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Quilters Depot

It's a Quilt Store & So MUCH MORE!

Quilters Depot Hours: M,W,Th, & F 10am to 6pm Tues: 10am to 8pm
Sat: 9am to 3pm Sun: CLOSED! **If we have classes we are open for you!**
11/1-2/28 we close @5pm for winter hours

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Jennifer's Blog

There might be snow on the ground as I write this, but if you check out the calendar it will be spring soon! Am I trying to push that two months in a row?

Time is running out to get your reservations in for the March 24th-26th Spring Quilters Depot Retreat! You have until February 25th to let me know you want to come! That's ten days after you read this for the first time! We have 4 to 9 spots available! Grab a few friends and share a room or come as UFO's and go home at night! **Register now** for our Brother Event with Louis Carney! He will be coming in and demonstrating the Dream2 machine! Check out farther in the newsletter for all the details. Each session is limited in the amount of people who can attend! Since it's at the store the price is low to just cover the goodies that you will get before the event! You know I love to feed you and give you gifts!

We have some awesome classes scheduled for you in March! We will start with what I usually end with. **Knitting and Crochet!** Don't miss out on our monthly Free Klub! You can do anything you want! March is also the month Emily is going to teach you to either knit or crochet socks! Keep those toes

warm even when the air is on!
Spice up your table with our Spicy Spiral Table Runner with Cindi! This is a three week class with one week off after the first week on Tuesday afternoons or Tuesday nights! Check out the picture under the classes for the two samples that were made!
Sweeten your life with our Sweet Treats class! This is a three week class; however you can take one, two or all three of the classes. Week one you will make Cupcakes, Week 2 Ice Cream and Week 3 Pie. The best part there is no clean up of dishes when you are done! Check out the pictures so you don't really think that Jane/Joan/Nancy are going to be teaching you how to cook! **Peggy is bringing back** a favorite. Come learn how to quilt as you go and make this awesome quilts. There are so many variations once you learn this technique. Make a

table runner or make a wall hanging or quilt! This class had a waiting list last year. If you wanted to take this class make sure you register early! It will be two week class with a week off between the classes due to our retreat!
Need a Spring Mug Rug! Mug rugs are one of the hottest pattern the distributors sell. Have you made one lately? This month Kathleen is going to show you how to make an Springtime/Easter one! Remember this is a free class! The pattern is free you just need your scraps or new fabrics to make it!
Some Bunny Loves You is the theme of Verna's Machine Embroidery Club this month! Come make a really cute pillow! These are fast and easy that you will want to make these for all the little ones in your life or as a cute little decoration for the adults! **Spring/Summer Hours** are back as of March 1st. That means we are now back open until 6pm for your shopping convenience!
Second reminder if you forgot to read the beginning of the blog. We will be closed on Friday, March 24th and Saturday, March 25th for our Spring Retreat at the Meadows! **Finally**, a reminder that our challenge charity block is due back by Wednesday, March 15th! We have been getting some really awesome blocks! Thank you to those who have contributed and hope more of you will come in and grab some of the challenge fabric! *Remember the one with the most stash wins!* Jenn



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at your side



March 2017 @Quilters Depot

Quilting:

Spicy Spiral Table Runner: This unique and wonderful project will “spice” up the conversation at your table. Use different color ranges and values from dark to light—eight fabrics. No one stops at making just one! It’s so fun you’ll make dozens of these fun and easy table runners! The Spicy Spiral Table Runner is made with the Ten Degree Wedge Tool! **Level: 100. When: Session 1:** Tuesdays, March 7th, 21st and 28th @1 to 4pm. **Session 2:** Tuesdays, March 7th, 21st and 28th @5:30 to 8:30pm! **Cost:** \$35 + supplies. **Teacher:** Cindi Fuselier



Once you assemble your blocks with sashing all there is left to do is the binding AND IT IS FINISHED!!!!!! Plus...yes there is more...the back of the quilt looks like a whole different quilt. So if you make a table runner, you can do one side with Christmas fabric and the other side with Thanksgiving fabric. Just think of all the possibilities!!!! **Level 100: When:** Saturdays, March 18 & April 1 @ 9:00 am to Noon. **Cost:** \$30 + supplies. **Teacher:** Peggy Gibson.



