

*A Message from Pat at www.patfergusonquilts.com
Long Arm Quilting, Custom Quilts, Classes, Workshops
April 2009 E-Newsletter*

****SHOP ONLINE on Pat's website****

Check out the shopping cart on www.patfergusonquilts.com. There are many items to choose from including hard to find quilt care & storage products, "BROADS" 108" wide backings, Pat's favorite class supplies, quilting notions and printing on fabric products. Do you need a baby quilt for a shower gift? Perhaps you need a birthday gift for a quilting friend- check out "The Quilter" whimsical print or a **Gift Certificate**. There are many offerings from small to large. Shop at home anytime of day or night and use your credit card for purchases. Visit www.patfergusonquilts.com to see what's new!

I couldn't have done this without my webmaster, Melanie!
Let her know what a great job she has done!

**Gift Certificates* are also available and can be mailed directly to your recipient with a personal note enclosed.*

FANTASY GARDEN on Display at MQX

You may remember "Mini Big Quilt" pieced by Caroline Murphy and machine quilted by Pat Ferguson. Well, Caroline has outdone herself this year with "Fantasy Garden" another beautifully paper pieced quilt with thousands of tiny pieces. The black background with many jewel toned flowers was a longarm quilters playground for Pat. You can see it on display at Machine Quilter's Expo, April 13-18, 2009 at the Radisson in Manchester New Hampshire.

Visit www.MQXShow.com for show events, classes and directions.

For a sneak preview of

"Fantasy Garden" and another look at "Mini Big Quilt" go to

www.patfergusonquilts.com

****Spring Classes 2009****

At Pat's Studio In Ashford, CT

Still a few openings so sign up soon!

Basic Machine Quilting

Sat. April 25, 2009

10am-4:30pm

fee \$45.00-

In this class you will discover the versatility and quickness of quilting with your machine. Stitch-in-the-ditch, under quilting, one step reversible quilting, adding borders and all aspects of quilting with a walking foot will be covered in the first half. Stippling, meandering, echo quilting, drawing and all aspects of free motion quilting will be covered in the second half. Threads, needles, battings, quilt preparation and helpful tools and notions will also be discussed. Learn how to set up an ergonomically correct quilting station for your safety and comfort. You will make actual samples that can be saved for future reference. There is no pressure to complete a project or be perfect in this class. We just play, experiment and have fun! The confidence and know how gained in this class will enable you to complete all of those quilt tops that have been waiting to be quilted!! You should have completed at least one quilt top in order to fully benefit from this class.

***Machine Quilting a Monster**

Sat, May 2, 2009

10am-4:30pm

fee \$45.00-

Many of you have taken the typical machine quilting class where you work on small samples. That's great, but what do you do when you get home and have to face machine quilting a queen size quilt on your own? Pat has machine quilted hundreds of quilts, so she has designed this class especially for those who want hands on instruction on a large quilt of their own. Learn how to fit that monster into your machine and how to maneuver it. Explore options for quilting designs, stencils, threads, needles, tools, where to start and how to proceed. Pat also gives suggestions for setting up an ergonomically safe working area.

NOTE

Before signing up for this class it is best if you have taken Pat's "Basic Machine Quilting" class in order to have your quilt properly layered and to have a solid understanding of basic machine quilting.

Remains to be Seamed

Sat. May 9, 2009

10am-4:30pm

fee \$45.00-

Do you have lots of left over scraps and strips or partially pieced blocks, borders, practice pieces and orphaned blocks from years of quilting? Pack them up and bring them in for a fun day of quilting, using a super fast "remains" method developed by Pat Ferguson. No need to match any seams or points, no color coordinating, anything goes -even those "oldies" and "uglies" that you have been wanting to use up. The more "remains" you bring, the more blocks you can make. Every "remains" block will be unique. We will also explore several possible ways to set your blocks on straight or on point. And how to incorporate "remains" blocks into your border. I encourage fabric trading in class, so clean out your "remains" and bring them all- your "uglies" may be a gorgeous addition to someone else's quilt!
Pat will also have a box of "remains" for you to use.

