are you interested in learning different methods of applique? This is a class for you! You will learn different methods and techniques. We will have a kit for you with freezer paper, fusible web, spray starch, and glue sticks, and an applique needle for handwork. You will need to bring your machine so you can practice different machine applique methods.  
*Saturday 8/10* *10 am*  
*Alison* *\$75 includes kit*



**UFO SIGHTINGS:** Bring in your Un-Finished Objects and have fun sewing with others. Both day and evening sessions are available. Pre-registration required; \$5 each session (Sorry, no discounts.)

*Tuesday* *10 am - 3 pm* *7/23, 8/13*  
*Thursday* *10 am - 3 pm* *5/30, 7/11, 8/8, 8/15*  
*Friday* *10 am - 3 pm* *5/10, 5/17, 5/31, 6/7, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 8/9, 8/16, 8/30*  
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*Saturday* *5-10 pm* *5/11, 6/22, 7/27, 8/31*  
*Sunday* *12-5 pm* *5/26, 6/9, 6/16, 6/30, 7/7, 7/21, 7/28 8/11, 8/18, 8/25*