Sweet Treats: Cupcakes, Ice-cream and Pie! Oh My! In March, we have a series of make and take items to compliment your dessert table! Jane, Nancy and Joan have designed oven mitts and hot pads in the shapes of cupcakes, lattice top berry pies and ice cream boats that combine whimsy with practicality. All are made from small pieces of fabric plus layers of warm and natural batting and insul-



brite. Stop in and check out the samples and sign up to make one, two or all three sweet treats! There are patterns to trace, so you will just need to choose your fabrics and get a yard of each batting and insulbrite, all of which are available at the shop! **Level: 100. When: Session 1:** Wednesdays, March 15th (Cupcakes), March 22nd (Ice-cream), and March 29th (Pie) @1 to 4pm. **Session 2:** Wednesdays, March 15th (Cupcakes), March 22nd (Ice-cream), and March 29th (Pie) @5 to 8pm. **Cost: \$15 for each Sweet. Take all three and get \$10 off! Teachers:** Jane Casne, Nancy Boyd and Joan Kugler.

Tuesday Sampler

Tuesday Sampler: **NEW!** We have something new for you in 2017! Join us the first Tuesday of every month to complete a years worth of mug rugs. There is a different mug rug for every month. Mug rugs are small enough that if you ever wanted to learn applique this is a great chance! Every month will be a free online pattern! Most of every mug rug can be made from scraps! The uses are endless! The March Mug rug will be “Springtime Friends” **When:** Tuesday, March 14th h @5:30 to 8:30pm. **Cost: \$FREES just the cost of any supplies. Teacher:** Kathleen Libell



“QUILT-AS-YOU-GO” Quilt Class The “quilt-as-you-go” class we had last fall was full with a waiting list. So Peggy is repeating it for those of you who couldn’t attend. Peggy says it’s the easiest “quilt-as-you-go” project she’s ever made. Each block is your quilt sandwich where you can create stitch and flip blocks, machine applique, or just use decorative stitching and/or quilting.

March 2017 @Quilters Depot Continued

Knitting/Crochet:

Knitting/Crochet: Learn to Make Socks!: Learn how easy it is to knit socks.....or crochet them! Yes, you can crochet socks! Both techniques will be taught. A basic sock is being taught. Have a harder one you have found bring it along. The supplies for the simple sock are the same except for needles! You need 2 skeins of 1.75oz sock yarn or 1 skein of 3.5oz sock yarn, yarn needle, stitch markers. Crocheting? Bring a Size D Hook. Knitting? Set of five Double Pointed Needles Size 2! **Level:** 200. **When:** Thursdays, March 9th and 16th @5:30 to 8:30. **Cost:** \$30. **Teacher:** Emily Klaczak.



Clubs:

Knit/Crochet Klub: Emily will be on hand to help you with those pesky issues you have been having. Whether it is knit or crochet! Haven't been knitting or crocheting? 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! Have you finished your Felted Clogs? Have ideas on classes you want to see? Come dis-

cuss them with Emily so that we provide you with the classes you want!

When: Thursday, 3/2/17 @5pm.

Cost: \$FREE\$

Machine Embroidery Club—

”Some Bunny Loves You”: We are getting ready for Easter this month. Come and make our “Some BUNNY Loves You” pillow to put in your little ones’ Easter Basket. It’s a quick and easy project! Bring your machine, thread and notions! As always all embroidery machines are welcome! **When: Session 1:** Thursday, March 23rd @1 to 4pm. **Session 2:** Thursday evening, March 30th @6 to 9pm! **Cost:** \$15. **Hosted by:** Verna Spargo.



Sewing Circles & UFO

UFO nights: We have two UFO’s for you in March Check out the calendar for the UFO Friday night! All UFO’s start at 5pm **Cost: \$8 for pizza!** Call ahead so we know you are coming and whether you want pizza ordered!

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!

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 see if class is available for on demand (not all are!) and schedule the time, class, price and the teacher. Prices vary depending but normally the cost is \$25 for one hour or \$40 for two hours. This includes Knitting, Crochet, Machine Embroidery and sewing machines bought at other Brother Dealers or on the internet.

Remember we are closed on Friday, March 24th and Saturday, March 25th for our Spring Quilters Depot Retreat at they Hyatt Place at the Meadowlands!

Miscellaneous @Quilters Depot

NEW On Demands

Hand Piecing 101: Would you like to revisit the beginnings of quilting? There are as many methods of hand piecing as there are instructors. In 2017, Beth has developed this special Hand Piecing 101 so you can sit down and learn even stitching techniques and then on to a nine-patch table topper or mini wall hanging! This is a two week course, 1 1/2 hours at a time. This is an on demand class! **When:** You can schedule it any Tuesday Evening from 6 to 7:30 or a Friday during the day. If you really need a Saturday we might be able to schedule that also! **Cost:** \$30 + supplies. **Teacher:** Beth Rossana

HoopSisters: -Elegant Elements: Do you still want to do the Elegant Elements BOM from 2016? Contact Jenn and you can do the BOM on demand! 5 month or 10 month option available!



OR

Introducing Hoop Sisters

2017 Embroidery Block of the Month!

Charmed Adventure!

