



## August, 2007 E-Newsletter

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Long Arm Quilting, Custom Quilts, Classes, Workshops

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### NEWS

#### ***\$100,000 Quilting Challenge Magazine***

Watch for the October issue #4 2007 which will feature "**Mini Big Quilt**", a spectacular paper pieced quilt made by Caroline Murphy and custom machine quilted by Pat Ferguson. When Caroline brought this quilt to Pat, she recognized its uniqueness and encouraged Caroline to share it with the public. It is truly one of a kind, with 49 blocks that are each a miniature quilt. Along with being featured in the October issue, this quilt and 39 others will travel to major quilt shows throughout the country in 2008 (MQX in April). In December of 2007, the public will be able to vote for its favorite quilt out of the 40 featured quilts of the year.

Visit [www.quiltingchallenge.com](http://www.quiltingchallenge.com) for details.

You may remember that last year- "**Feathered Frenzy**", made by Larisa Key and custom machine quilted by Pat Ferguson, was featured in the Oct. issue #4, 2006.

#### ***New Website Coming Soon***

Melanie Johnston is the new webmaster and working diligently on updating, condensing and reorganizing [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com). The new site should be live in mid to late September. Look for more details in the next newsletter!

### In the Studio

#### ***New Edge to Edge Quilting Designs for your Quilts***

**Basket Case**- an overall basket weave

**Blackbird Pie**- blackbirds in a pie and leafy vines

**Chicken Feathers**- great chickens and chicken wire

**Feathering**-pretty feather swirls

**Paisley Swirls**- large feathered paisleys with swirly designs

**Paisley Plus**-large feathered paisleys spaced farther apart with added swirls and curls

**Ponderosa Pine**- pine spray & pine cones-

**Jingle Bell Dance** -bells with pine spray, holly leaves & berries

**Dinosaurs**-great for kids

**Fantasia**- overall swirls & feathers

#### ***Open Studio***

Nov. 24,25 & Dec. 1,2 Open 10am to 5pm each day.

Mark your calendar to visit Pat in her studio for Long Arm Quilting Machine demonstration, to see Pat's work and check out class samples. Come take a walk in the woods and see where Pat works and gets her inspiration!

## **In the Classroom**

### ***New Fall 2007 Classes at Pat's Studio***

Refine your quilting skills, add pizzazz to your quilts and make them "show" ready

#### **Layering for Machine Quilting**

Tues. Sept. 11, 1-4pm \$25.00

Layering techniques and quilt preparation are quite unique for machine quilting. Class participants will have hands on experience on a quilt. Learn the pros and cons of pinning, hand basting, Quilt Tac System and spray basting. We will discuss backing and battings that make the job easier along with lots of other tips and hints. Also suitable for hand quilters.

**NOTE:** This class is a prerequisite for "Machine Quilting a Monster" class

#### **Basic Machine Quilting**

Sat. Sept 22, 10am-4pm \$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.

#### **Needle Lace & Thread Painting**

Tues. Oct 9, 10am-4pm \$45.00

There are so many beautiful decorative and embroidery threads on the market including rayon, silk, metallic, variegated and more. Pat has been playing with these for years, creating embellishments in her wall hangings and machine quilting. Have fun creating a piece of lace with these fine threads and a special stabilizer. Learn how to turn these threads into paint by using your sewing machine needle as a paint brush on a piece of printed fabric. "Playing" with the free motion of your machine, you will create a thread painted appliqué. Appliqués and lace can be used for embellishments on quilts or clothing.

This class will cover tips & hints on needles, stabilizers, the many decorative threads, and more. You must be able to drop the feed dogs on your sewing machine and be willing to experiment and have fun!!

#### **Converged Photos Wall Hanging**

Sat. Oct. 6 & 13, 10am-4pm \$90.00  
Plus Kit fee \$39.00

Are you an amateur photographer with lots of beautiful photos stored in your computer? Pat will teach you how to choose photos to "converge" into a work of art. Converging is an artful technique of uniting two separate images into one. You will also prepare your own fabric for printing and fusing your photos. Finally, use your quilting skills to make a one of a kind photo wall hanging.

This is a two class project and you must know how to print photos from your computer. A kit fee of \$39.00 includes all products and fabric to make your own printable and fusible fabric sheets (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)

### **Marking Borders for Quilting**

Tues. Oct.30, 10-4pm \$45.00

Many times I have seen quilts in a show that are beautifully quilted in the body of the quilt, but the borders are almost forgotten. Often the borders are wavy from lack of enough quilting to match that in the rest of the quilt. Pat will show you how to use stencils, borders on a roll and geometric shapes to make your borders frame your quilt with pizzazz. You will learn how to make borders relate to your inner quilt, what to use for easy marking, how to make them fit and what to do in those pesky corners.

### **Machine Quilting A Monster**

Sat. Nov. 3, 10am-4pm \$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 "Layering for Machine Quilting" and "Basic Machine Quilting" classes in order to have your quilt properly layered and to have a solid understanding of basic machine quilting.

