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# Quilters Depot

It's a Quilt Store & So MUCH MORE!

Quilters Depot Hours: 11/1-2/28  
M,W,Th, & F 10am to 5pm Tues: 10am to 8pm  
Sat: 9am to 3pm Sun: CLOSED! **If we have classes we are open for you!**

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## Jennifer's Blog



brother  
at your side



**I have** so much to tell you this month! Read everything! It's a long newsletter. Grab a cup of your favorite beverage or can or whatever and sit back with your feet up and READ and mark your calendars!

**First**, Merry Christmas. We will do that first since it is the most important and Happy New year too! Everyone here at the Depot from Me and Mom to all of our sales associates hope you have a great time with your family and you have the best year yet in 2016!

**If you** have not gotten your Christmas Wish list with us done you still have about a week as this newsletter is released!

**Retreat** registration has started! All the information is attached if you did not get the Black Friday email! Don't wait to get your registration and deposit in!

**Please note our special hours:** We are open Christmas Eve from 9am to 1pm. We are closed on Christmas Day! We are also closed on New Year's Day and on 1/2/16. I decided to give myself and my Saturday staff an extra gift of an extra day off! What can I do?

**One of** the hardest things I do is finding classes that I think you will want to take and then getting my teachers to teach them! One



of the most asked questions I get is what is Debbie going to do X class. Well make sure you read the attached pages of What's on the Horizon w/Debbie. I think you are going to be excited and want to participate in all her classes/activities in 2016. This email also went out before the newsletter.

**In January**, we are going to start a W.I.P Challenge. This is also on Debbie's Horizon but when you read this is going to be so much fun! Do you have a list of Works in Progress out of the door and around the block. Write them down and register them and make 2016 the year you finish and win!

**We are light** on classes for January but they are big in content! My goal is to fool Old man winter and keep him at bay. If I schedule times in for us to have snow make ups we won't need them. You can thank me when spring comes and we have a lower than average snow fall. Ok, so I am

delusional and in denial that winter is here. Our classes includes:

**Mom** will be doing a Valentine themed Pineapple block table topper! Have you seen this sample! You should. We have it in Valentine colors but also another color to show you if your not a Valentine decorator this is still a class you will want to take!

**Kathleen** has a great Tote It bag for you to make this month! It's a great stylish bag you will definitely fill up quickly!

**Debbie has** W.I.P. Challenge and she has heard your requests for an Intro to Sewing class and will be doing an apron class! Piecemakers I have scheduled you a second day! Sometimes I listen to your begging and I accommodate when there is room! Don't forget the last Pillow fight starts the last Saturday of the month!

**Verna** will be doing her next MooseBStitchn design with you. This month we have a Drawstring Bag! The designs will have I think 4 Drawstring Bags but you will get the kit for the Valentine Day one!

**Kristen** will be helping us to Knit a Matryoshka Doll!

Last but not least Peggy will be doing a Pillow Class! Stop in and check out the sample!

**I am sure** I have forgotten to tell you something but I have run out of room! Open your email all the way and READ!

*Remember the one with the most stash wins!*

Jenn

# January 2016 @Quilters Depot

## Quilting:

**Pineapple Table Topper:** An old fashioned pattern that is still beautiful and useful in more than just quilts. Come learn some new techniques for making this 3 or 4 block Pineapple block into a table topper! We always love to learn new techniques for traditional blocks! **Level:** 100. **When: Session 1:** Mondays 1/11 and 1/18 @10:30am to 1:30pm. **Session 2:** Friday evenings 1/15 and 1/22 @5:30 to 8:30pm **Cost:** \$25 + supplies. **Teacher:** Pauline Shushnar



## Intro to Sewing—Morning Glory

**Apron:** This project is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your beginning sewing skills – and it results in a usable item that makes a GREAT gift for yourself or someone else. Done in thematic fabrics, everyday choices, or for the holidays, you will be a whiz with making your own bias tape, pin tucks, a simple (yes, I said ‘Simple’!) modified smocking technique, pockets, and a general basic sewing review. This project is one of My Select. It is not overwhelming, though produces a very stylish finished product; it reinforces basic skills you might already have and builds on those, but also

offers the opportunity to acquire new ones. The supply list will be found itemized on the pattern. Recommended: wait until the first class to cut out the pattern because we will be covering



some important information regarding fabric and sewing techniques that differ somewhat from what you may be used to utilizing in quilt-making. **Level 100: When: Session 1:**

Tuesday evenings 1/12 and 1/19 @5:30 to 8:30pm **Session 2:** Wednesdays, 1/13 and 1/20 @1 to 4pm. **Cost:** \$25 + pattern and supplies. **Teacher:** Debbie Will

**Tote It Bag:** This FUN bag can be used a summer pool or beach bag or for every day use for shopping. Need a new craft bag? There are so many things this bag can be used for! This is a TWO Week class! **Level 100: When: Session 1:** Tuesdays, 1/12 and 1/19 @10am to 1pm. **Session 2:** Wednesday evenings 1/13 and 1/20 @5:30 to 8:30pm. **Cost:** \$25 + pattern + supplies. **Teacher:** Kathleen Libell.



