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Jennifer's Blog

Spring is here! Ok, not officially for a couple of weeks but the week that this is being written and printed it seems like it is! **We will be closed** on Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd for our Spring Retreat! If you are not with us I am sorry! Next time you do not want to miss this event! We will re-open on Monday 4/4/16 at Noon!

Did you all see my Breaking News? Handi Quilters and Pittsburgh's own Debbie Brown is coming back to Quilters Depot for four great classes. We arranged it so Debbie can come home and spend Mother's Day with her mom and teach at Quilters Depot! Make sure you check out the class descriptions farther in the newsletter and register! This is always a great time and you will learn a lot whether you own a domestic machine or a long arm!

Class Time is up next! We have lots of great classes this month. Let's start in the world of knitting. As always we have Knit Klub on the first Thursday of the month. We also are going to be doing a FROG! Come in and make a really cute green or whatever color you want. This is a ravelry pattern so you can buy in advance or I can print out for you! Kristen will once again have a day and night session. So

if you are interested you have no excuse not to come in!

Quilting 101 starts an evening session in April! You know that means Spring is really here! **Quilting 301** will be doing traditional blocks this month.

It is also Cheater Time at the Depot! You know we all love our cheater panels and our fabrics that you cut and make a quilt top out of with little or no work. Jane has come up with this really awesome Cheater quilt from a Northcott Stonehenge fabric! You will not want to miss this 2 week class! You will definitely get this one done! Come check it out in our window. It is the really pretty blue one by the door!

Since 101 is on Friday nights for the next few weeks we have a two Wednesday's for you that you can come in and work on UFO's! One will be a dual UFO and piecemaker. The other is a true UFO. We will also have a second

Piecemakers on the last Tuesday as always! **Free Motion Quilting** is back at Quilters Depot. Peggy will be teaching this very popular class in April. It is an all day class and we will make sure you get fed while you learn how to master and conquer free motion quilting! We also have Month 7 of Hoop Sisters Sewn Seeds. Did you see that we will be doing the new BOM by Hoop Sisters? It is called Elegant Elements and we will be starting in May! I hope to have the first pictures in the next newsletter and all the information soon! If you are interested; stop by and get on the list. It will be a Saturday session that overlaps with the other BOM for a few months.

For Machine Embroidery Club, Verna will be doing another Moose B Stitchn Design. This month make yourself a new checkbook cover! You will want to make these for everyone for Christmas!

Brother Time makes an appearance this month. Come in and test drive one of the Brother Embroidery machines that we have by making this very vintage design. You can even personalize it with your name or someone else's! All you need is to show up! This is a free Event. It takes approximately a 1/2 hour so call a schedule a time between 10am and 2pm. We will have 3 or 4 machines set up for you to play on!

Remember the one with the most stash wins!

Jenn



brother
at your side



April 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 (there will be one week off in May due to Debbie Brown's visit) that will repeat often. Space is limited to give you the attention you need! Hurry and Register! Spring is here and that means an evening session! **When: Fridays, April 8th-May 27th @5:30 to 8:30pm** **Cost:** \$85 + supplies. (if you buy your supplies with us you will get a 10 gift card). **Teacher:** Pauline Shushnar



Quilting 301: Block Party—Segment 3. Traditional Blocks Our next learning experience for 301 will be a traditional unit that needs to be explored. It is instrumental for traditional blocks like the Martha Washington Star, a variation of basic patterns like the

Ohio Star, AND it also stands alone and in conjunction with other shapes for some intriguing quilt settings. Sometimes known as a “Pinch of Salt”, sometimes referred to as “Brave New Work” this unit is a must have to add to your skills list **When:** Tuesday nights, April 12th and 19th @5:30 to 8:30pm. **Cost:** \$30 + supplies. **Teacher:** Debbie Will

