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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

When you read this we will have sprung forward and will be days away from the start of spring! Are you as excited as I am! I love it being lighter longer!

Remember, we will be closed on Friday, March 24th and Saturday, March 25th for our Quilters Depot Spring Retreat! You can start getting your deposits in for October 13th, 14th and 15th as you read this. That's right Fall Retreat has been scheduled. Put it on your calendar and tell your family you are going to not plan anything that weekend!

Do you love Machine Embroidery? Do you want to do a BOM? I am going to be starting the 2017 Hoop Sisters Charmed Adventure in April. You pick the day of the month that you would like to pick up your files and get your hints for the ten months! Do you want to do the 2016 Elegant Elements? You can also still do that one on demand also! Come check out the finished quilt that Jenn made!

I have two Handi Quilter Announcements! First if you are going to the Three Rivers Quilt Show out at the Meadowlands Casino make sure you drop by our booth. We will have the Avante and Sweet Sixteen set up for you to play with! We will have some great deals for you

those days as well! The second announcement has to do with the Pro Stitcher. The Pro Stitcher class has been suspended for now. Handi Quilter has released a new version of the software. So somewhere in my schedule I have to update the machine and then learn to use it before I can teach it to you. Give me maybe until the end of May? Cross your fingers I can find a day to take a vacation day and get that done!

Classes for April include Peggy's Free Motion Quilting. Yes, this is the class that there is usually a waiting list. Do not wait to sign up. You will be required to pay at signup. Space is limited. It is an all day class so we will make sure you have food. Most importantly this is a level 300 class. You must know your machine and know how to drop your feed dogs! There is pre-work so come and register and get your instructions! I think we already have 2

people registered!

Kathleen's Mug Rug for the month is called Blue Skies and Sunshine! You don't want to miss this one! Have I mentioned that mug rugs are the "in" thing to be making?

Are you the grocery shopper who never seems to have enough bags for your purchases? Or have you gone green and you do not like to use the plastic grocery bags? Emily has the solution for you! If you are a knitter or a crocheter then come in and make a Grocery Bag or as many as you need to get your groceries home! **Jane has a great** quilting class for you this month. It's a Quartered Stripe Quilt! It is a Jenny Doan Pattern and we will have them for you to purchase. You will definitely want to get in on this class!

Joan has a great Quilter's Tote class for you! You can fit just about everything except the sewing machine into this bag! That might be a lie though. If you have a small machine that even might fit in!

Verna, has a great in the hoop pouch you can make for the granddaughter in your life or even maybe one for yourself!

Finally, Beth will be starting a block exchange in May. Make sure you read the write-up farther in the newsletter for all the information on how you can get in on the fun! You need to sign up before the end of May. Another email will be going out also! *Remember the one with the most stash wins!* Jenn



brother
at your side



April 2017 @Quilters Depot

Quilting:

Quartered Stripes: Using a striped fabric you get an illusion of squares upon squares. You will be shown the difference between using a symmetrical and an asymmetrical stripe. We will be using a Jenny Doan Pattern that you will have to buy to participate in this class. This is a beginners level class so yes you can do it! Check out the pictures. That is the same quilt in two different colors! **Level: 100. When: Session 1:** Tuesday Evenings, April 11th and 25th @ 5:30 to 8:30pm. **Session 2:** Fridays, April 7th and 21st @ 10:30am to 1:30pm. **Cost:** \$25 + supplies + pattern. **Teacher:** Jane Casne.



Free Motion Quilting with 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 8th @9am to 3pm! **Cost:** \$30 + supplies. **Teacher:** Peggy Gibson



Quilter's Tote: This tote is the one you will want to have for all your fabric or fiber projects. It is designed to fit your rotary cutting tool, cutting mat, materials and project along with purse, phone and more. There are a total of eight pockets inside and out, a reinforced bottom and extra-long



shoulder straps. The example is made of upholstery fabric, but yours could be made from quilted fabric, canvas or any other

durable choice. Joan will provide the pattern piece dimensions and construction guidelines. **Level: 100. When: Session 1:** Wednesdays, April 12th and 19th @1 to 4pm. **Session 2:** 5:30 to 8:30pm. **Cost:** \$30 + supplies. **Teacher:** Joan Kugler.

Tuesday Sampler

Tuesday Sampler: 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 "Blue Skies and Sunshine" **When:** Tuesday, April 4 @5:30 to 8:30pm. **Cost: \$FREES just the cost of any supplies. Teacher:** Kathleen Libell

April 2017 @Quilters Depot Continued

Knitting/Crochet:

Knitting/Crochet: Go "green" and bring your own knitted and crochet grocery bags to the supermarket. They make up quickly using cotton yarn and are very sturdy.