**Peggy’s Pillow Class:** The latest “HOT” thing on the market right now is pillows and Peggy has created a segmented, tufted pillow just for you. This pillow measures 18” in diameter and 6” high. Each side is made up of 24 segments which you can make in a variety of colors or just one, whatever works with your décor. **Please Note:** This is a fun 2 day class with the second class in March so you have plenty of time to complete the covers so you are ready to assemble the pillow in the second class. **Level 200: When:** Saturday 1/23 & 3/19 @ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm **Cost:** \$35 + supplies. **Teacher:** Peggy Gibson.



## Knitting:

**Knitting—Matryoshka Dolls:** We



change it up this month and create an old world tradition into a new knitted classic. Come learn how to make this cute

Matryoshka Doll. Make it in traditional colors or in Pittsburgh colors or whatever your hearts desire. **When:** Thursday, 1/14 @5:30 to 8:30pm. **Cost:** \$18 (includes pattern) + supplies. **Teacher:** Kristen Strom. Photo Courtesy of Ravelry Amy Gaines Designs.

# January 2016 @Quilters Depot Continued

## Clubs:

**Knit Klub:** Kristen will be on hand to help you with those pesky issues you have been having. Haven't been knitting? This is a fun filled night where you can just come in with your knitting or crochet or hand work and chat and work on your projects! It's almost Christmas. Do you have your gifts done? **When:** Thursday, 1/7 @5pm. **Cost:** \$FREE\$

**PieceMakers:** Come join us for a Piecemakers this month! Attention all of those who enjoy handwork of any type! Piecemakers is a group meeting every month just for you! Bring your needles, thread, scissors and pins and what you are working on. We have two of them this month! **When:** Thursday 1/21 @5pm to 8pm. AND Tuesday 1/26 @5 to 8pm. **FREE\$**

**Pillow Fight:** This is the last month of our Year Long Pillow Fight! Come make a Whimsy Winter Pillow! If you have wanted to join the fight we have room for you! If you just want the patterns we have them. Come check out our display of Debbie's pillows! You will want to make these! **When:** Saturday, January 30th @Noon to 3pm! **Hosted by:** Debbie Will.

**Hoop Sisters: Saturday Session:** It's time for Month 4! Bring your machines or just bring your USB. This is your time to get some embroidery done away from the family! **When:** Saturday 1/30 9am to noon!

**Machine Embroidery**—This month Verna has selected a cute drawstring bag for you to make in class! Cd

comes with several bags to make but you will be doing the Valentine Bag!



Fill it with those cuties we all loved as kids or have your honey fill it with some gold jewelry!

**When:** 1) Thursday, 1/21 @1 to

4pm. 2) Thursday 1/28 @5:30 to 8:30pm. **Cost:** \$15.

**Hosted by:** Verna Spargo.

## Sewing Circles & UFO

**UFO nights:** Do you just need to get away and just sew and finish some projects? ? We are here for you! Let's get projects done so we can start new ones! Also you can come just to laugh! Oh and there is always pizza and chocolate! We have a TWO UFO's for you this month! **When:** Friday, 1/8 and Friday 1/29 @5pm **Cost:** \$8.

**Sewing Circles:** Want to get out of the house and enjoy a day of sewing? Loosely based upon our UFO's, bring in your friends; just bring yourself! Sit in our classroom and work on those projects or start a new one. Bring a snack and bring your refreshment. Our Sewing circles are held three or four times a month. Come to one. Come to all! Stay for an hour. Stay for more! (if you need one on one help other than general help, please call ahead and there might be a charge for any teacher

### Special Hours:

Closed 1/1 and 1/2 2016. See you Monday 1/4/16 @10am!

## Special Event!

help). Check the calendar for the dates!