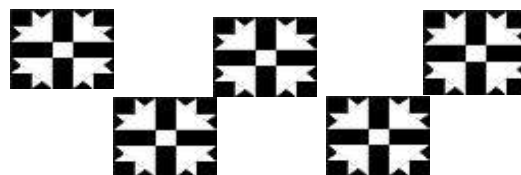
Cheater, Cheater!: If you want a quick and easy quilt; this is the class for you! Made from two “Cheater” fabrics it goes together in no time! No curved seams. Just basic sewing. You do need to be able to cut accurately! We are all about simple and easy and getting stuff done! Check out our sample quilt in the window at the store. This is a TWO week class. **Level:** 100 **When: Session 1:** Fridays, April 15th and 22nd @10:30am to 1:30 pm **Session 2:** Wednesday evenings, April 20th and 27th 5 to 8pm. **Cost:** \$25.00 + supplies. **Teacher:** Jane Casne



Free Motion Quilting w/your Home sewing Machine: We received more requests for the class on free motion quilting with your home sewing machine ...so here it is again. This is a

fun, decorative, and artistic way to quilt your projects. Peggy likes it because she doesn't get puckers in her quilted projects and she can be creative with her designs.

This is an intense one day, all day class. Participants need to know how their sewing machines work (i.e., which includes but is not limited to, how to: wind bobbins, adjust upper and lower tension, adjust the foot pressure, drop their feed dogs, and put their free motion foot on their machines.) Peggy will not have time to make adjustments to individual machines, so your sewing machine manuals are required for this class. Sewing machines should be cleaned (remove that lint!!!!) and oiled before class and in good working order. Refer to the class prerequisites/supply list prior to signing up for this class. Space will be limited. **Level 300:** **When:** Saturday, April 23rd @9am to 3pm! (lunch will be brought in or bring your own.) **Cost:** \$30 +supplies. **Teacher:** Peggy Gibson.



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Brother Time!

Brother Time: Embroider a FREE Vintage Design: Do you have an older machine and want a new one? Have you always wanted to learn to machine embroider. Jenn is hosting a Free Brother Time for you to come test drive one of the store's Brother Embroidery machines while embroidering a vintage design (Smartneedle.com) on a towel! You can even personalize it! This event is broken into 4 sessions 1 hour each with 4 people. We will have a Dream, 5100, 3500D and a 780D set

up for use. First come to pick which machine to use! **Level:** 100. **When:** Saturday, April 16th. **Ses-**

sion 1: 10-11am. **Session 2:** 11am to noon. **Session 3:** noon to 1pm. **Session 4:** 1 to 2pm. **Cost:** \$free\$ **Hosted by:** Jenn Shushnar.



Knitting:

Knitting: Kermit Time! Welcome spring with this cute little knitted frog. The pieces for this frog are knitted flat on straight needles and then assembled, so anyone can do it! Once again



we are doing day and night sessions! **Level:** 100. **When: Session 1:** Mondays, April 11th and 18th @10am to 1pm. **Session 2:** Thursday nights, April 14th and 21st @5:30 to 8:30pm. **Cost:** \$25 + pattern + supplies. **Teacher:** Kristen Strom. **Pattern:** Ravelry Sarah Gasson Frog.

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! **When:** Thursday, 4/7/16 @5pm. **Cost:** \$FREE\$

Saturday Sampler: It's a Doll's Life: BEEatrice: You will be continuing to work on Beatrice this month. **When:** Saturday, April 30 @ Noon to 3pm.

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:** Wednesday, April 6th and Tuesday, April 26th @5 to 8pm. **FREE\$**

Machine Embroidery— Checkbook Cover: Tired of your old checkbook cover? Come make a new one at April's Machine Embroidery Club! Choose one of the three

designs to make. You will want to start on all your Christmas gifts with this club! Bring your machine (any make) along with your 5x7

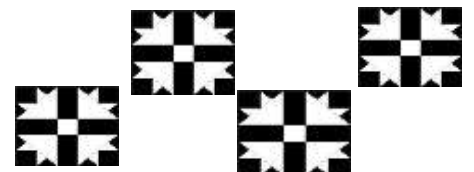


hoop and embroidery notions. **When:** 1) Thursday, 4/21 @1 to 4pm. 2)

Thursday 4/28 @6 to 9pm. **Cost:** \$15 includes designs and a kit! **Hosted by:** Verna Spargo.

Hoop Sisters: Saturday Session: It's time for Month 7! Bring your machines or just bring your USB. This is your time to get some embroidery done away from the family! **When:** Sat. April 30th 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, April 5th @5 to 8pm or Saturday April 9th @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!



