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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!**

February/March 2016 Volume 7 Issue 5

Jennifer's Blog

I will warn you ahead a time. I have a mental block on what to write in this month's blog! I think winter is slowing down the blood flow to my head. If you do not believe that too bad; that is the excuse I am going to go with since I have nothing witty to say.

The Calendar is rushing full speed ahead. Can you believe it's almost time for Spring Retreat! Have you signed up yet? As you read this you have until February 29th to get registered! Time is running out!

March brings quilting classes of all levels for you! Quilting 101, 201 and 301 are all being offered in March!

Quilting 101; whether you are a new quilter and need to learn the basics or you need to refresh your skills then 101 is the class for you! We will probably be starting evening classes in May so if you need a day session this is your chance.

Quilting 201 takes you to the next level. 201 really is a year long class where you get 4 segments of classes. You will need to take segment 1 to advance to the other segments. This is the first month. We have been telling you for months it was coming. Register now!

Quilting 301 is for the ones who want to learn the more diffi-



brother
at your side



cult techniques in the quilting world. Last month was Curved Piecing. What will this month bring? You will have to read on to find out!

In the Knitting world we will be finishing up our Woolie Bullie Bags and having fun at Knit Klub!

Verna has delved into the world of Anita Goodesign this month to bring you a very special Embroidery club! Check out her Strawberry Pocket Purse as we dream of warm weather and strawberry festivals!

Kathleen brings you the Izzy Bag class! Need a great small across the body purse to take out walking or shopping. This one takes only four fat quarters and a couple hours. I'll give you more time than you will need to make this cute addition to your purse stash!

Mom is also going to be doing a class in addition to Quilting 101. The 1,2,3 Placemat will have you turning a square into an octagon in the size that you want!

Debbie's It's a Doll's Life starts in March with the adorable Beatrice. This Saturday Sampler class is a do not want to miss class! Once you get Beatrice done we already are welcoming SnoCone to the Quilters Depot lineup!

New products: Have you been in to see that we now carry OESD Stabilizers for the Machine Embroiders. We have each type of stabilizer and some in several sizes. If there is a size you need and we do not have but is available we will order it in for you! We also have a cool Stabilizer 101 booklet you can look at. I hope in my next order to have these booklets in the store for you to buy!

We also are very pleased to announce we have 100 colors and counting of Iris Embroidery thread. Only \$4.99 a spool you will want all the colors! If you are a brother machine user who has Disney designs these are the embroidery threads you will want. Once you see Pooh yellow you will be hooked! I want to make a quilt just sampling out all the blues that we are now stocking! Need a bigger size or one of the other 200+ colors that Iris has then you let us know and you will get your special order taken care of!

Remember the one with the most stash wins!

Jenn

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Quilting:

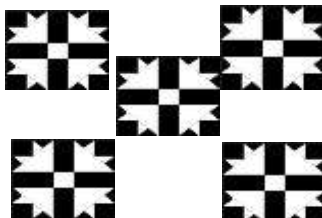
Quilting 101: Are you ready to learn how to quilt? Do you need a refresher course? Do you just think this is a cool quilt? All reasons to come and take our Quilting 101! This is a nine block sampler quilt you can make in any color. The only prerequisite to this class is that you can operate a sewing machine and sew a quarter inch seam. This is a 7 week course that will repeat often. Space is limited to give you the attention you need! Hurry and Register! We are back to day only classes through the winter. Hopefully in May we will start our first evening session!
When: Tuesdays 10:30 am to 1:30pm 3/8 to 4/19/16 **Cost:** \$85 + supplies. (if you buy your supplies with us you will get a 10 gift card). **Teacher:** Pauline Shushnar



Quilting 201: Segment 1: If You can sew a *fine* quarter-inch seam. If You have most of the basics of making a quilt from start to finish. If You are bitten by the quilting bug and want to move on to develop your skills then Quilter's Depot is here for you with our 201 Level course. We offer a series of five classes, each lasting three weeks.

