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Quilters Depot

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Quilters Depot Hours: Mon-Wed & Fri 10am to 6pm Thurs: 10am to 8pm

Sat: 9am to 3pm Sun: CLOSED!

If we have classes we are open for you!

September/October 2018 Volume 10 Issue 1

Jennifer's Blog

Where are the days going! I can't believe we're already talking about October classes! We have a lot to cover this month and it's mostly deep in the newsletter so make sure you flip all the pages or open and page down!

First, we will be closed on Friday and Saturday, October 5th and 6th or our Fall Retreat! If you didn't sign up man are you missing an awesome time!

Second, I promised you a meet the staff section. Check out the pictures and the write ups each sales associate or teacher did! Get to know us! You will want to come meet all of them!

Next up Mom and I believe that the most important thing to the survival of the quilting industry is involving the younger generations. With this in mind we have joined an organization called *Sew Teach Me*. Through this organization we will be offering a free four week class to teach the kids (ages 8-18) how to sew. There is a second level course if they wish to continue for a nominal fee. There is a page further in the newsletter. What we need from you our loyal customers is your support. We are looking for Mentors (those who teach), Donators to cover the costs of the class and possible supplies. All mentors

will need to go through a background check which if we get enough donations will be reimbursed to you. If interested please contact Jenn! The last thing we need from you is for you to talk about what we are doing! The only way we are going to find kids is to mention it in our groups and churches and to teachers you may know! We thank you in advance!

Time to talk about October Classes! We have three sewing/quilting classes for you this month. The first is the Big Block 2 Quilt. If you have been in the store you've seen these in the store. We have done them in the past and are repeating the this one! It's easy and it's fun. Come spend some of our your fall time with us!

The second class is a technique class that Joan is going to teach. The class is the Iris technique. There are a lot of things you will be able to do once you learn

the technique.

The third class is a Make N Take! You know you all love to walk out of a class with a finished product! Come make this circular clutch and you will want to make them for Christmas! **In the world of knitting/crochet**, Emily is going north of the border for inspiration! Time to learn how to make a knitted or crocheted maple leaf! You probably know how to do it quilting but you can do it with yarn too! I definitely will be in this class, but being me will probably make mine a black and gold maple leaf!

Verna has the cutest machine embroidery club for you this month (Aren't they always?). This month she will be showing you how to do a cupcake potholder. **Verna is also** going to host a very special event in October. It's called Know your Dream/(Destiny) and it's for those of you who either have a Dream or Destiny but haven't used it much or those of you who "dream" of having a high end machine but don't want to buy a new car. We have some great deals on new Dreams. In this class, Verna will be showing you how to do two to three things that will make you want one! We may even be able to show you the new machine by then! Yes, I'm impatient for my new baby the Luminaire to come in!

Don't forget the last Hoop Sisters Session or UFO's or Sewing circles! Check the calendar!

Remember the one with the most stash wins



brother
at your side



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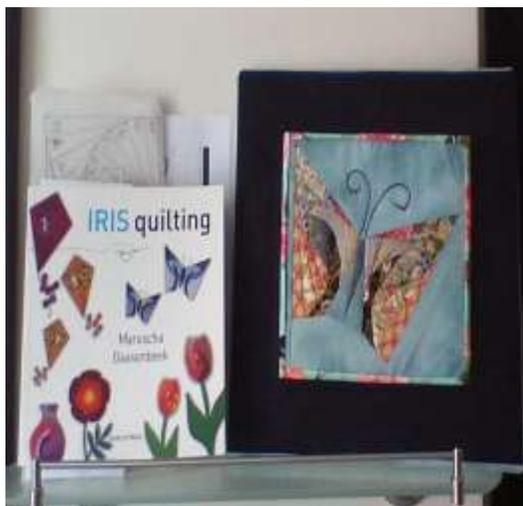
Quilting:

Big Block Quilt 2: Come join Pauline as she returns to this favorite quilt class. BQ2 is a maple Island Quilts. The BQ2 can be made in four different size. Choose a focal fabric and add coordinating colors and the blocks are done quickly! No border required to make this a quick quilt! **Level:** 200. **When:** Tuesday's, October 9th, and 16th @10:30 am to 1:30pm **Cost:** \$25 + pattern and supplies. **Teacher:** Pauline Shushnar



Iris Quilting: IRIS quilting is a technique developed by Marsha Gaasenbeek which features a unique arrangement of fabric pieces to create what she describes as swirling motion in each finished pattern. This class will be based upon her book of 16 different patterns. You will choose the design you prefer and create a block that can then be your focal point in a finished project – think pillow, framed piece, small hanging for wall or door, purse, runner, small quilt, vest back...up to you! Joan will

walk you through making the block you choose in the first and second sessions. The third session will be devoted to applying your block to a finished project. The sample shown has been finished by mounting it onto an artist's canvas block. Jenn has ordered a couple copies of the book off Amazon. Please register early. Price of book depends on Amazon but first copies are the same price. This is a THREE week class. **Level:** 300. **When:** Wednesdays, October 10th, 17th and 24th. **Session 1:** 1 to 4pm. **Session 2:** 5:30 to 8:30. **Cost:** \$30 + price of book and supplies. **Teacher:** Joan Kugler.



Make N Take:

Make N Take: Circular Clutch: This clutch is a super quick idea! It can be any size you want from small enough to tuck in your purse to large enough to use as a cross-body or wristlet style. It requires just one or two fat quarters, a nylon zipper, a piece of iron-on interfacing or batting and a plate to trace around for your perfect circle. Joan will provide the pattern and instructions. This can be completed in an hour. A great stash buster!! **When:** 1) Friday, October 19th @1 to 4pm, 2) Friday, October 19th @5:30 to 8:30pm 3) Monday, October

22nd @10:30 am to 1:30pm. **Cost:** \$15 + supplies. **Teacher:** Joan Kugler



Knitting/Crochet:

Crochet/Knitting: Maple Leaf Block. Autumn Leaf, sometimes called Maple Leaf is a popular quilt square design, but did you know that you can knit or crochet it too? We'll be teaching both! **Level:** 200

Supplies: For both: Caron Soft or comparable medium weight yarn — One skein for the background (Color A), one skein for the leaf (Color B), Yarn needle, **Knit version:** pair of size 8 knitting needles

Crochet version: size I crochet hook.

When: **Session 1:** Thursdays, October 11th and 18th @5:30 to 8:30pm. **Session 2:** Saturdays, October 13th and 20th @noon to 3pm. **Cost:** \$30 + supplies. **Teacher:** Emily Klaczak.



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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, October 4th @5:00pm. **Cost:** \$FREE\$

Machine Embroidery Club:

Witch's Sweet Feet: In October, we will be making cupcake potholders from Golden Needle Designs. You will receive 12 cupcake top designs along with 8 cupcake bottom designs. We will be making the Hershey Kiss top and ribbon bottom. All machines brands are welcome as long as the machine has an USB port. **When: Session 1:** Thursday, September 18th @1 to 4pm. **Session 2:** Thursday, September 25th @6 to 9pm. **Cost:** \$20 **Hosted by:** Verna Spargo.



Sewing Circles &

UFO nights: We have several UFO nights for you (two) this month! 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 and get some of those UFO's finished!

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!**

Blog Blurb: I always run out of space in my blog so you are getting a couple Blog Burbs! Things I should have told you!

******Don't forget:** Jenn does long-arming and Cynthia does memory/t-shirt quilts. Come talk to either to get your quilting needs met. Or even better yet learn the skills you need to join the fun!

On Demands

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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.

Machine Embroidery Special Event!

