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Quilters Depot

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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



Have you registered for the Spring 2016 Quilters Depot Retreat yet? We are almost half full already! Let's get your registrations in! We have a great location, great caterer and we will have a great time! Remember you can stay all night or you can go home if you choose!

Did you sign up for the W.I.P. Challenge? No? EEK! You can still sign up but you missed the fun that was had at our kickoff party! You can still sign up through the end of January or until the first W.I.P. session on 2/2/16 If you are one of the many people who have signed up check the calendar for the dates that you can come work on your projects!

February is full of great classes! We have a new session of Quilting 101 starting. It is another day class for you all. Remember the night classes will be back as soon as Spring officially comes back! Jane is going to show you a great jelly roll quilt called Forty Shades of Color! If you have a favorite jelly roll that you just have been saving for the right project; this is it! You can make this in so many color waves! Check out the two different samples in the write-up to see what I mean!

We are happy to announce that we are expanding our Knitting



sessions! Starting in February, we will have a day session for those of you who have always said I want to do that project but I work on Thursday nights or I just do not come out at night! This month we are making a woolie bullie bag! Come in on a Monday morning or a Thursday night to make this great bag!

Saturday, February 20th is make a quilt day. To celebrate this day Peggy is holding a Stripper Day! No it's not what you think. Peggy told me no there will not be Chippendales at the Depot. You will be using fabric strips to make as many quilts as you can in six hours! You can bring your own fabrics or if you want to help Peggy make charity quilts for Project Linus she will supply the fabric kits needed. This is an all day event so bring your lunch or we will order out! The best part of this class is that's it's \$free\$. That's right all you have to do is sign up. Room is lim-

ited!

I am going to help you celebrate that day too! Have you always wanted to try out a Handi Quilter? Come take a turn on either the Avante or the Sweet Sixteen and see how easy it is to totally finish your quilts and get on to making the next one! It's also an all day event! Check out the calendar!

Quilting 301 starts this month! Block Party is going to feature all the advanced blocks you have always wanted to make! Room is going to go quick in this class!

In the world of Make N Take we have the hottest class! Have you seen the poppit bags. These are great for using everywhere in your quilting room or by the computer for that garbage that you can never find the garbage can for. The pattern has come out to make these cool fold up gadgets and we are going to show you how to make them!

Our Machine Embroidery club are going to make Pudgies this month! Do not know what a Pudgie is? Then make sure you open the newsletter and read it all the way to the end!

We have Knit Klub, UFO's, Sewing Circles and Piecemakers for you throughout the month! **As Always, read the whole newsletter so you do not miss an exciting class or event!**

Remember the one with the most stash wins!

Jenn

February 2016 @Quilters Depot

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. **When: Wednesdays 10:30 am to 1:30pm 2/3/16 to 3/16/16** **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 1: Drunkards Path: Our first ever 301 level series of skill-building classes begins! We introduce this series of exercises with the long-anticipated introduction to curved piecing with the exploration of the classic Drunkard's Path block. Mastering the technique of curved piecing will inspire you to greater heights in your quilt making journey. Much like the prerequisite 201 series, these classes will focus on a project that highlights the introduced technique. Also, each 301 will offer a 'surprise' in addition to the focus project – a new technique, a smaller quick project, something to entice and inspire –whatever Debbie comes up with that she thinks will be fun/helpful. You've been asking for it – we're here to help you grow. Didn't take the 201

course series? If you have a couple of projects under your belt and are intrigued by the offering, touch base with the shop to see if this class is for you. **When:** Tuesday nights, February 9th and 26th @5:30 to 8:30pm. **Cost:** \$30 + supplies. **Teacher:** Debbie Will



40 Shades of Color Quilt: Do you have a favorite jelly roll that you are waiting for the perfect pattern? This is it! All it takes is a jellyroll and a neutral color. A single color scheme works just as well. You can use a pur-



chased jellyroll or cut your own! The size of the quilt will be 60"x72". This is a **THREE** Week class! We

are including two sample quilts for your viewing enjoyment!



When: Session 1: Wednesday Evenings, February 10th, 17th and 24th @5:30 to 8:30pm. **Session 2:** Fridays, February 12th, 19th, and 26th @10:30 am to 1:30pm. **Cost:** \$35 +supplies. **Teacher:** Jane Casne

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Quilting Cont.:

Make a Quilt Day: AKA Stripper Day: Join Peggy in celebrating National “Make a Blanket” Day by making a quilt using strips (i.e., “Stripper Day”!!!). For attending you will receive patterns for 5 different quilts that can be made using strips – most would work great with scraps. Peggy will also have several different quilts to display various uses for strips in quilts and the use of



striped fabrics in lieu of sewing a bunch of strips together. You can bring your own fabrics or Peggy will have some kits available

for tops to be made for Project Linus. This is an all day event. Come join us for a “Stripper Day” of fun. Space is limited so sign up early. **When:** Saturday, February 20th @9am to 3pm. **Cost:** \$Free\$. **Teacher:** Peggy Gibson.