** Photos on Fabric & Wall Hanging- Converged or Floated*

Sat. June 13, 2009

10am-4:30pm

fee \$45.00-

Plus Photo treatment Kit \$39.00

Are you an amateur photographer with lots of beautiful photos stored in your computer? First, you will learn how to make your own special fusible photo fabric sheets. This process will save you lots of \$- all the more to spend on quilting fabric!

Pat will then teach you how to choose photos to "converge", an artful technique of uniting two separate images into a work of art. Or you may choose to artfully arrange multiple photos in a theme, symmetrically or in an unconventional pattern. We will experiment with your photos printed on paper. (No sewing & no pressure to complete a project). We will audition fabrics and talk about embellishments and quilting to enhance your piece.

You will leave full of ideas and inspirations to complete your photo wall hangings in many imaginative ways.

Photo Fabric Treatment Kit required- will be available at class

32 oz. Bubble Jet Set, 16 oz. Bubble Jet Rinse, soaking tray, protective gloves, freezer paper
1 yd. fabric (enough for 12- 8x10 photos), 10 Steam-A-Seam 2 sheets, Instructions

To Resister: Email pat@patfergusonquilts.com or call 860-429-6999
or fill out this handy registration form and mail.
(registration form is also online along with photos of most classes)

I look forward to seeing you in class!

My goal is to provide you with a super learning experience in a very relaxed and comfortable setting.

Class Registration Form - Spring 2009

Name: _____ Date _____
Address: _____ zip _____
Phone#: _____ Email: _____

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additional Kit fee \$39.00- _____

TOTAL= _____

Please make checks or money orders payable to: Pat Ferguson

Mail to: 109 Fitts Road, Ashford CT. 06278

??questions??

Email pat@patfergusonquilts.com or call 860-429-6999

*Payment (by check or cash) in full is due to register.

*Complete supply list will be mailed or emailed to you upon registration along with directions to Pat's studio.

*Class size is limited (6-8 students) to create the ultimate learning atmosphere.

*No cancellations. (exceptions- inclement weather or less than 3 students)

*Bring a lunch. Refrigerator & microwave available. Pat will supply bottled water, coffee & tea.

*You must have a sewing machine in good working order (and know how to use it) along with basic quilting tools to bring to class.

*Pat provides each student with a 4' table, chair and great lighting.

*Don't forget to bring your machine pedal, reading glasses and a cushion if you wish.

*Plenty of Parking in a lovely & peaceful wooded setting.

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***Long Arm Quilting Services**

***Trunk Shows & Workshops**

***Quilt Care & Storage Products**

"BROADS"-108" Wide Quilt Backings

****Pat is Published****

Pat is now a regular contributor to "ON TRACK" a publication of International Machine Quilter's Association (IMQA) .

The next issue is due out soon and features an article by Pat, entitled "Continuing Education for All Quilters".

How to stay fresh, be energized and pass on the art of quilting. If you would like to read the original article that earned Pat this position, check out the homepage of www.patfergusonquilts.com .

If you would like to subscribe to this worldwide organization who's goal is to further the development and education of private and professional machine quilters by providing a network of support and information, visit www.IMQA.org

****Pat's Pointers for Cutting Safety****

Do you need a safer way to cut your fabric?

Are you fearful of your rotary blade?

Does your ruler slip & slide when cutting fabric strips?

By using the suction "Super Grip" handle on your ruler, you have better leverage to prevent ruler shift. This tool is easy to grip and the handle elevates your fingers away from your rotary cutter.

To see this great new tool at work, go to "online sales" link & click notions at www.patfergusonquilts.com.

Pat is always on the look-out for safety features for students and has found this tool at a really great price of \$14.99

(It is the same one featured as a quilting tool selling for \$20.00- the same quality, made by the same company- the only difference is the color)

****Check out the "Mini-grip" for your smaller rulers & squares for only \$3.00****

Interfaith Sewing & Service Group Quilt Show

*First Congregational Church, Willimantic ~~~June 27, 9-5 June 28, 12-4
Raffle Quilt- Merchants Mall- Quilt Appraisals by Appointment- Refreshments*

For entry forms and information contact Linda Gardner 860-429-7995

www.fccwillimantic.org

Please feel free to forward this E-newsletter to a friend

Happy Quilting!