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# Quilters Depot

It's a Quilt Store & So MUCH MORE!

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If we have classes we are open for you!

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## Jennifer's Blog



brother  
at your side



It's a snowy Sunday as I write this. Not heavy here in Castle Shannon and above freezing so that means only the cars and bushes seem to be getting covered. Decided not to even go out for food. Will eat from the stash for the week! Onyx was being needy this morning so I lost about an hour of chore time. Do you ever feel like you wish after two years they started to talk like real kids? **Spring Retreat** is fast approaching! As I write this we do have about 7 spots left. Get registered. Whether we are full or not registration cuts off on March 3! **Debby Brown** is returning to the Depot for 4 classes in April. On Friday, April 20th she will be doing a Amara Boot Camp and also a Sweet Sixteen Boot Camp. Then on Saturday, April 21st, it will be all about rulers. You will get some oldies but goodies and then you will get a chance to try out and buy all the new ones from 2017! Check out the attached information for the times of each class and get registered! **Are you a Kimberbell fan?** Stay tuned we will be having a Brother/Kimberbell 2 day event in May! Come learn to use the Dream2 machine while making some really great Kimberbell projects! Stay tuned for more information



on this great event! We have some great classes for you in April. **Let's start with Crochet and Knitting!** I have always wanted to make a ripple afghan. I can remember the ones from my Grandma's house all those years ago but my crocheting was never to the point that I could figure out how to do one. Then I started to knit. Still could not figure it out. March is my chance and yours. You choose whether you are going to crochet or knit. You choose the size. That's all you need to do other than register and show up so you can learn this timeless pattern! There is also the usual Klub on the first Thursday. Still working on your pet bed? Great time to get some work done on it! **Quilting 101** starts another round in March on Monday afternoons! Are you newly retired and wanting to learn how to quilt. Do you just want to learn and have been putting it off? Now is

the time. **Have you** seen the Stained Glass quilt on the wall in the classroom. I have been waiting for this class to happen so I can have it for my apartment. You too can have one for your house, apartment or to gift to the special person in your life. Come learn this technique and walk out with an really great quilt or wall hanging. **Have you** ever made a Bargello? You know how simple they are. Did you know there are more advanced patterns out there for Bargellos? A few years ago we had a class that the Bargello to me looked like the twin towers. This month we will be doing the Stone Harbor Bargello. Check out the picture in the detail of the newsletter and get ready for an awesome class! **Finally, but not** least Embroidery club will be making Easter Treat Bags. If you have not seen the samples that Verna has made in person stop in and you will want to join the club. Remember our club is open to all makes and models. We prefer you have an USB for transferring of files but we are open to everyone! **We have a lot of** Sewing circles and UFO's for you this month. Are you a behind on a lot of projects. Stupid question, right? I have so many I want to finish and start that they never seem to happen. I might not be around during the days for sewing circles, but I too use the UFO's to work on projects just like you do. I might do work for an hour, but then I try to work on my projects too. Won't you join me! *Remember the one with the most stash*

# March 2018 @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 Space is limited to give you the attention you need! We are doing a Saturday for those of you that work during the week! **When:** Mondays, March 5th to Monday, April 16th @1 to 4pm. **Cost:** \$85 + supplies. (if you buy your supplies with us you will get a 10 gift card).

**Teacher:** Pauline Shushnar



**Stained Glass Quilt:** If you have a Layer Cake or 10" inch squares laying around it will make this quilt a quick, easy and stunning throw. You can make it bigger by just adding a few more squares! Have you seen the blue version at the store. It's Jenn when you all are done with the

class! Please register ahead of time so we know how many templates to order! This is a TWO week class! **When: Session 1:** Tuesdays, March 6th and 13th @ 1 to 4pm. **Session 2:** Saturdays, March 10th and 24th @noon to 3pm. **Cost:** \$25 + supplies (fabric, pattern and template). **Teacher:** Pauline Shushnar