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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! Our Fridays are busy with Quilting 101 in April so we are mixing your UFO's up. All UFO's start at 5pm! **When: Wednesday, April 6th, and Wednesday, April 13th Cost:** \$free\$ in April!

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 fami-

ly 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

Hoop Sisters—2016 BOM Elegant Elements

Starting on the last Saturday in May we will be starting the newest Hoop Sisters Machine Embroidery BOM!

The cost will be \$150 or \$15. Supplies are extra.

Interested? More information will be coming! Check out their picture though!



Join us as
Debbie Brown of Handi Quilter
Returns to Quilters Depot!
Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7th, 2016

Classes and Times: \$40/class. Register/Pay for all 4 and get a free gift on the day of the event!

Friday, 5/6/16 1 to 4pm. Sit Down Quilting Boot Camp Basics

Do you quilt on a sewing machine, but long for more space? Do you have limited space for a quilting machine, and prefer to sit down to quilt? Come see how the HQ Sweet Sixteen will solve those problems and help you finish quilts of any size! The machine features make free-motion quilting a breeze, and additional creative feet and gadgets take you far beyond meandering and stitch-in-the-ditch. Topics include: • Built-in machine features • Stitch Regulation with Tru-Stitch • Pattern application and Golden Threads paper • Basting layers and manipulating the quilt • Creative machine feet, rulers and gadgets

Friday, 5/6/16 5 to 8pm. Machine Quilting Problem Solving

Every quilter runs into common problems such as how to deal with fullness, how to create a square quilt, and how to handle crooked seams. Now you can learn the same tips and tricks professionals use to solve these problems in order to finish quilts that look spectacular. Shortcuts, specialty tools, organizational tricks – you're sure to have some aha moments in this class. Topics include: • Creating a square quilt • Batting guidelines • Dealing with fullness • Turning a quilt • Binding on the frame

Saturday, 5/7/16 9am to noon. Free Motion Quilting Fun

Quilters everywhere LOVE the excitement and fun of free-motion quilting – and it's easier than you think! Create flowing designs by connecting simple design elements with continuous lines, traveling across the quilt or filling in a specific area. Learn how drawing and muscle memory contribute to beautiful free-motion quilting, and how you can create stunning designs without being a natural artist. Topics include: • Applying designs to fill space evenly • Variety of easy fillers • Dot-to-dot quilting • Various methods for connecting design elements • Using micro handles for free-motion control

Saturday, 5/7 1pm to 4pm. Backgrounds, Borders and Blocks

Blocks, backgrounds, sashings and borders – these are the basic components of every pieced quilt top, and there are tricks to quilting them differently while creating a cohesive overall look. Learn how to select and adapt designs to complement each area, and how to accomplish the quilting efficiently and easily. Tried-and-true fillers and go-to designs will be featured. Topics include: • Continuous line designs for sashing and borders • Different ways to quilt the same block • Turning a quilt • Using rulers and templates • Extending designs into borders

Event Educator : **Debbie Brown**

Debby Brown has been a Handi Quilter educator since 2005 and has inspired quilters all around the globe. In addition to teaching at retail shop events and guilds, Debby teaches at major quilt shows nationally and internationally, including International Quilt Festival (Houston), Australasian Quilt Convention (AQC), International Quilt Show Dubai, and American Quilters Society (Lancaster, DesMoines). She recently filmed a series of DVDs about sit-down machine quilting featuring the HQ Sweet Sixteen®. Since Debby began quilting in 1986, she has completed several thousand quilts for herself and others. When not busy teaching, she is constantly creating in her studio in upstate New York. She and her husband were just promoted to “grandma and grandpa” and are very enthusiastic about their new roles! Debby writes a popular quilting blog, *Quilty Pleasures* (higherhands.blogspot.com). She regularly uploads quilting videos to YouTube ([debbybrownquilts](http://debbybrownquilts.com)). Her teaching calendar, books, and more information are listed on her website debbybrownquilts.com

April 2016

National Serger Month, National Decorating Month, Customer Loyalty Month, National Pets are Wonderful Month, Keep America Beautiful Month, and Garden Month

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