

*A Message from Pat at [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com)  
Long Arm Quilting, Custom Quilts, Classes, Workshops*

## **March 2009 E-Newsletter**

### **\*\*Check out Pat's website\*\***

This has been a tough winter and in between all the snow shoveling, Pat has been a busy quilting bee improving her website for the benefit her loyal customers. Pat's favorite class supplies and products are now available online with the use of your Master Card or Visa. Do you need a baby quilt for a shower gift or a quilter's birthday gift item? There are many offerings from small to large.

Visit [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com) to see what's new!

\*Quilt care & storage products

\*Notions

\*Gift Items

\*BROADS- wide quilt backings

\*Quilts & Wall Hangings

This is still a work in progress, so visit often to see what is new.

I couldn't have done it without my webmaster, Melanie!

Let her know what a great job she has done!

### **\*\*2008 End of the Year Drawing Winners\*\***

Every time Pat completes a quilt for a customer, that name goes into an end of the year drawing for some great prizes.

This year's prizes and winners are:

**Alice Spencer-** \$25.00 gift certificate-toward long arm machine quilting

**Anne Schwabik-** \$15.00 gift certificate-toward long arm machine quilting

**Donna Sarmiento-**\$10.00 gift certificate-toward long arm machine quilting

**Congratulations to you all!**

## **\*\*Pat is Published\*\***

Pat is now a regular contributor to "ON TRACK" a publication of International Machine Quilter's Association (IMQA). If you would like to read the article that earned her this position, check out the homepage of my website [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://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](http://www.IMQA.org)

## **\*\*Spring Classes 2009\*\***

### **At Pat's Studio In Ashford, CT**

#### **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](mailto:pat@patfergusonquilts.com) or call 860-429-6999  
or fill out the following registration form and mail:

*I look forward to seeing you in class!*

### *\*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](http://www.fccwillimantic.org)

# 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](mailto: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

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**\*Long Arm Quilting Services**

**\*Trunk Shows & Workshops**

**\*Quilt Care & Storage Products**

**"BROADS"-108" Wide Quilt Backings**

# ~~~Pat's Pointers~~~

## \*Sewing Machines for Quilters-What features to look for\*

**I am often asked for advice on sewing machine shopping.**

**~~~~Feel free to print this handy check list~~~~**

There are many machines on the market designed specifically for quilters. Find a reliable brand that you like and visit a well established sewing machine dealer. When you go to quilting classes, watch what machines and brands the students have. Ask them questions- they will be all too happy to share their likes and dislikes.

- \*needle up/down button
- \*needle that adjusts from side to side in tiny increments
- \*ability to adjust the stitch length from tiny stitches to large basting
- \*thread cutter
- \*ability to drop the feed dogs
- \*1/4" foot with small lip or guide on the side
- \*walking foot & free motion foot
- \*good size bed with more hand space and/or an extension table
- \*some decorative quilting stitches- feather, blanket
- \*blind hem stitch for machine appliqué
- \*some electronics will usually include auto tension adjust
- \*anything else you might like for your other sewing needs

**\*\*Always purchase your machine from a sewing machine dealer**- you will have an honored warranty, available classes and someone to talk to if you have problems You will also have the ability to "trade up". You will not get these benefits from the internet, private sellers, or chain stores.

**\*\* A great way to get more bang for your buck**- many customers upgrade their machines. Sewing machine dealers may have an expensive model that has been traded in, affording you a great deal on a model that would be much more expensive if purchased brand new. The dealers sometimes give some kind of a limited warranty with this.

**\*\*Bring a batting sandwich with you** when you are machine shopping. Actually sit down and play with the machine to see if you like the feel of it.

**\*\*Bring a strip or square of your 100% cotton fabric** and sew on it to see if you like the way the machine pieces- you can't get a feel for the stitching and tension on that stiff fabric from the sewing machine store.

**\*\*Compose a list of questions that you have and features that you are looking for** and don't forget to bring it with you- in the excitement of shopping and information overload, you may forget what you actually came for. You don't need a machine that does everything- remember, you can always trade up later.

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