

A Message from Pat [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com)  
*Longarm Quilting, Custom Quilts, Workshops, Trunk  
Shows  
Photos on Fabric Supplies, Quilt Care & Storage  
Products  
"BROADS" 108" Wide Backings*

## September 2009 E-Newsletter

### **\*\*Where Has the Summer Gone?!\*\***

May, June, July and August brought several family events intermingled with quilt shows and quilting workshops.....

In May, Pat taught a wonderful **"Snippy Garden"** workshop to the **Stafford Mill Town Quilters**. We had a feisty and creative group of participants. Visit [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com) to see photos of their class creations.

The **Mill Museum** (411 Main St. Willimantic, CT) displayed many wonderful **"Celebration Quilts"**. Pat had 3 quilts in the show along with quilts by Alice Means, Barbara Barber, Ruth Reichel and many other area quilters. Pat also presented a "Tea &Talk" about how to care for and store your quilts while showing many "rescued" and newer quilts. Quilt care & storage products were available for sale. The show ran through Aug 30 in this little gem of a museum that we are lucky to have right in our back yard.

Visit [www.millmuseum.org](http://www.millmuseum.org) for details of the next exhibit.

### **\*FANTASY GARDEN Wins Ribbon at VQF Show\***

This beautifully paper pieced quilt with thousands of tiny pieces made by Caroline Murphy and longarm quilted by Pat, was awarded a BLUE ribbon at the Vermont Quilt Festival in July.

The quilt also received an award for "Best Pieced" Quilt-  
Way to go Caroline!

See the entire list of winners at [www.VQF.org](http://www.VQF.org)

To see this incredible quilt along with "Mini Big Quilt"  
go to [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com)

August was ushered in by the **Greater Hartford Quilt Guild Show**. Pat and Alice Means organized the hanging of over 250 incredible quilted items.

Check [www.GHQG.org](http://www.GHQG.org)

for the list of Viewer's Choice awards.

**Family events** included the graduation of my younger son, Bryan, from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the homecoming of my older son, Aaron from California. Aaron arrived home from his cross country journey on the same day as Bryan's family graduation party and it was a beautiful celebration here in our back yard in Ashford.

Needless to say, we are very proud of them!

**On a sadder note,** my brother, Frank Nydam, passed away on July 7<sup>th</sup> after battling cancer for several years. He lived in Mass. with our Mom and is my only sibling. Frank loved animals and had a weak spot for any that needed help. He found one of his dogs in a dumpster, helped return many lost animals to their owners, and even befriended a stray bull in a parking lot to help find its home.

I thank all of you who walked me through these past years and months as I helped with his care and travel to appointments. The past several weeks have been an adjustment for my Mom and I as we settle affairs and take on different roles as caregivers for one another. Please hold us in your thoughts as our entire family adjusts to this loss.

If you are so inclined, feel free to donate to your local animal shelter or SPCA in his name as a gift to Frank, our family and all animals in need.

**September brings new beginnings.....**

**\*\*SHOP ONLINE\*\***

Check out the shopping cart on [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://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.

**New offerings every month!**

**\*Pick Up, Pay by Check, No Shipping, \***

If you live near Pat's studio you may email Pat [pat@patfergusonquilts.com](mailto:pat@patfergusonquilts.com) or call 860-429-6999 to place your order and schedule a pick up time. You will avoid shipping & handling fees. Pat will have your order ready for you.

**You must order by phone or email, schedule a pick up time & pay by check or cash at Pat's studio.**

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



**\*\*New Bamboo Batting\*\***

Pat now carries Dream Orient by Quilter's Dream batting company. It contains bamboo, Peace silk, Tensel (eucalyptus wood pulp) & cotton. After using it in several quilts, I can attest to its velvety soft and luscious feel. Bamboo is also known for its unique antibacterial quality. If you want a quilt that feels soft and cuddly and drapes nicely, this is one batting you will just have to try.

**\*\*Quilt Appraisal Day- Nov 14, 9am-4pm\*\***

At [patfergusonquilts.com](http://patfergusonquilts.com) studio in Ashford, CT  
call 860-429-6999 or email [pat@patfergusonquilts.com](mailto:pat@patfergusonquilts.com)  
to schedule your appointment.

Verbal appraisal \$20 Written Appraisal \$40

If your quilt has been published, won any awards, been quilted by a notable longarm quilter, or has sentimental value to your family, it is a good idea to have it appraised. Many quilters are giving a written appraisal along with a gift quilt so that the new owners realize the true value of the quilt. Without a written appraisal, insurance will only value your quilt as a blanket. Protect your investment of time, fabric and sweat equity with a written appraisal by AQS Certified Quilt appraiser Lois Palmer.

**\*\*Classes With Pat\*\***

**Quilting With Pat at the Mansfield Senior Center-Fall 2009**

**Thursdays 10-12:30**

**Sept.10,17,24 Oct. 1,8,15,22,29**

This session will focus on "Paper Piecing", a wonderfully accurate technique for those who like the look of perfection.

Choose your own pattern or use one from Pat's collection.

In our first class we will review tools and supplies needed & choose a pattern to work on.

As always, if you prefer, you may choose to finish up old projects  
or to begin a new one of your choice.

Pat is available to problem solve and coach.

Bring "Show & Tell" and get re-acquainted after the long summer.

The Senior Center provides free parking, great lighting and clean table space, while the quilting class provides friendship, quilting information, encouragement and many laughs.

You do not have to be a Mansfield resident or a senior to participate- all ages & skill levels welcomed!

**Evening Quilting With Pat at the Mansfield Senior Center**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Evenings 2009 6:00-8:30 pm**

**Sept. 16, 30 (3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> due to late Labor Day) Oct.7,21 Nov.4,18**

Join Pat on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month to work on your quilting projects. This will be an open forum class designed to advise and coach quilters who would like to begin a new project or complete projects that may need some encouragement and guidance. Everyone has a great time sharing techniques, quilting tidbits along with show & tell.

(TNT Quilters meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, so you can get your quilting fix all month long!)

If you have any questions call Pat Ferguson 860-429-6999

**Call the Mansfield Senior Center 860-429-0262 to pre-register.**

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

**Happy Quilting!**