**Stone Harbor Bargello:** Let your quilt reflect a favorite place by following arrangement in your piecing. This quilt requires 22 fabrics, plus borders, to suggest sea, sky, water, forest or shore in an



eye appealing spectrum of color values. The finished size, 44x44, lends itself well to free motion quilting. Joan's "Stone Harbor" has been quilted with a flock of seagulls. Class fee includes printed directions for cutting and assembly. Please stop in ahead of class time to select your fabrics. Check your stash,

too, for inspiration and additions to your bargello spectrum! This is a THREE week class: **When: Session 1:** Wednesday, March 14th, 21st and 28th @1 to 4pm. **Session 2:** Wednesday, March 14th, 21st and 28th @5:30 to 8:30pm. **Cost:** \$30 + supplies. **Teacher:** Joan Kugler

## Knitting/Crochet:

**Crochet/Knit: Ripple/Chevron Afghan:** Learn how knit -- or crochet -- a classic ripple/chevron afghan.

Or if you haven't made one in years, brush up on your skills! This is a two week class. Level 200 -- **Supplies: Knit** -- Size 9 circular knitting needle, 36" long (I'm assuming that you can order the longer ones?) For full size afghan: Red Heart Super Saver, 4 skeins Main Color, 2 skeins Color A, 1 skein Color B **Cro-**



**chet** -- Size I/9 crochet hook For full size afghan: Caron One Pound, 2 skeins Main Color, 1

skein Color A, 1 skein Color B. **When: Session 1:** Thursdays, March 15th and 29th @5:30 to



8:20pm. **Session 2:** Saturdays, March 1th and 31st @noon to 3pm. **Teacher:** Emily Klaczik

# March@Quilters Depot Continued

## 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 ideas on classes you want to see? Come discuss them with us so that we provide you with the classes you want!

**When:** Thursday, 3/1 @5:30pm.

**Cost:** \$FREE\$

### Machine Embroidery Club—

These are the treat bags that started it all. The bunnies and chicks with their bright spring colors will look adorable in Easter Baskets. Fill them with chocolate bunnies or gift cards. All machine brands are welcome as they have an USB port and at least a 5x7 hoop! **When:** **When:** **Session 1:** Thursday, March 15th @1 to 4pm. **Session 2:** Thursday, March 22nd @6 to 9pm **Cost:** \$20 **Hosted by:** Verna Spargo.



## Sewing Circles & UFO

**UFO nights:** We have three UFO's for you in March. It's a great time to take a night for yourself after the rush of the holidays! Get some projects done for yourself! **Check the calendar** and come on in!

**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 dates!**

## On Demands

### 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 see if class is available for on demand (not all are!) and schedule the time, class, price and the teacher. Prices vary depend-

ing 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.

## 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! To Rent our machines all you have to do is take the class!

Have a Handi Quilter? We do service, updates and upgrades. Come talk to Jenn. Cynthia is our new Tech! She is ready to clean 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! The new 20" Amara is here! Call for a demo or call to arrange your classes! We have three classes to offer you. LongArm I, Prostitcher (prereq.: Long arm I) and Sit Down Quilting on the Sweet 16. Call, email or come in for more information!

**Need a Quilt Long Armed?** Don't forget if you need a quilt long armed, Jenn is the person to see. Whether it's just a quick meander job or an edge to edge design on the Pro Stitcher. (Go through designs or we can always increase the design stash!) Email Jenn or come talk to her. She's here in the evenings and on Saturdays!





Quilters Depot Welcomes  
Handi Quilter Educator  
Debby Brown



For two days of classes!  
Come welcome her back home to the burgh and learn skills that can be used on any machine!

## Friday, April 20th @1pm to 4pm \$40

### STAND-UP LONGARM MACHINE QUILTING BASICS

Does longarm quilting interest you, and you'd like to learn more about it? Or do you just want a review of longarm basics? This class removes the mystery of longarm quilting by explaining machine and frame elements and features, how to load a quilt, and vital facts about thread, needles and tension. Handi Quilter longarm and frame systems come in various sizes for every budget, are user-friendly because they are designed by a quilter, for quilters – just like you!

#### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Basic machine and frame elements and features
- Bobbins, tension, needles, and thread
- How to load a quilt onto a frame
- Quilting with Groovy Boards and pantographs
- Rulers, Micro Handles, and basic free motion

## Friday, April 20th @5pm to 8pm \$40

### SIT-DOWN MACHINE-QUILTING BASICS

Do you quilt on a sewing machine, but long for more space? Are you unsure if you are “doing it right”? Come discover how the HQ Sweet Sixteen machine, plus tools and tips, can improve the quality of your work and the pleasure of your quilting experience. The machine's features make free-motion quilting a breeze, and additional creative feet and gadgets open a whole new world beyond meandering.

#### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Built-in machine features and stitch regulation with TruStitch
- Bobbins, tension, needles, and threads
- Pattern application and Golden Threads paper
- Basting layers and manipulating the quilt
- Creative machine feet, rulers, and gadgets

## Saturday, April 21 @9am-Noon \$40

### RULER ESSENTIALS

If you love precision and consistency in your quilting designs, you will love using design rulers and templates! These handy tools assist in placing designs accurately and stitching them out precisely. Learn to handle rulers and templates safely with the ruler base and Sure Foot, and how to achieve accuracy with the markings. The wide variety of Handi Quilter rulers will inspire you to new design heights.

#### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Handle rulers safely
- Understand and use ruler markings for precision and accuracy
- Use piecing lines and marking tools to build ruler design confidence
- Versa tool quilting: stitch-in-the-ditch, cross-hatch, piano keys, clamshells, and arcs
- Apply binding with the HQ VersaTool®

## Saturday, April 21 @1pm to 4pm \$40

### NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Handi Quilter continually adds new rulers to the line-up and you will welcome them with open arms. Come learn about their features, how to use them and what you can accomplish with this cadre of handy new rulers. Sized to fit your hand and designed to make ruler work easier, you'll be reaching for these rulers again and again!

#### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Customize your quilt with crosshatching and straight-line quilting from every angle.
- Develop an inventory of arc designs you'll love.
- Perfect pebbles are now in reach.
- Reshape the clamshell for an updated modern look.
- Learn about how stitch-in-the-ditch quilting can be both fun and easy to do!

# Debby Brown

Handi Quilter National Educator



A seamstress from her youth, Debby transitioned into quilting while expecting her first child. Thirty years and thousands of quilts later, she is an award-winning quilter who has published quilts, patterns, articles and columns in major quilting magazines, and authored 2 books. She teaches at national and international quilting shows, has filmed HQ Sweet Sixteen® instructional DVDs and has taught multiple machine quilting classes on Craftsy. Since Debby's relationship with Handi Quilter began a decade ago, she has owned almost every machine produced by Handi Quilter. She currently quilts using the HQ Sweet Sixteen®, the HQ Simply Sixteen®, the HQ Fusion® with Pro-Stitcher® and the entire family of HQ Stitch® machines. Debby is obsessed with the precision of ruler quilting on domestic, sit-down and longarm machines and spices up those lines with whimsical free-motion

quilting that appeals to quilters of all skill levels. When not traveling to spread her fun brand of quilting, Debby creates in her studio in New York's beautiful Hudson Valley. Debby and her husband enjoy plotting how best to spoil their grandchildren. Debby's list of trunk shows and advanced, customized, specialty classes is available at <http://www.debbybrownquilts.com/lecturesworkshops>

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# March 2018



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				1  <b>Crochet/Knit Klub</b> 5pm	2 <b>Sewing Circle</b>	3 <b>Machine Embroidery—Calendar Club</b> 9am to noon Month 3 of 5
4	5 <b>Quilting 101</b> Week 1 of 7 1 to 4pm	6 <b>Stained Glass</b> Session 1: Week 1 of 2 1 to 4pm	7 <b>Sewing Circle</b>	8	9  <b>UFO</b> 5pm	10 <b>Stained Glass</b> Session 2 Week 1 of 2 Noon to 3pm
11	12 <b>Quilting 101</b> Week 2 of 7 1 to 4pm	13 <b>Stained Glass</b> Session 1: Week 2 of 2 1 to 4pm	14 <b>Stone Harbor Bargello</b> Week 1 of 3  Session 1: 1 to 4pm  Session 2: 5:30 to 8:30	15 <b>Machine Embroidery club: Easter Treat Bag</b> 1 to 4pm  <b>Knit/Crochet: Ripple Afghans</b> Week 1 of 2 5:30 to 8:30pm	16 <b>Sewing Circle</b>  <b>UFO</b> 5pm	17 <b>Knit/Crochet: Ripple Afghans</b> Week 1 of 2 Noon to 3pm
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