**W.I.P. Challenge!**

**When:** Saturday 1/9 @noon to 3pm.

**What:** Bring a list of all your Works in Progress. Register them for \$10. You have until the end of November to submit a picture of your finished project. It will then be checked off. Add projects for \$1 through out the year to try and win a great prize! Finish each project and bring it in for it's photo to be taken and checked off the list! Finish the most projects and win a \$50 gift card from the depot!

Every month you will have a Tuesday night and a Saturday to come in and work on your projects and get 10% off any supplies you need for those registered projects. We will be keeping track!

Then on the Second Saturday in December, we will have a Show N Tell and award the gift card.

I will be starting a web page to chronicle our successes. All this is repeated on the next page under Debbie's stuff!

**Hosted by:** Debbie Will

Yes, my employees are allowed to register including Debbie. The employee who gets the most finished will get a differ-

# Miscellaneous @ Quilters Depot

## On Demand

### On Demand

Quilters Depot understands the demands in your life. Have you seen a class that you really wanted to take, but you were not able to schedule it? Have you always wanted to learn how to do a specialty item that only a quilt store can teach you? Well this may be the answer for you. We offer On Demand Classes to fit your schedule! We know how hard it is to work two or three jobs or have family obligations. If you really want that class you let us know! Contact Pauline at the store to schedule the time, class, price and the teacher.

## Handi Quilter @Quilters Depot

**General Information:** Quilters Depot is now a Handi Quilter Authorized Dealer. Want a Handi Quilter? Come talk to us and we will help you finish your quilts with your very own machine! From a Sweet Sit down model to the all new 26" Infinity; Handi Quilter and Quilters Depot will help you finish your quilts! Have a Handi Quilter? We do service, updates and upgrades. Come talk to Jenn or our technician Deb Will! Would you like to Demo a machine before buying. Contact Jenn to arrange a time that you can come in and play! Always watch your emails. Handi Quilter is always coming up with new sales!

### Long Arm Class I: Intro to the Handi Quilter Avante

Would you like to learn how to long arm? This class must be taken to rent

the machine from Quilters Depot and a pre-requisite for Pro-stitcher. **When:** The usual schedule is Tuesday evening, Friday Evening and Saturdays or whenever there are night classes and Jenn is on duty! Come in and talk to Jenn or email her to schedule your class! **Cost:** \$75.00. **Teacher:** Jenn. **Misc. info:** The classes will be one-on-one unless arranged differently with Jenn. I will supply batting and thread for the class. You will need two pieces of scrap fabric, a yard or less for front and back. I will also be providing you with an instruction manual to help you along.

### Long Arm Class II: Pro-Stitcher

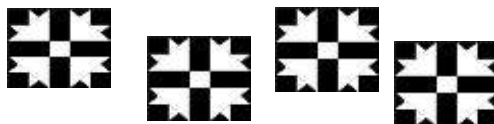
Come in and learn how to let the Pro Stitcher do the work for you. Ok, it is not that easy, but easier than you think!. Bring in two pieces of fabric, a yard each with the quilt top piece being 2 inches shorter all the way around. I suggest for this class you bring solid colors so you can see your designs!

**Prerequisite:** You must have taken the first long arm class so that you know how to use the basic machine!

**When:** The usual schedule is Tuesday evening, Friday Evening and Saturdays or whenever there are night classes and Jenn is on duty! Come in and talk to Jenn or email her to schedule your class! **Cost:** \$65.00. **Teacher:** Jenn

### Long Arm Class III. Intro to the

**Handi Quilter Sweet Sixteen.** Are you not a stand up Quilter? Do you want to learn how to use the Handi Quilter Sit down model? Take our Sweet Sixteen class and you can rent our machine! **Cost:** \$25. **Teachers:** Deb Will or Peggy Gibson.



## 2015 Wrap up Success Stories from the year!

I have some room so here are some Success Stories from the year! There will be more on the next page also!



## On the Horizon w/Debbie

One of the questions I get most often is when is Debbie gonna teach "X" class.

So here is what is on the Horizon for 2016!

**W.I.P Challenge.** On Saturday, January 9th, 2016 from Noon to 3pm. Bring a list of your "Works In Progress" For \$10 register your list. We will keep a folder of those who register their W.I.P.'s. You will have through 11/30 to finish as many of the projects as possible. Bring them in for a photo and get it checked off. In December the second Saturday will be a wrap up. We will do a show N tell and present the winner with their prize! (Hope to start a web page of finished W.I.P.s) On most months you will have 1 to 2 opportunities a month (1st Tuesday or 2nd Saturday of the month) to come in and work on items for free. On those dates you will get 10% off anything you purchase that is for one of those projects. To add to the fun. If you decide to take a class or you complete another project not listed on your initial list; you can add it for \$1.00. The person to complete the most W.I.P.'s will win a \$50 gift card. All you need to do is come in and REGISTER! There is no limit to the number of participants!