Machine Embroidery Special Event:

Know your Dream (Destiny) Machine. Do you own a Dream or even a Destiny? Are you overwhelmed and haven't played with all the features of your machine? Have you wondered what all the fuss is about these Top of the Line machines? Verna will be demonstrating (no need to lug your Dream machine in) two to three of the coolest features of the machines. There will be special discounts that day for those who decide to order a "Dream Playbook" and even more deals if you decide you want a Dream. You know the rules. Mickey does not let me tell you so you have to come and watch the demonstrations to get the pricing deal! Even better our floor model of the Luminaire should be in by then and we can show you that one also!

When: Saturday, October 27th @Noon!
Cost: \$FREE\$ **Hosted by:** Verna Spargo.



Miscellaneous @Quilters Depot

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****If you are a renter of our Handi Quilters or would like to be please read the information. There are a few new rules the Pro Stitcher students/renters need to pay attention to Our classes are meant to teach you the basics. If you want to do more advanced we can talk about getting you your own machine!

To Summarize:
Pro Sticher Rental is being increased to \$17/hour.

To take the Pro Stitcher class you will have to have quilted TWO quilts on the machine before you can take the Pro Stitcher class! NO exceptions.

The first time you rent the Pro Stitcher your quilt size and design will have to be approved by Jenn/Cynthia.

Handi Quilter @Quilters Depot

Handi Quilter

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 16 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 Tech! 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 Amara:

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 Thursday 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 Premium

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! You must have rented twice before you can take this class. This will force you to know how to load and thread the machine and cut down on the time Jenn or Cynthia needs to spend with you. **When:** The usual schedule is Thursday evening, Friday Evening and Saturdays or whenever there are night classes and Jenn is on duty! Pro Stitcher is on it's premium edition! Jenn finally figured most of it out! 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? **Cost:** \$25. **Teacher:** Staff

Long Arm Rentals: All rentals must be scheduled through Jenn and is upon availability and working schedule of Jenn and Cynthia.

Meandering: \$10/hour **Hours:** M, T, Fridays 10am to 6pm. Wednesday, 2pm to 6pm. Evening Hours Thursday, Friday and all day Saturday .

Prosticher Premium: \$17/hour **Hours:** M, T, Fridays 10am to 6pm) Wednesday, 2pm to 6pm. Evening Hours 5pm to 8pm Thursday, Friday and all day Saturday 9 am to 3pm! First Quilts must have design and quilt size approved by management. Advanced techniques are not allowed during rentals without prior approval.

All outside bought designs must be approved ahead of time!

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4 Crochet/Knit Klub 5pm	5 Closed: QD Fall Retreat	6 Closed: QD Fall Retreat
7	8  Columbus Day	9 Big Block Quilt Week 1 of 2 10:30am to 1:30pm	10 Iris Quilting Week 1 of 3 Session 1: 1 to 4pm Session 2: 5:30 to 8:30	11 Knitting/Crochet: Maple Leaf Block Session 1: Week 1 of 2 5:30pm to 8:30pm	12 Sewing Circle UFO 5pm	13 Hoop Sisters Bom Month 6 of 6 Noon to 3pm Knitting/Crochet: Maple Leaf Block Session 2: Week 1 of 2 Noon to 3pm
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28	29	30 Sewing Circle	31 - Closing @5pm  Happy Halloween			

Quilters Depot is proud to announce they are partnering with Sew Teach Me to teach our youth how to sew! Four great projects to get them started include. Know a child who wants to learn? Want to be a mentor and help to teach? Want to donate to help us help them? Contact Jenn at the store by email or by stopping in during evenings or Saturdays and get more information!

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Meet the QD Staff!



Back Row (l to r): Cindi Fuselier, Kathy Merante, Jennifer Simonetti, Janet Cross, Emily Klaczak, Joan Kugler
Front Row (l to r): Pauline Shushnar(Mom), Jennifer Shushnar, Cynthia Concha, Verna Spargo

You know Pauline and Jenn and their stories or if you don't they are on the webpage! Here is a snippet from each of our ladies! Match the faces with the names! I am doing them in the order of the picture!