MATERIALS:

Knit: 3 skeins cotton yarn (Lily Sugar and Cream or Bernat Handicrafter) Size 8 circular knitting needles, 16" or 24" diameter
Size 13 circular knitting needles, 16" or 24" diameter
Removable stitch marker
Yarn needle

Crochet: 3 skeins cotton yarn (Lily Sugar and Cream or Bernat Handicrafter) Crochet hook size G/7
Removable stitch marker
Yarn needle
Level: 100. **When:** Thursday, April 20th @5:30 to 8:30. **Cost:** \$20.
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 ideas on classes you want to see? Come discuss them with Emily so that we provide you with the classes you want!

When: Thursday, 4/6/17 @5pm.

Cost: \$FREE\$

Machine Embroidery Club—

Pouch: This month we will be making a pouch for the young girl or older girl in your life. It's uses are endless. It is made entirely in the hoop, including the zipper! Bring your machine, thread and notions! As always all embroidery machines are welcome! **When: Session 1:** Thursday, April 13th @1 to 4pm.
Session 2: Thursday evening, April 27th @6 to 9pm! **Cost:** \$15. **Hosted by:** Verna Spargo.



Sewing Circles & UFO

UFO nights: We have two UFO's for you in April. 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).

On Demand

Check the calendar for the dates!
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 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.



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

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! Jenn will be starting at the retreat! \$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
This class has been suspended for the time being until Jenn installs the new software and learns how to use it!

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.



May to December Romantic Block Swap!

Hosted by Beth Rossana

Sign up by April 30th!

What is it? A quilt block exchange! Each month, May through December, a different participating quilter will select a block they would like made for them. When it is your month, or two depending on number of quilters who join in, you send the directions and color preferences to the hostess, and she will then send it out to everyone. On or before the 25th of the month, you will receive blocks made from the other participants. The other months, you agree to make a block for someone else. At the end, everyone should have 9 blocks to make a project. This is a 9 month commitment. There is a one time cost of \$30 to cover supplies if you do not make a block. Participants acknowledge that everyone does not have the same skill level and keep that in mind when choosing a block.

April 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Quilt As You Go: Week 2 of 2 9am to noon <i>April Fool's / Day</i>
2	3 <i>Find a Rainbow Day!</i>	4 Tuesday Sampler Mug Rugs: Blue Skies and Sunshine 5:30 to 8:30 pm	5 Sewing Circle <i>Pillow Fight Day!</i>	6 Knit/Crochet Klub 5pm <i>Tartan Day!</i> <i>Teflon Day!</i>	7 Quartered Stripes Session 1 Week 1 of 2 10:30am to 1:30pm UFO	8 Free Motion Quilting 9am to 3pm <i>Zoo Lovers Day!</i>
9 <i>Palm Sunday!</i> <i>Cherish an Antique Day!</i>	10 <i>Siblings Day!</i> <i>Full Moon!</i>	11 Quartered Stripes Session 2 Week 1 of 2 5:30 to 8:30pm <i>Passover!</i> <i>Pet Day!</i>	12 Quilters Tote Week 1 of 2 Session 1: 1 to 4pm Session 2 5:30 to 8:30pm	13 Machine Embroidery Club: Pouch 1 to 4pm	14 Sewing Circle <i>Good Friday!</i>	15
16 <i>Easter</i>	17 Sewing Circle <i>Tax Day!</i>	18 Piecemakers 5pm to 8pm <i>Wear your Pajamas to Work Day!</i>	19 Quilters Tote Week 1 of 2 Session 1: 1 to 4pm Session 2 5:30 to 8:30pm	20 Knit/Crochet: Grocery Bag 5:30 to 8:30pm <i>Get to know Your customer day!</i>	21 Quartered Stripes Session 1 Week 2 of 2 10:30am to 1:30pm UFO	22 <i>Earth Day!</i> <i>Jelly Bean Day!</i>
23	24	25 Quartered Stripes Session 2 Week 2 of 2 5:30 to 8:30pm	26 <i>Binding Day!</i> <i>Hug a Friend Day!</i>	27 Machine Embroidery Club: Pouch 6 to 9pm <i>Tell a Story Day!</i>	28 <i>Arbor Day!</i>	29 <i>5th Saturday!</i> <i>Zipper Day!</i>
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