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Tuesday	10:00-5:00
Wednesday	10:00-5:00
Thursday	10:00-7:00
Friday	10:00-5:00
Saturday	10:00-4:00
Sunday	12:00-4:00

Closed

November 26th
Thanksgiving Day;
December 24th - 25th - 26th
December 31st (Close @ 4:00)
January 1st

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Changes/Changes/Changes

Paula's Corner

By the time you read this newsletter the new ownership will be in place. Let me welcome Janet, Ron and Michael of Jaromi Quilting. I am very excited about the changes that will come to Top Shelf Quilts in the future. Refreshing and new I'm sure.

The employees will stay the same so all that knowledge and those "opinions" will still be available, whether you want them or not! I will stay on for a few months to help them here and there and after that I hope to teach some classes and be a customer!

At this time George and I would like to thank all of our customers new and old for making this a wonderful adventure. I was so blessed to be able to breathe new life into the shop these past 3 years. Now it is time for someone else to take it to a new level.

I personally would like to thank my employees for being there for me every step of the way. To my friends, you had my back as always and I

will forever feel loved. You made it possible for me to have fun on this adventure without losing my mind. The laughs were many during these 3 years and I will never forget them. Thank you one and all. Happy quilting.

Paula and George

Ron's Corner

What's New:

Jaromi Quilting has recently purchased Top Shelf Quilts from Paula and George Kmetty. Jaromi Quilting has been in operation for about three years. The Jaromi operation is made up of Ron, Michael and Janet.

What's Changed:

There is now a Long Arm Quilting machine in the back of the store and you will see me (Ron) in the store running that machine daily. To make room, we took down a wall and rearranged a few things.

What's Staying the Same:

You will still see the same wonderful staff, the same store location,

same quality fabric, all the classes and the same social sewing events.

I want to express my greatest appreciation for all the work Paula has put into Top Shelf Quilts over the past 3 years. She has done a wonderful job of running the store and continuing to develop the quilting community in Frankfort and the surrounding area. Paula will still play an active roll at Top Shelf Quilts. She is assisting me with the transition over the next couple months and will continue to teach classes. We are so pleased that she will still be around to be a part of our quilting family.

As we move forward you will see some changes to the physical store, but the heart of the store will stay the same. So come on by and see what's happening, sign up for a class or two, and don't forget to get those holiday projects underway/finished. The holidays are just around the corner.

Sincerely,
Ron



October Happenings

Tasty Table Runner w/Barb H

This 17 1/2" x 40 1/2" runner is made using the Hex 'n More Ruler and 2 1/2" strip sets to create this interesting table runner. There are no Y-seams.



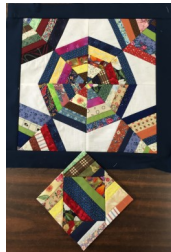
Date:

Saturday, October 3, 2015,
11:00 - 2:00

Cost: \$30.00

String Quilting w/Ronnie S

String quilting has been around for a long time, and is a great way to use up scraps and strips from your stash. Join us to make a string mug rug or spider web table topper and learn this easy technique.



Date:

Thursday, October 8, 2015, 6:00 - 8:00

Cost: \$20.00

Needle and Thread Stitchers

Do you love to do hand stitching?

Join the **"Needle and Thread Stitchers"** at Top Shelf Quilts. Bring your latest appliqué, embroidery, or hand quilting project. We all love to do quilt-related hand stitching with our friends! Come and sew with those old friends and at the same time make some new ones. **We meet at the shop the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM.** This is not a class, but a social sewing bee for those of us who love to stitch by hand. See you then!

Dates:

Wednesdays, October 7th, November 4th,
December 2nd, 2015, 6:00 - 8:00

Cost: Free

"Fabricologist Resource Center"...
Now does that sound more impressive
than "fabric stash"?

Beginning Patchwork Quilting: Simple Sampler w/Chris W

Always wanted to learn to quilt? How about starting with a simple 9" or 12" block sampler? Come and learn the basics of machine piecing, quilting "lingo", and basic machine quilting to make a wall quilt or quilted throw-size patchwork sampler. Lots of basic information will be discussed in class and you will have homework! Be sure your sewing machine is in good working order. Come and join the fun. After this 5 session workshop you will have a finished quilt, as well as the skills to complete any patchwork quilt you have been dreaming about making!