Cindi Fuselier: Cindi Fuselier is a current teacher and previous Sales Associate at Quilters Depot. She has been at QD since 2016. Cindi retired from public education as both a teacher and an administrator following a 35 year career. Currently, she serves as a realtor for Coldwell Banker and Coordinator of Religious Education at St Angela Merici Parish in White Oak. Cindi resides in South Fayette with her husband of 35 years, Pete, and their Maine Coon cat, Lilly.

Kathy Merante: After working 39 years in the health insurance industry, Kathy rekindled her love of sewing. Earlier this year she took her first quilting class (Quilting 101) with Pauline and was hooked. Towards the end of the 7 week class, Kathy inquired about a part time position there. Fortunately a position had come available and Kathy was hired. "Working here is not just a job. I am surrounded by beautiful fabrics and have experienced working on the Dream Machine 2. I have learned so many new techniques from other store members here. I fell in love with the machine embroidery and purchases my own Brother embroidery machine." Along with her love of quilting and Machine Embroidery, Kathy loves to knit and has a purse making obsession!

Jen Simonetti: Fondly known as Jen2 as not to be confused with Boss lady, Jen is still new to quilting. She took the Quilting 101 class in February and loved it. "Every time I am in the store I learn something new, a tip, a technique, a project, and I enjoy sharing what I'm learning."

Janet Cross: "After retiring I was able to pursue my two favorite hobbies: 1) Gardening (I am proud to say that I am a Penn State Master Gardener (class of 2010). It is wonderful group of volunteers dedicated to educating the public on "green" gardening practices and other practical topics. I have made dear friends there. 2)Sewing—I started taking sewing classes for apparel in junior high school. After retiring I took quilting classes with Pauline and an addict was born. Pauline is very patient and generous instructor. As an employee, I am always learning new ways to create projects. But, the highlight of my years is becoming a great-grandmother *twice* in a three week period."

Emily Klaczak: "I live in Baldwin Boro with three cats and a beagle. My grandmother taught me to knit when I was 8, so that I could make sweaters for my Barbie dolls. Later my mother taught me how to crochet and I've been doing both ever since. I love teaching, and love seeing people try new stitches and techniques. My motto is: Teach someone to fish and they will never go hungry, teach someone to knit and/or crochet and they will never have to buy Christmas presents."

Joan Kugler: Joan retired from teaching high school English a few years ago and found her way to Quilters Depot to continue teaching in a new way. Now her projects involve fabric and sewing machines instead of literature books and writing tools. Joan teaches sewing and quilting projects which unleash her students' creativity to produce garments, accessories and décor at the 200 or 300 level. Past projects included jackets, vests, umbrellas, totes, casserole carriers, runners, baskets and more. Joan's classes are built upon her own designs as well as commercial patterns.

Cynthia Concha: Cynthia is a new transplant to the Pittsburgh area, and has been at QD for a little over a year now. She's our Assistant store manager, Handi Quilter Tech and the longarm "babysitter" when you rent time on the Amara in the daylight hours! Cynthia enjoys Foundation Paper Piecing, English Paper Piecing and making custom t-shirt quilts for her clients. She's also getting into the Machine Embroidery craze! You can find her in the store most days, so be sure to ask what new project she's working on. Need a quilt done? Ask her for information and if she has some time for you!

Verna Spargo: After teaching Health and Phys Ed in the Baldwin-Whitehall School District for 31 years, Verna came to Quilters Depot not long after the store opened. "I have always loved to sew and hand embroider and have added knitting to my list of favorite things to do. I came to machine embroidery in 2005 when I retired from teaching. I have enjoyed it ever since. I now tech the machine embroidery club every month at QD and have done so since November 2014. I find different projects/techniques for my ladies to do each month. I like to have them walk out of the class with a finished project. If you have an embroidery machine that works off of a USB and has least a 5x7 hoop, I'd love to have you come join us" What else to know about Verna says Jenn is that she's an avid penguins fan and has been known to be Jenn's sidekick at games!

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