**It's a Doll's Life Sampler:** The last Saturday of every month (Calendar permitting and Debbie's schedule) we will be making Dolls from noon to 3pm! You all loved the Doll we did in

2015. Debbie has picked four dolls (you will probably make three) for you to make in 2016. Each class is 2 months of class and 1 month of finishing or catching up if you missed a Saturday. Each Doll Segment will be \$40 + pattern and supplies. If you finish the each doll before the next one starts you will get \$10 off the next class. Level: 200 Take 1 or all.

**Twisted Sisters Club does Quilting 301: 2016 Block Party.** So our Twisted Sister Club has expanded to more than just doing Twisted wall hangings. Our ladies need some new challenges. We are asking that since this is a 301 level class that you know how to quilt. Debbie will take you to the next level! Each class is two weeks a month on a Tuesday night starting in February. Week 1 is the intense high level class that 301 implies! Week 2 is a work week for you. You will be completing the following blocks throughout the year. Take 1 or take them all! 1) Traditional 2)Cutting Cake 3)Curved Piecing. 4)Candle Mat 6)Depression Block 7)Little Quilts

**Intro to Sewing.** We will be doing two Intro to sewing classes this year. This is what you see on the January Calendar. You will be making an apron. For those of you who have been asking for this class it's the apron that is hanging in the store. The second class will be a Christmas in July class and you will be making Card Holders!

**Quilting 201.** Debbie and Jenn have been scheming and planning on how to make this class even better! This class will be a minimum of 3

people and a max of 6 per segment. Registration starts now! There will be two segments. Mondays 1-4pm and Friday nights at 6-9. Each class builds off of each other so please plan that you are going to take the whole class. If we do not meet the minimums this class will be canceled. Pre Requisite is Quilting 101 or that you can show that you have the basic quilting skills to take this class. Class starts in March. You will do two segments and then have a month off. The price for the 5 session class is \$50/session. If you pay for the whole 5 sessions at one time (\$250) you will get a \$50 gift card back. Classes tentatively will be the first/second Monday/Friday of the month as class days; a week off and then a finish up//bonus project week.

### More pics from 2015!



**Quilters Depot Spring 2016 Retreat**  
**April 1,2 and 3rd, 2016**  
**Hyatt Place Pittsburgh South (Attached to the Meadows Casino)**  
**Noon on Friday to 2pm on Sunday!**

- Registration is From NOW until 2/27/16 (or when it is filled) DO NOT DELAY! 50 people max! I will be turning all numbers into the hotel and calendar on the 1st of March!
- We will be having a maximum of 50 participants again this go-around. We will have those who stay and those who go.
- We have a total of 20 rooms. 5 singles and the rest double beds (estimate) First come first serve!
- There is a \$40 non refundable deposit is required with your registration form for all participants!
- Want your family to buy it for Christmas? Fill out the form so we know who they are paying for and it's the gift you really want.
- I have visited the hotel and am very excited. There is garage parking. The 3 rooms we will be in for the sewing is huge! We have a great spot for eating and we are bringing the caterer from the Fall retreat along with us! The casino is connected to the fourth floor of the hotel with a heated walkway or the hotel will shuttle you over to the front door. They will also take you to Tangor Outlets if so desired.

**Final Bills will go out on 2/28/16 and All payments will be due by March 26th!**

**Each room in the hotel has a refrigerator. If you need a Handicapped room or anything other special needs please let us know when you register.**

As in the past we will help you find a roommate if you so desire! Remember the more people in your room the cheaper your weekend will be. The prices are a little more than last year. This is due to the price of the rooms. This is an **ALL INCLUSIVE EVENT!**

If you are an **Overnighter**. Your rate includes: Hotel room for two nights, Dinner Friday night, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday. Breakfast is included Saturday and Sunday in your room rate. Your rate also includes the banquet room we are renting for your use. This room is twice the size as fall retreat but not as big as the Crowne Plaza.