Dates:

Saturdays: October 17, 31, November 14, 28, December 12, 2015, 10:00—1:00

Cost: \$100.00 for 5 Sessions

Tools & Techniques of the Month: 60° Triangle Rulers w/Pam S

Pam will demonstrate various uses for the 60° triangle rulers which are available on the market. **Receive a \$5.00 gift card for attending the demo.**

Dates:

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 1:00 - 2:00

OR

Sunday, October 11, 2015, 1:00 - 2:00

Cost: \$5.00

Table Runner of the Month: Hexie Placemats/Table Topper w/Barb H

Join us for some fun. With six fat quarters and a 60° triangle ruler we will make 6 different, very pretty, hexie placemats (or 6 different table toppers) for Christmas or fall gifts.

Dates:

Sunday, October 25 2015, 1:00 - 3:30

OR

Wednesday, October 28, 2015,
12:00 - 2:30

Cost: \$25.00



Operation Christmas Stockings - See Page 8

October/November Happenings



T-Shirt Quilt w/Sharon R

Have you been asked to make a personal gift for a graduate, sports-nut or special someone in your life using their T-shirts? Learn how to cut and stabilize those stretchy T-shirts and then lay them out in a quilt. Create lasting memories.

Dates:

Thursdays, October 29 and November 5, 2015,
6:00 - 8:00

Cost: \$40.00

Flutter Quilt w/Joanne S

New to quilting or would you like to learn something new? Try a technique that looks harder than it really is. There are four sizes to choose from.

This quilt is from the book, Fat Quarter Style (12 quilts that never go out of style).

Date:

Sunday, November 8, 2015,
12:00 - 4:00

Cost: \$40.00



Christmas Tree Ornaments w/Barb Z

Need more decorations for the Christmas tree? How about for all your packages? Join us to create fun-to-make, no sewing-needed, fabric Christmas tree ornaments.

Dates:

Wednesday, November 11, 2015
1:00 - 3:30

OR

Thursday, December 3, 2015, 6:00 - 8:30

Cost: \$25.00



Snowflake Ornaments w/Barb Z

Still need a few more decorations for the Christmas tree? How about for all those packages? Join us to create fun-to-make, no sewing-needed, fabric snowflake ornaments. (These are the ornaments that have been hanging in the shop for each season this year. (They aren't just for Christmas any more.)

Dates:

Thursday, November 12, 2015,
6:00 - 8:30

OR

Wednesday, December 2, 2015,
1:00 - 3:30

Cost: \$25.00



Table Runner of the Month: Christmas Tree Table Runner w/Barb H

This month's table runner is the Christmas Tree runner that has been hanging in the back room of the shop. This runner is easily made from various size fabric strips.

Date:

Sunday, November 15, 2015, 1:00 - 3:30

Cost: \$25.00



Patty's Pocket Tote Bag w/Patty

This is a versatile tote with many pockets on the outside and on the inside. It has long straps and plenty of room for everything for going to the beach, going to a quilting event or every day running around.

Pattern is included with the class fee.

Patty's Fabric Box w/Patty C

This is a small, easy to make, beginner friendly box created out of a small amount of fabric and other materials. It is perfect for gifts and fun to make.

Date:

Wednesday, November 18, 2015,
1:00 - 3:00

Cost: \$20.00



Dates:

Saturdays, November 28
AND December 5, 2015,
1:00 - 4:00

Cost: \$50.00





December Happenings

**Snowflake Ornaments and/or
Christmas Tree Ornaments w/Barb Z
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Table Runner of the Month: Center Stage w/Barb H

The table runner this month is a "Take 5" fat quarter pattern entitled "Center Stage" by "Chubbie". With 5 fat quarters or thirteen 6" x 6" squares (one fat quarter or 3 squares of which is a focus fabric) and a neutral background fabric we will make a cute table runner which will certainly take "Center Stage" on your table this winter.