Over the months that the course is offered we introduce you to: a project that coordinates the skills and theory presented in the class, [stay tuned for pictures in the weekly email of the project for the first session!] color theory and how to select fabrics, quilt history, techniques to improve your quilt making, tips and tricks to help you on your journey, alternate ways of making blocks and sets, and LOTS of inspiration, discussion, sharing, and so much more. Session One revisits the 9-patch block you put together in your beginning quilting lessons, but takes it a step further and introduces a couple of different ways to put this standard together. And that is just the beginning. Join Debbie as she leads you through the next few months ... This is class has a **minimum** of 3 students. Sign up now even though it starts in March! **When: Session 1:** Mondays, March 7th, 14th and 21st @1 to 4pm. **Session 2:** Friday evenings, March 4th, 11th and 25th @6 to 9pm. **Cost:** \$40/segment +supplies. **Teacher:** Debbie Will.

Quilting 301: Block Party—Segment 2: Surprise Block. I wish I could tell you which of the following you will be doing, but Debbie will not even tell me! It will be either Traditional blocks, Little Quilts, Candle Mat, Cutting Cake or a Depression Era Block. Stay tuned to the Saturday emails to find out which surprise block you will be doing. I will get it out of her eventually! **When:** Tuesday nights, March 15th and 22nd @5:30 to 8:30pm. **Cost:** \$30 + supplies. **Teacher:** Debbie Will



The Izzy Bag: This easy to make cross body bag has several pockets to hold your cell phone and other necessities for easy summer outdoor activities. This is a great gift for the school girl, high schooler or soon to be college attendee in your life! You only need four fat quarters and some notions! Come in and register and get the supply list! This is a TWO week class but you may not need it! **When: Session 1:** Fridays, March 11th and 18th @10:30am to 1:30pm. **Session 2:** Wednesday nights, March 23rd and 30th @6 to 9pm. **Cost:** \$25 +supplies. **Teacher:** Kathleen Libell.



Make & Take:

1,2,3 Table Topper: Learn how a square can turn into an octagon. Sew strips and you have a lovely table toppers or placemats in any color and for any season in a very short time! Sizes can be changed to fit you! **When:** 1) Wednesday, March 9th @5:30 to 8:30pm, 2) Wednesday, March 16th @10:30 to 1:30pm and 3) Wednesday, March 30th @1 to 4pm. **Cost:** \$15 + supplies. **Teacher:** Pauline Shushnar



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Clubs:

2016 Saturday Sampler: It's a Doll's Life: BEEatrice! You all loved the doll that we did in 2015. We will now Sample 3 to 4 more different dolls for you to make! This



month we will be doing BEEatrice the quilting bee! Sign up because the spots are filling fast!

This is a level 200 class. It is three months of classes so that you will finish each doll even if you do not make all three classes. Finish BEEatrice and when you do SnoCone you will get a discount on the class!

When: Saturdays, March 26th, April 30th and May 28th @ noon to 3pm. **Cost:** \$40 + pattern and supplies. **Teacher:** Debbie Will.

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! **When:** Thursday, 3/3/16 @5pm. **Cost:** \$FREES

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. **When:** Tuesday, March 29th @5 to 8pm. **FREES**

Machine Embroidery—Anita Goodesign Strawberry Pocket Purse:

Join us this month as we switch designers. We will be using an Anita Goodesign to make a Strawberry Pocket Purse. Use it for change. Carry it when you run into the store. Makes a great little gift for those kids in your life. The only requirement for Machine Embroidery Club is knowledge of your machine (any brand), a 5x7 hoop and your embroidery notions! **When:** 1) Thursday, 3/17 @1 to 4pm. 2) Thursday 3/24 @6 to 9pm. **Cost:** \$20 (includes CD with more designs on it and kit!) **Hosted by:** Verna Spargo.



Hoop Sisters: Saturday Session:

It's time for Month 6! Bring your machines or just bring your USB. This is your time to get some embroidery done away from the family! **When:** Sat. March 26th 9am to noon!

W.I.P. Challenge Work Time:

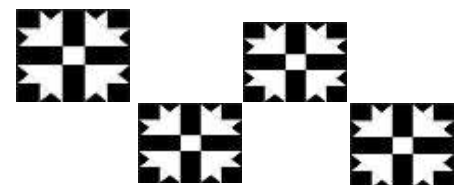
How are you coming along with your finishing your registered W.I.P.'s? Remember to bring them in or send us a picture of them so we can check them off your list! My employees are blowing me out of the water. I need to get in gear and get some of my stuff done. You have two opportunities this month, **Tuesday, March 1st @5 to 8pm or Saturday March 12th @noon to 3pm.**

Remember it's not only a free work session you get 10% off any of your purchases if you are a registered W.I.Per! Need to add a project to your list?. You can do that for a small nominal fee!