Make & Take:

Make & Take: Poppit: This pop up is a must have make & take for all sewers. It is perfect for holding scraps or small notions when sewing. It is portable and collapses to a small compact pouch to fit in any sewing bag or drawer. You will love the poppit so much you will want to make more than one! **Level:** 100. **When:** 1) Friday evening, February 19th @5:30 to 8:30pm, 2) Monday, February 22nd @1 to 4pm and 3) Tuesday, February 23rd

@10:30am to 1:30pm. **Cost:** \$15 + pattern/kit + supplies. **Teacher:** Kathleen Libell.



Knitting:

Knitting: Woolie Bullie Bag: Join us for this stylish Shearling bag class. The Woolie Bullie yarn we will be using for this project provides a wonderful texture. If you can knit and purl, you can make this bag! It is 3 pieces knitted flat and sewn together. If you choose to felt the project when done it will give it an even sturdier texture while hardly shrinking at all! Are you a day person? We now have a daytime knitting session! This is a THREE week class. **Level 100: When: Session 1:** Thursday evening, February 11th, 18th and March 10th. @6 to 8:30pm **Session 2:** Monday mornings, February 15th, 22nd and March 7th @10am to 1pm. **Cost:** \$35 (includes free pattern) **Teacher:** Kristen Strom.



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, 2/4 @5pm.
Cost: \$FREE\$

PieceMakers: Come join us for a Piecemakers this month! Attention all of those who enjoy hand-work 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, February 23rd @5 to 8pm.
FREE\$

Machine Embroidery—Pudgies Join Verna this month as we make our Spring and Easter Bunnies! These Pudge Rabbits get their name from the way they grow after being stitched. All you need is your machine, a 4x4 hoop, threads and scissors! **When:** 1) Thursday, 2/18 @1 to 4pm. 2) Thursday 2/25 @6 to 9pm. **Cost:** \$15.
Hosted by: Verna Spargo.



Hoop Sisters: Saturday Session: It's time for Month 5! Bring your machines or just bring your USB. This is your time to get some embroidery done away from the family! **When:** Sat. 2/27 9am to noon!

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Clubs Cont.:

Pillow Fight: This is the last month to complete your pillow fight! March starts the new Doll Club. Come finish any of the pillows that you have not finished! **When:** Saturday, February 27th @Noon to 3pm!
Hosted by: Debbie Will.

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!
When: Fridays, 2/5, 2/12 and 2/26 @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 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 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.**

Don't Forget W.I.P Challengers!

Your very own work time + 10% off purchases during these sessions!

When:

Tuesday, February 2nd 5 to 8pm

Saturday, February 13th Noon to 3pm

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: _____

February 2016



Chocolate Lovers Month, Women's Health Heart Month, American Hearth Health Month, National Embroidery Month, American Heritage Month, International Friendship Month

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 W.I.P Challenge Work Time 5pm to 8pm <i>Groundhog Day!</i>	3 Quilting 101 Week 1 of 7 10:30am to 1:30pm	4 Knit Klub 5pm	5 Sewing Circle UFO 5pm <i>Wear Red Day!</i>	6
7	8 Sewing Circle <i>Kite Flying Day!</i> <i>Boy Scout Day!</i>	9 Quilting 301: Block Party: Drunkards Path Week 1 of 2 5:30 to 8:30 <i>Fat Tuesday!</i>	10 Quilting 101 Week 2 of 7 10:30am to 1:30pm 40Shades of Color Session 1 Week 1 of 3 5:30 to 8:30pm <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	11 Knitting—Woolie Bullie Bag Week 1 of 6 6 to 8:30pm	12 40 Shades of Color Session 2 Week 1 of 3 10:30 am to 1:30pm UFO 5pm <i>Lincoln's Bday!</i>	13 W.I.P. Challenge Work Time Noon to 3pm
14 	15 Knitting—Woolie Bullie Bag Week 1 of 2 10am to 1pm <i>President's Day!</i> National GumDrop Day!	16 Sewing Circle Quilting 301: Block Party: Drunkards Path Week 2 of 2 5:30 to 8:30	17 Quilting 101 Week 3 of 7 10:30am to 1:30pm 40 Shades of Color Session 1 Week 2 of 3 5:30 to 8:30pm	18 Machine Embroidery Club—Pudgies 1 to 4pm. Knitting—Woolie Bullie Bag Week 2 of 6 6 to 8:30pm	19 40 Shades of Color Session 2 Week 2 of 3 10:30 am to 1:30pm Make & Take—Poppit 5:30 to 8:30 pm	20 Stripper Day 9am to 3pm Handi Quilter Event—Come Drive a Machine for \$FREE\$
21	22 Knitting—Woolie Bullie Bag Week 1 of 2 10am to 1pm Make & Take—Poppit 1 to 4pm	23 Make & Take—Poppit 10:30 to 1:30 pm Piecemakers 5pm <i>Nt'l Cupcake Day!</i>	24 Quilting 101 Week 4 of 7 10:30am to 1:30pm 40 Shades of Color Session 1 Week 3 of 3 5:30 to 8:30pm	25 Sewing Circle Machine Embroidery Club—Pudgies 6 to 9pm	26 40 Shades of Color Session 2 Week 3 of 3 10:30 am to 1:30pm UFO 5pm	27 Hoop Sisters—Sewn Seeds Month 5 9am to noon Pillow Fight Noon to 3pm
28	29 Sewing Circle <i>Leap Day!</i>					

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