Dates:

Wednesday, December 9, 2015,
10:00 - 12:00

OR

Friday, December 11, 2015, 10:00 - 12:00

Cost: \$20.00

*Congratulations to the
"Row by Row" Winner at Top Shelf Quilts
Sue Trump!*



Tools & Techniques of the Month: Strip -It Fabric w/Pam S

Strip-it is specialty fabric that provides you with a lot of exciting options. Strip-it fabric features approximately 17 assorted preprinted 2 1/2" strips which run across the width of the fabric. Listen to Pam discuss the many ways this fabric can be used to create both simple and intricate designs. She will also discuss making your own "Strip-its".

Receive a \$5.00 gift card for attending.

Date:

Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 1:00 - 2:00

OR

Sunday, December 13, 2015, 1:00 - 2:00

Cost: \$5.00

To Our Customers Taking Classes

It is imperative that you have:

*a sewing machine in good working order,
a good working knowledge of how your
machine operates and a copy of your
machine's manual, if possible.*

TSQ to Raffle "Patriotic Quilt" Made for the Illiana Shop Hop Earlier in the Summer.

Raffle tickets are available (\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00) for our Patriotic Quilt which will be raffled off on November 11, 2015.

Proceeds will be sent to the **Wounded Warriors Project**. This quilt would make a beautiful gift for a service person in your family or extended family. Please help us support this very worthy cause.





October 2015

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 <i>Tasty Table Runner</i> 11:00 - 2:00
4 <i>Sunday Sew</i> 11:00 - 5:00	5 <i>Closed</i>	6 <i>Open Sew</i>	7 <i>T & T of the Month: 60° Triangle Rulers</i> 1:00 - 2:00 <i>Needle & Thread Stitches</i> 6:00 - 8:00	8 <i>Operation Christmas Stockings</i> 10:00 - 5:00 <i>String Quilt</i> 6:00 - 8:00	9	10 <i>Saturday Sew</i> 10:00 - 4:00
11 <i>T & T of the Month: 60° Triangle Rulers</i> 1:00 - 2:00	12 <i>Closed</i>	13 <i>Open Sew</i>	14	15	16 <i>Friday Madness</i> 4:00 - 10:30	17 <i>Beginning Patchwork Quilting #1</i> 10:00 - 1:00
18	19 <i>Closed</i>	20 <i>Open Sew</i>	21	22	23	24
25 <i>TRM: Hexie Placemats/ Table Topper</i> 1:00 - 3:30	26 <i>Closed</i>	27 <i>Open Sew</i>	28 <i>TRM: Hexie Placemats/ Table Topper</i> 12:00 - 2:30	29 <i>T-Shirt Quilt</i> 6:00 - 8:00	30	31 <i>Beginning Patchwork Quilting #2</i> 10:00 - 1:00





November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Sunday Sew</i> <i>11:00 - 5:00</i>	2 <i>Closed</i>	3 <i>Open Sew</i>	4 <i>Needle & Thread</i> <i>Stitchers</i> <i>6:00 - 8:00</i>	5 <i>Operation Christmas Stockings</i> <i>10:00 - 5:00</i> <i>T-Shirt Quilt</i> <i>6:00 - 8:00</i>	6	7 <i>Saturday Sew</i> <i>10:00 - 4:00</i>
8 <i>Flutter Quilt</i> <i>12:00 - 4:00</i>	9 <i>Closed</i>	10 <i>Open Sew</i>	11 <i>Christmas Tree Ornaments</i> <i>1:00 - 3:30</i> <i>Patriotic Quilt Raffle Day</i>	12 <i>Snowflake Ornaments</i> <i>6:00 - 8:30</i>	13 <i>Friday Madness</i> <i>4:00 - 10:30</i>	14 <i>Beginning Patchwork Quilting #3</i> <i>10:00—1:00</i>
15 <i>TRM: Christmas Tree Table Runner</i> <i>1:00 - 3:30</i>	16 <i>Closed</i>	17 <i>Open Sew</i>	18 <i>Patty's Fabric Box</i> <i>1:00 - 3:00</i>	19 <i>Retreat</i>	20 <i>Retreat</i>	21 <i>Retreat</i>
22 <i>Retreat</i>	23 <i>Closed</i>	24 <i>Open Sew</i>	25	26 <i>Closed Thanksgiving</i> 	27 <i>"Black Friday Sale"</i>	28 <i>Beginning Patchwork Quilting #4</i> <i>10:00—1:00</i> <i>Patty's Pocket Tote Bag #1</i> <i>1:00 - 4:00</i>
29	30					



