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Photos on Fabric Supplies, Quilt Care & Storage Products,
“BROADS” 108” Wide Backings, “TOOL JEWELRY”

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March 2010 E-Newsletter

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****FREE TUTORIALS****

In an effort to promote the art of quilting, I have posted free tutorials on my website for you to download.

Many of the subjects are frequently asked questions that quilters are interested in. After 25 years of teaching, I am still asked some of the same general questions and I find it worthwhile to write it down to pass it along.

To view the first four free tutorials, go to www.patfergusonquilts.com on the home page or classes page.

Feel free to download and share with your quilting friends.

I hope you enjoy. You will be notified in future E-newsletters as I add more tutorials.

****Classes at Pat’s Studio****

Spring is just a few weeks away! Why not celebrate by treating yourself to a class!? Do you want to polish your machine quilting skills? How about improving your borders & bindings? Maybe you would like to get creative with a Zentangle or Photos on fabric class.

Some spaces are still left, but sign up soon!

Basic Machine Quilting

Sat. March 20, 2010 10am-4:00pm 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.

“ZENTANGLE”

Sat. April 10, 2010 1-3:00pm fee \$35.00

“Zentangle is an easy to learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns”.

(quote from www.zentangle.com website)

Developed by Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts

Certified Zentangle teacher, Gwen Fuller, will visit Pat’s studio to teach this relaxing and rewarding form of art that can never fail. Requiring no artistic skills, this basic beginner class, is suitable for any and all skill levels. Even if you think you have no artistic skills you will find them here!

Open you mind to different patterns that can cross over and add to your free motion quilting repertoire. Are you stuck on plain everyday stipples? This class will give you inspiration and a new way to look at your quilt, in smaller sections, for some spectacular machine quilting possibilities.

Class is open to anyone age 12 an older.

Zentangles applies to many fields of interest. It is therapeutic, non technical, and takes on its own form with each person’s individual doodles. Learn many basic patterns to get you started.

Supply List:

No supplies or sewing machine needed

just come to class ready to begin a new adventure.

*Gwen will supply basic tools needed.

*Pat will supply plenty of table space, great lighting, coffee & tea.

*Zentangle Kits will be available for purchase.

~COME AS YOU ARE~BRING A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER~

~NO skills necessary~

~You will be amazed at what you can do~

Printing Photos on Fabric & Wall Hanging

Converged or Floated

Sat. May 1, 2010 10am-4:00pm fee \$45.00

Plus additional Kit fee \$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)

Bring any fabrics to audition for your wall hanging. We will explore different settings, prairie points, narrow piping and other accents.

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

Kit will be ready for you at class.

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

Borders & Bindings

Sat. May 15, 2010 10am-4:00pm fee \$45.00

Flat, even borders are what judges look for in a soundly constructed quilt. A quilt that “waves” while hanging in a show, usually has problems with the borders. As a long arm quilter, I deal with all too many quilts that have wavy borders that need taming or borders that are too small for the quilt top.

Bindings are the finishing touch on your quilt.

Judges want them to be flat, straight and “full of batting”.

This class is designed to help you complete the border on one quilt and get a solid start on the binding on a second quilt.

NOTE

This class is advertised very early in order for you to have time to get 2 quilts ready- a great incentive to complete 2 projects!

Quilting A Monster

Sat. June 5, 2010 10am-4:00pm 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 a solid understanding of basic machine quilting. This will also allow you to sign up for the previous classes that will help you on your way to completion

All Day Quilting Retreat

With Pat at the Mansfield Senior Center

Tuesday March 30 9am-4:30pm

Join us for an entire day of quilting. Bring one large projects or several that you need help on. Pat is available to problem solve and coach.

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

Bring "Show & Tell" – we love it!

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!

Wed. Evening Quilting With Pat 6:00-8:30pm

Current session=Jan. 6,20 Feb. 3,17 March17,24

Next session=April 7,21 May 1 June2,16,30

Usually on the first and third Wed. evening of the month, students work on a project of choice

Gift Certificates

are available in any denomination and can be mailed directly to your recipient with a personal note enclosed.

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Email [pat@patfergusonquilts.com](mailto:pat@patfergusonquilts.com) or call 860-429-6999

Also available online- use your credit card!

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**\*QUILT SHOWS \***

Spring is coming and so are the quilt shows!

**Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild**

March 13,14, 2010 [www.thimblepleasures.org](http://www.thimblepleasures.org)

**Pioneer Valley Quilt Show**

April 16-18, 2010 [www.pioneervalleyquilting.com](http://www.pioneervalleyquilting.com)

**Machine Quilter's Expo (MQX)**

April 15-17, 2010 [www.mqxshow.com](http://www.mqxshow.com)

**Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association**

April 24, 25, 2010 [www.nbquilts.org](http://www.nbquilts.org)

**NBQA Raffle Quilt**

If you are feeling lucky, you can purchase raffle tickets for the gorgeous queen size quilt that will be given away in May 2010. See photos, ticket information and show dates on

[www.nbquilts.org](http://www.nbquilts.org) or [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com).

(I had the honors of machine quilting this vivid quilt (red, gold, brown, black) with sunrays, feathers, swirls and curves)

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**\*PAT'S POINTER\***

**Happy Quilting!**

Hoping that you are able to finish up some of your quilting projects and move on to new fresh ideas-

**Pat Ferguson**

**\*Please feel free to forward this**

**E-newsletter to a friend\***

**Class Registration form on next page**

**Class Registration Form –Spring 2010**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please make checks or money orders payable to: **Pat Ferguson**  
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Email [pat@patfergusonquilts.com](mailto:pat@patfergusonquilts.com) or call 860-429-6999

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

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

\*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.

\*Bring a lunch. Refrigerator & microwave available. Pat will supply 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 and peaceful wooded setting.

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