### **Bindings, Sleeves & Finishing Touches**

Tues. Nov. 13, 10am-4pm \$45.00

Double fold bindings are not only durable but make a neat and crisp finishing edge on your quilt. Directions in books often make this binding look much more complicated than it is. In this class you will learn just how easy it really is, by binding one of your own quilts and making samples to keep for reference. We will explore ways to make this simple binding add more pizzazz to your quilt by piecing multiple colors, adding faux piping and more. Top it all off by learning 2 ways to apply a hanging sleeve right into your binding for small or large quilts.

### **Upcoming Classes in 2008**

✂ Giant Dahlia

✂ Remains to be Seamed

✂ Quilting Fine Feathers

✂ House Portrait/Landscape

### **Email Digital Photos**

If you have been in one of Pat's classes and have a project partially or completely finished, please email a digital photo for Pat to include in her "Student Gallery" on her website. First names only will be used and add any short caption that you might like to include. Email to [pat@patfergusonquilts.com](mailto:pat@patfergusonquilts.com) and write "class photo" in the subject line. Thank You!

## **Classes at the Mansfield Senior Center**

Class fees available at the Senior Center 860-429-0262

### **Quilting with Pat**

Thursdays 10-12:30

Sept. 6,13,20,27 Oct. 4,11,25 2007

### **Journal Quilts**

Journal quilts are very small (8 ½" x11") quilts ,made one each week, using a different technique, new fabrics, painting methods, embellishments or anything you have always wanted to try but were timid about. Journal quilts encourage you to "play" without investing too much time or material- they are not meant to be masterpieces but happy experiments. They also can reflect what is going on in your life and free you to express yourself through your quilting. Choose your own theme or Pat will give you key prompts each week to spark your imagination. We will all learn by keeping and sharing a journal of the mind opening and fun experience.

The book "**Creative Quilting- the Journal Quilt Project**" is available for inspiration. If you would like your own copy call or email Pat. If you prefer, you may bring any old or new project of your choice to work on in class. Pat is available to problem solve and coach. You do not have to be a senior to participate. "Show and Tell" is always encouraged!

### **Evening Quilting With Pat**

2 nights per month- 1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:00-8:30 pm

Sept. 5, 19 Oct. 3,17 Nov. 7, 28(4th Wed 5-7:30)

Join Pat twice a month in an evening quilting class. 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 will have a great time sharing techniques and quilting tidbits. All are welcome- you don't have to be a senior-just have the desire to quilt!

**NOTE:** If anyone in the evening class would like to participate in the "Journal Quilts" project of the day class (see Quilting with Pat description) please call or email Pat. Also, the last class is the 4th Wed. evening and will be from 5-7:30 pm to allow members to attend TNT Quilters.

### **All Day Quilting With Pat**

Monday, Sept 17, 2007 9am-4:30pm

Mini quilting retreat

Join the quilters at the Mansfield Senior Center to quilt the day away with Pat Ferguson. Bring old or new projects to work on at your own pace - a project that has you stumped or begin something new. The entire day Pat will be available to problem solve, give quilting advice and coach. The Mansfield Senior Center has great lighting and plenty of space to accommodate up to 12 participants of any age- (you do not have to be a Senior).

### **Midnight Madness**

Quilting with Pat

Friday, Sept. 28, 6pm -midnight

For those of you who catch a second wind in the evening- join us at 6 pm to quilt the night away. The entire evening Pat will be available to problem solve, give quilting advice and coach. The Mansfield Senior Center has great lighting and plenty of space to accommodate up to 12 participants of any age-(you do not have to be a Senior). Have dinner before you arrive or bring it with you. Bring a small snack to share- the coffee, tea and popcorn will be provided.

## ***Guild Classes & Lectures***

- October 18, 2007- Scrappy Quilts Trunk Show  
The Material Girls, Leominster, Mass.
- November 15, 2007- Remains to be Seamed Workshop  
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- March 12, 2008- Lecture to be announced  
Clamshell Quilt Guild, CT
- March 13, 2008- Machine Quilting  
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- March 19, 2008- Battings, Threads & Needles Lecture  
First Duchess Quilters, Poughkeepsie, NY
- March 20, 2008- Needle Lace & Thread Painting Workshop  
First Duchess Quilters, Poughkeepsie, NY
- April 7, 2008- Scrappy Quilts Trunk Show  
Newington Schoolhouse Quilters, CT

## **Finishing Up**

Every Quilt Top Deserves to be Quilted. So many customers say "it's only my first quilt top- it's not worth quilting." All quilt tops deserve to be taken out of the closet or bureau drawer to be quilted and enjoyed. Pat will quilt almost any kind of quilt top- utility, baby, wall hanging, wool, t-shirt, embroidered, whole cloth, vintage, heirloom and show. From everyday quilt tops to getting your quilt top ready for show, Pat can layer, machine quilt and bind.

Pat also carries a full line of top quality "Quilter's Dream" batting, so that you can find just the right one for your quilt.

**Tip:** My favorite batting to use for Wall hangings and show quality quilts is "Quilter's Dream Blend". It has just enough loft to accent the quilting, the cotton content makes it easy to block your quilt, & the poly content helps to decrease the fold lines.

Happy Quilting!  
Pat