December 2015

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 <i>Open Sew</i>	2 <i>Snowflake Ornaments</i> 1:00 - 3:30 <i>Needle & Thread Stitchers</i> 6:00 - 8:00	3 <i>Christmas Tree Ornaments</i> 6:00 - 8:30	4	5 <i>Patty's Pocket Tote Bag #2</i> 1:00 - 4:00
6 <i>Sunday Sew</i> 11:00 - 5:00	7 <i>Closed</i>	8 <i>Open Sew</i>	9 <i>TRM: Center Stage</i> 10:00 - 12:00 <i>T & T of the Month: Strip-It</i> 1:00 - 2:00	10	11 <i>TRM: Center Stage</i> 10:00 - 12:00	12 <i>Beginning Patchwork Quilting #5</i> 10:00 - 1:00
13 <i>T & T of the Month: Strip-It</i> 1:00 - 2:00	14 <i>Closed</i>	15 <i>Open Sew</i>	16	17	18 <i>Friday Madness</i> 4:00 - 10:30	19 <i>Saturday Sew</i> 10:00 - 4:00
20	21 <i>Closed</i>	22 <i>Open Sew</i>	23	24 <i>Closed Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Closed Christmas Day</i> 	26 <i>Closed</i>
27 <i>Post - Christmas Sale!</i>	28 <i>Closed</i>	29 <i>Open Sew</i>	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>Shop Hours:</i> 10:00 - 4:00	<i>January 1</i> <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Closed</i>	

Upcoming Sales!

Black Friday

November 27, 2015

Watch your email for more information.

Post-Christmas Sale

December 27, 2015

Watch your email for more information.

Fall Retreat!

Dates for the TSQ fall retreat at the Hilton Garden Inn, Tinley Park are November 19th- 22nd. We are taking registrations for the sewing room with a nonrefundable down payment of \$90.00. **The balance of \$85.00 is due October 15th at the latest.**

Retreaters may either choose to stay at the hotel or go home at night. The cost for a hotel room in our group is \$119 plus tax per night. Retreaters may stay one night or multiple nights.

When calling the hotel to make reservations, mention Top Shelf Quilts.

Sew Together Dates

Sunday Sew, Saturday Sew, and Friday Madness will cost participants \$10.00. Call ahead to reserve your space. (Food is not furnished, there are door prizes and all purchases are 15% off.)

Sunday Sew (11:00 - 5:00)

October 4th, November 1st, December 6th

Saturday Sew (10:00 - 4:00)

October 10th, November 7th, December 19th

Friday Madness (4:00 - 10:30)

October 16th, November 13th, December 18th

Open Sew

Every Tuesday (10:00—5:00)

No fees, discounts, food or prizes provided—just the fun of sewing and socializing together. Everyone welcome!

All retreaters will receive lunch on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and continental breakfast on Sunday. Other meals are on your own. There will also be “gifts”, surprises and a discount at the quilt shop every day.

Although there are currently no spaces available, we will gladly place names on a waiting list.



Operation Christmas Stockings, Year 2 w/Pam

Join Top Shelf Quilts in helping **Operation Care Package** again reach their goal of 9,000+ Christmas stockings for our troops. Last year we were able to donate 840+ stockings. Can we do that again? We have 75 done so far.



We will sew the stockings. Then the stockings will be stuffed at Operation Care Package with treats for our deployed troops.

Complete kits are ready for you at the shop now. Each includes instructions, fabric and trim to make two stockings and can be completed on your own.

OR

You are invited to **Christmas Stocking Sew Days at TSQ** Just bring your machine and sewing tools. Stay a couple of hours or stay all day. We will have kits, mats, and irons, etc. for your use those days. Lunch. Chocolate?

Join us as we have fun together and say “Thank You” to all those serving our country.

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2015, 10:00 - 5:00

AND/OR

Thursday, November 5, 2015, 10:00 - 5:00

Cost: Free (Call to reserve your space.)