Starts April 2017 on 1st Saturday's mornings! On Demand is available! Make the master quilt (paper piecing) or one of the other 5 sub

quilts! Or design your own quilt with the blocks! Sign up! Minimum of 4 people need to sign up. Need 3 more! \$15/month for 10 months Contact [Jenn](#) to sign up and get pics!

Handi Quilter @Quilters Depot

General Information: Quilters Depot is 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 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. Jeff is our Tech and he is available to clean and service your machine! 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 evenings, Friday Evenings 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. **Teacher:** Peggy Gibson.





Come Meet Brother Educator Louis Carney!
Saturday, March 11th (refreshments will be served!)
Session 1: 9:30am to noon
Session 2: 12:30pm to 3pm

Please Register in Advance
Space is limited

DREAM SCAPE

SEWING AND EMBROIDERY EVENT

2-1/2 Hour Lecture Demo

This is THE ultimate sewing and embroidery machine combining sewing, embroidery, quilting and crafting creativity. The XV8550D Dream2 Machine is the shortest path from dreams to fantastic reality. Learn about:

- Adding stippling as well as choice of new patterns surrounding your designs in "My Design Center".
- A choice of new shapes, both open and closed, fill patterns and two addition line styles.
- The new 9-1/2 x 9-1/2 hoop.
- The super crisp HD LCD display, the Runway™ lighting and expansive sewing areas make it easier to create your favorite projects.

Get the latest tips and tricks, new project ideas, and explore WiFi capability with BES4 from one of Brother's Educators.



Join us at the Dreamscape Sewing and Embroidery Event and see for yourself. Sign up today, space is limited.

Watch & Learn!

**THE amazing
Dream2 XV8550
new features.**

Cost \$10
includes refreshments
and goodie bag!

**InnovEye™
technology and
how it works for
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Embroidery and
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Meet LOUIS CARNEY

Louis began his sewing career at the early age of 12 in his hometown of Kansas City, Missouri, where he studied tailoring, design and visual merchandising in advanced curriculum in prep school. After college, he began his career in the sewing machine industry, which included working with stores in Chicago and New York City where he now resides. He has worked with most major machine brand companies and has familiarity with all brands of machines.



Louis has taught in all 50 states and Mexico, lectured in London and worked with machine product development in Sweden. With a focus on interiors, his special attention to detail, congenial class atmosphere & beautiful samples, his classes always fill to capacity. His familiarity with machine products and industry knowledge ensures a fun and informative time to be had by all. Design influence utilizing embroidery software, segers/coverstitch, TOL embroidery machines, multi needle embroidery machines and long-arm quilting machines, are some of his favorite past times. “Creative Sewing Techniques by Machine” and “More Creative Sewing Techniques by Machine,” both published by AQS are books Louis has contributed to with fantastic step by step projects!

Mr. Carney has an illustrious list of clients, including, but not limited to: Bernadette Peters, Sara Jessica Parker, Tommy Mitolla, Dr. Ruth, Mary Fisher, Nancy Wilson, the Rockefellers, Kristina Wildentstein, Kathleen Glynn (Mrs. Michael Moore), Mrs. Sidney Poitier, Martha Stewart Inc and Vera Wang Inc., as well as the Broadway musicals productions of “The Lion King” and “Riverdance. He has also worked with artist for Addidas.

Certifications/Degrees:

BA in Fashion Design/minor in Interior Design

Certifications: Cindy Losekamp, Betty Cotton, Jenny Haskins, Martha Pullen, Matti Henderson for Quiltsmart, Karen Boutte, Marti Michelle, Linda McGhee,

Linda Lee Vivian

Magazine/newspaper credits: Architectural Digest, Time Out New York, Pfaff Club Magazine, Town and Country, The New York Times, Creative Expressions, Creative Machine Embroidery, America Quilts Creatively, Sew News, Sew it All and many more.

He has also served as a film consultant to MGM studios for the sewing machine industry.

Television/Web: America Quilts Creatively, Now Sewing, America Sews, Sew it All, It’s Sew Easy, Sewing with Nancy, Behind the Seams and many local TV news reports.

Artistic, Elna, Janome, Brother and Kreinik Threads Mfg, Youtube videos/demos and webinars.

Quilters Depot Spring 2017 Retreat

March 24th, 25th, 26th, 2017

Hyatt Place Pittsburgh South (Attached to the Meadows Casino)

Noon on Friday to 2pm on Sunday!

- Registration is From NOW until 02/25/17(or when it is filled) DO NOT DELAY! 40 people max! I will be turning all numbers into the hotel and caterer on the Wednesday, March 1, 2017.
- We will be having a maximum of 40 participants this go-around. We will have those who stay and those who go.
- We have a total of 20 rooms. 4 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!

There is garage parking or if you park the vehicle yourself you do not have to pay the valet parking. You might have to walk a little either way.