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 THREE UFO's for you this month! The best part they are three evenings in a row. Can't always make a Friday? How about a Wednesday or Thursday evening? Come to one. Come to all! **When: Wednesday, March 16th, Thursday, March 17th and Friday, March 18th! 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 help). **Check the calendar for the dates!**



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On Demand

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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!

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! Love it? Buy your own! **Cost:** \$25. **Teacher:** Deb or Peggy

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 2/29/16 (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!
- There is a \$40 non refundable deposit is required with your registration form for all participants!
- 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. There is sooooo much to do whether quilting related or not

Final Bills will start to 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 Handi-capped room or anything other special needs please let us know when you register.

If you are interested please visit our webpage for more information including UFO and overnight information and cost!

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You can also email Jenn and she will send you the information or stop in! We always love to see you!

March 2016



National Quilting Month, National Craft Month, National Reading Month, National Umbrella Month, National Women's History Month

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 W.I.P Challenge Work Time 5pm to 8pm <i>Share a Smile Day!</i>	2 <i>Dr Seuss Day! Old Stuff Day!</i>	3 Knit Klub 5pm <i>Unique Names Day!</i>	4 Sewing Circle Quilting 201 Segment 1 Session 1 Week 1 of 3 6 to 9pm	5
6	7 Knitting—Woolie Bullie Bag Week 3 of 3 10am to 1pm Quilting 201 Segment 1 Session 2 Week 1 of 3 1 to 4pm	8 Quilting 101 Week 1 of 7 10:30am to 1:30pm International Women's Day!	9 Make & Take—1,2,3 Placemat 5:30 to 8:30pm	10 Knitting—Woolie Bullie Bag Week 3 of 3 6 to 8:30pm	11 Izzy Bag Session 1 Week 1 of 2 10:30am to 1:30pm Quilting 201 Segment 1 Session 1 Week 2 of 3 6 to 9pm	12 W.I.P. Challenge Work Time Noon to 3pm <i>Girl Scout Day! Plant a Flower Day!</i>
13 <i>Daylight Savings Times Begins!</i>	14 Quilting 201 Segment 1 Session 2 Week 2 of 3 1 to 4pm <i>Pi Day! Nat'l Children's Craft Day!</i>	15 Quilting 101 Week 2 of 7 10:30am to 1:30pm Quilting 301: Block Party: Surprise Block Week 1 of 2 5:30 to 8:30pm	16 Make & Take—1,2,3 Placemat 10:30am to 1:30pm UFO	17 Machine Embroidery Club: AG's Strawberry Change Purse 1 to 4pm UFO 	18 Izzy Bag Session 1 Week 2 of 2 10:30am to 1:30pm UFO	19 Peggy's Pillow Class Week 2 of 2 9am to 3pm. <i>World Wide Quilting Day!</i>
20 	21 Quilting 201 Segment 1 Session 2 Week 3 of 3 1 to 4pm	22 Quilting 101 Week 3 of 7 10:30am to 1:30pm Quilting 301: Block Party: Surprise Block Week 2 of 2 5:30 to 8:30pm	23 Sewing Circle Izzy Bag Session 2 Week 1 of 2 6 to 9pm	24 Machine Embroidery Club. AG's Strawberry Change Purse 6 to 9pm	25 Sewing Circle Quilting 201 Segment 1 Session 1 Week 3 of 3 <i>Good Friday</i>	26 Hoop Sisters— Sewn Seeds Month 6 9am to noon It's a Doll's Life! Doll #1 Beatrice Class 1 of 3 Noon to 3pm
27 	28 Sewing Circle	29 Quilting 101 Week 4 of 7 10:30am to 1:30pm Piecemakers	30 Make & Take 1,2,3 Placemat 1 to 4pm Izzy Bag Session 2 Week 2 of 2 6 to 9pm	31 <i>Crayola Crayon Day!</i>		

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