**Prices for overnighter.**

1 person in a room = \$390/person (limited to 5 people)  
2 people sharing a room = \$235/person  
3 people sharing a room = \$185/person  
4 people sharing a room = \$165/person

**If you are an UFO'er.** You can choose from a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday session or all three. The price is based on banquet room rental and meals. See below for per day breakdown. We will allow you to leave your items overnight, however there will be a waiver form. Come 1, 2 or 3 days! **Friday**—Noon to 10pm. (includes dinner) \$35 **Saturday**—7am to 10pm (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner) \$70 **Sunday**, 7am to 2pm (includes breakfast) \$30 Come all three days and get it for \$135.

Registration Form  
Quilters Depot Spring 2014 Retreat  
April 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2016  
Hyatt Place Pittsburgh South (Meadows Casino)

Registrant Information (Please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(home) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle which kind of retreat you will be. If you circle UFOer please circle which session (s) you will be attending.

**Overnighter** (a \$40 non refundable deposit is required at time of registration)

**UFOer** (\$40 will be your non refundable deposit at time of registration)

**Rates: (all inclusive)**

1 person in a room = \$390/person (limit 3)  
2 people sharing a room = \$235/person  
3 people sharing a room = \$185/person  
4 people sharing a room = \$165/person

**Rates:**

Friday—Noon to 10pm. (includes dinner) \$35  
Saturday—7am to 10pm (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner) \$70  
Sunday, 7am to 2pm (includes breakfast) \$30

All three days \$135

Please List:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate1: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate2: \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate3: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please sign that you have read and understand the retreat information and agree to the fees and non refundable deposit. Payment by Cash or Check made payable to Quilters Depot. No Credit Cards will be accepted.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# January 2016



Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

					1 <i>Closed</i>  	2 <i>Closed</i>
3	4 <b>Sewing Circle</b>  <i>Trivia Day!</i>	5  <i>National Bird Day!</i>	6  <i>Cuddle Up Day!</i>	7  <b>Knit Klub</b> 5pm  <i>Elvis's Bday!</i> <i>Rock N Roll Day!</i>	8 <b>Sewing Circle</b>  <b>UFO</b> 5pm  <i>Show N Tell Day!</i>	9 <b>W.I.P Challenge Kickoff</b> Noon to 3pm
10	11 <b>Pineapple Bock</b> Session 1 Week 1 of 2 10:30am to 1:30pm  <i>Secret Pal Day!</i>	12 <b>Tote It Bag</b> Session 1 Week 1 of 2 10am to 1pm.  <b>Intro to Sewing—Apron</b> Session 1 Week 1 of 2 5:30 to 8:30	13 <b>Intro to Sewing—Apron</b> Session 2 Week 1 of 2 1 to 4pm.  <b>Tote It Bag</b> Session 2 Week 1 of 2 5:30 to 8:30pm	14  <b>Knitting—Matryoshka Dolls</b> 5:30pm  <i>National Dress up your Pet day!</i>	15 <b>Pineapple Bock</b> Session 2 Week 1 of 2 5:30 to 8:30pm  <i>National Hair Day!</i>	16  <i>National Nothing Day!</i>
17	18 <b>Pineapple Bock</b> Session 1 Week 2 of 2 10:30am to 1:30pm  <i>Martin Luther King Day!</i>	19 <b>Tote It Bag</b> Session 1 Week 1 of 2 10am to 1pm  <b>Intro to Sewing—Apron</b> Session 1 Week 2 of 2 5:30 to 8:30	20 <b>Intro to Sewing—Apron</b> Session 2 Week 1 of 2 1 to 4pm.  <b>Tote It Bag</b> Session 2 Week 2 of 2 5:30 to 8:30pm	21 <b>Machine Emb Club— Drawstring Bag</b> 1 to 4pm  <b>Piecemakers</b> 5pm	22 <b>Sewing Circle</b>  <b>Pineapple Bock</b> Session 2 Week 1 of 2 5:30 to 8:30pm  <i>Nat'l Polka Dot Day!</i>	23 <b>Peggy's Pillow Class</b> Week 1 of 2 9am to 3pm.  <i>Love your Local Quilt Shop Day!</i>
24	25	26  <b>Piecemakers</b> 5pm to 8pm  <i>Spouses Day!</i>	27 <b>Sewing Circle</b>   <i>National Chocolate Cake Day!</i>	28  <b>Machine Emb Club— Drawstring Bag</b> 5:30 to 8:30pm	29 <b>Sewing Circle</b>  <b>UFO</b> 5pm  <i>National Puzzle Day!</i>	30 <b>Hoop Sisters Sewn Seeds Month 4</b> 9am to 3pm  <b>Pillow Fight Whimsy Winter</b> Noon to 3pm
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