The 3 rooms we will be in for the sewing is huge! We have a great spot for eating .

We do have a different caterer this go around. (Myrna's)! However, we have heard great things about them. Lunch will be provided by Subway.

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. The hotel also has an indoor pool.

Final Bills will go out on 2/26/17 and All payments will be due March 15th!

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. Please let me know any dietary restrictions also.

As in the past we will help you find a roommate if you so desire! However, please remember to ask for that earlier in the process. Remember the more people in your room the cheaper your weekend will be. Prices stayed the same! Just for your info; the caterer we usually use had a personal family event and we could not get them. Remember there are two small fridges in the sewing room and in your rooms for you to keep things cold! We will once again have the Keurig. Bring your favorite kcups, teas and pops and snacks!

This is an ALL INCLUSIVE EVENT! Please see the registration page for prices.

Please also choose your type of Subway Sandwich. If you do not order a sandwich you will get the Default which will be an Italian BMT on Italian Bread with cheese, lettuce, Tomato and Pickles w/Mayo. This will include a cookie and a water.



Registration Form
 Quilters Depot Spring 2017 Retreat
 March 24th-26th, 2017
 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 = \$400/person (limit 5)
- 2 people sharing a room = \$250/person
- 3 people sharing a room = \$200/person
- 4 people sharing a room = \$175/person

Rates:

- Friday—Noon to 10pm. (includes dinner) \$35
- Saturday—7am to 10pm (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner) \$70
- Sunday, 7am to 3pm (includes breakfast) \$30

All three days \$135

Lunch: (all subs will come with lettuce, tomato, pickles and mayo with cookies and a bag of chips! Please circle your choices! Choose 1 : BMT, Club, Tuna, Turkey and Ham, Turkey Breast, or Roast Beef , default sandwich.

Choose 1: Italian or Wheat Bread

Choose 1: cheese or no cheese

Choose 1: Coke/Diet Coke/Sprite/Water

Default sandwich: BMT on Italian, cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles with mayo, cookies and bag of chips with a bottle of water.!

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: _____

Any Dietary Allergies or other health considerations? Please write here!

March 2017



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

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 <i>Pig Day!</i> <i>Share a Smile Day!</i> <i>Compliments Day!</i>	2 Knit/Crochet Klub 5pm <i>Dr Seuss Day!</i> <i>Old Stuff Day!</i>	3 Sewing Circle <i>Dress In Blue Day!</i>	4 <i>Unique Names Day!</i>
5	6 Sewing Circle	7 Spicy Spiral Table Runner Week 1 of 3 Session 1: 1 to 4pm Session 2: 5:30 to 8:30pm	8 <i>Woman's Day!</i>	9 Knit/Crochet: Learn How to Make Socks Week 1 of 2 5:30 to 8:30 pm <i>Barbie's Birthday</i>	10 UFO 5pm <i>Day of Awesomeness!</i>	11 Brother Event: Dreamscape w/ Louis Carney Session 1: 9:30 am to noon Session 2: 12:30 to 3pm
12 <i>Daylight Savings Time Starts!</i>	13 <i>Jewel Day!</i> <i>Open an Umbrella Indoors day!</i>	14 Tuesday Sampler Mug Rugs 5:30 to 8:30 pm <i>Pi Day!</i>	15 Sweet Treats: Week 1: Cupcakes SeSSsion 1: 1 to 4pm Session 2: 5 to 8pm	16 Knit/Crochet: Learn How to Make Socks Week 2 of 2 5:30 to 8:30 pm	17 Sewing Circle 	18 Quilt As You Go: Week 1 of 2 9am to noon <i>Quilting Day!</i>
19	20 Sewing Circle <i>Spring Begins!</i>	21 Spicy Spiral Table Runner Week 2 of 3 Session 1: 1 to 4pm Session 2: 5:30 to 8:30pm	22 Sweet Treats: Week 2: IceCream Session 1: 1 to 4pm Session 2: 5 to 8pm	23 Machine Embroidery Club: Some Bunny Loves You Mini Pillow 1 to 4pm <i>Puppy Day!</i>	24 Closed: Quilters Depot Spring Retreat	25 Closed: Quilters Depot Spring Retreat
26	27 Scrappy Quilt Month 3 of 3 10:30am to 1:30pm	28 Spicy Spiral Table Runner Week 3 of 3 Session 1: 1 to 4pm Session 2: 5:30 to 8:30pm	29 Sweet Treats: Week 3: Pie Session 1: 1 to 4pm Session 2: 5 to 8pm	30 Machine Embroidery Club: Some Bunny Loves You Mini Pillow 6 to 9pm	31 UFO 5pm <i>Crayola Crayon Day!</i>	

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