

*A Message from Pat at [www.patfergusonquilts.com](http://www.patfergusonquilts.com)*

*Long Arm Quilting, Custom Quilts, Classes, Workshops*

## **August 2008 E-Newsletter**

### **\*Vermont Quilt Festival Ribbons\***

Two of my long arm quilting customers had quilts accepted into the 2008 VQF Show. I was pleased to be able to attend the show and very proud to see their quilts on display with ribbons. Dionn Tron received a RED ribbon for her bright and bold Giant Dahlia titled "Nature Isn't Perfect". Donna Sarmiento received a YELLOW ribbon for her beautifully pieced "Sunflowers" quilt. I thank them for allowing me to be a part of their wonderful quilts. Congratulations!!!

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### **\*QUILT SHOW\***

Don't miss the **Ellsworth Quilt Show** on September 13 & 14, in Windsor, CT. It promises to be a wonderful collection of antique and contemporary quilts. There is so much going on at the show- vendors, quilt evaluations, lectures, historic house tours- you won't want to miss it. Visit [www.ctdar.org/OEH/events.html](http://www.ctdar.org/OEH/events.html) for details.

I will have 4 quilts displayed at the show- "Rose Garden" (white work trapunto), "Salsa Bowl Kaleidoscope", "Snippy Garden" & "Fried Eggs & Salsa on the Lake".

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### **\* Quilt Care Products\***

Pat carries **acid-free buffered storage boxes** measuring 18"x30"x6", perfect for storing your treasured quilts. Twenty four 20"x30" acid free sheets of tissue are included in the \$24 price, making this a super value. These boxes are also suitable for storing any heirloom linen, clothing or wedding gowns.

If you don't have the room for larger boxes, you can now choose from 2 sizes of **quilt storage bags** with drawstring tops and label pockets- crib/twin (\$6.50) or queen/king (\$8.00). A new bag is much safer than an old pillowcase which could contain bleach or body oils that can never be completely removed.

**Orvus quilt wash** (\$8.00) is the best product for washing your quilts. It is gentle and has proven its value over the years.

**Vintage Quilt Soak** (\$10.50) takes the yellow aging and stains out of older quilts, making them refreshed and renewed.

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**\*Quilt Appraisals October 8, 2008-10:00-5:00 pm\***  
**\$40.00 Written Appraisal- \$20.00 Verbal Appraisal**

*Why should you get your quilt appraised?*

*If you have a fire in your home, without a written appraisal, you will only receive the price of an everyday blanket for your damaged quilt.*

*With all the time and expense invested in a new quilt, they are much more valuable than we sometimes think. If your quilt has received a ribbon or has been machine quilted by an award winning or published long arm quilter, the value has increased. If you will be shipping a quilt to a show or as a gift, you might consider a written appraisal to confirm insurance value if lost or stolen. Family heirloom and antique quilts may have much more value than we know- it is a good idea to have a written record to pass down through the generations.*

*Lois Palmer, certified quilt appraiser, will evaluate quilts, by appointment only, at Pat's Studio in Ashford, CT. A written appraisal includes any information that you have along with the expert dating and technique knowledge that Lois has gained in her years of experience, making it an extensive document for future reference.*

*Reserve your appointment by calling Pat 860-429-6999 or email [pat@patfergusonquilts.com](mailto:pat@patfergusonquilts.com)*

*Quilt care and storage products will also be available for purchase.*

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**\* Fall Classes at Pat's Studio\***

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

**Borders & Bindings**

**Sat. Sept. 27, 2008**

**10am-4:30pm \$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.

**Basic Machine Quilting Sat.**

**Oct. 4,**

**2008**

**10am-4:30pm \$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. \*NOTE\* This class is a prerequisite for "Machine Quilting A Monster" class.

**Machine Quilting a Monster**

**Sat. Oct. 25,**

**2008**

**10am-4:30pm \$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 you must have your quilt layered for machine quilting (Pat will supply a hand out instruction for this) and have a solid understanding of basic machine quilting.

**Fabric Photo Wall Hanging Sat. Nov. 15 & 22, 2008**

**10am-4:30pm \$90.00 plus \$39.00 Kit fee**

**Photos on Fabric- Converged or Floated**

Are you an amateur photographer with lots of beautiful photos stored in your computer? Pat will teach you how to choose photos to “converge” or “float” into a work of art. Converging is an artful technique of uniting two separate images into one. Floating can be done on an angle or straight with wavy or clean photo edges. You will also learn how to 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. These make great wedding, birthday or holiday gifts.

*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)*

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**Pat is now a proud member of  
SAQA – Studio Art Quilt Associates. Inc. [www.saqa.org](http://www.saqa.org)  
&  
IMQA- International Machine Quilter’s Association, Inc.  
[www.IMQA.org](http://www.IMQA.org)**

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**\*DON’T FORGET ABOUT THE “BROADS”\***

*3 ¼ yard by 108” wide quilt backings  
Great quality at fantastic prices!  
Visit Pat at her studio or ask for swatches.*

**\* Classes at the Mansfield Senior Center\***

**Call the Sr. Center 429-0262 to register**

**Quilting With Pat**

**Thursdays 10 am -12:30**

**Sept. 4,11,18,25 Oct. 2,9,16,23, 2008**

*We will be making an old fashioned “Whirligig” quilt with an updated quick method. Choose to make your quilt in floral, batik, scrappy or any style you would like. We will use the pattern in Martha Thompson’s “Square Dance” revised and updated book.*

*(please email [pat@patfergusonquilts.com](mailto:pat@patfergusonquilts.com) or call 860-429-6999 if you need to order a book)  
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.  
"Show and Tell" is always encouraged!*

### Evening Quilting With Pat

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

Sept. 3, 17 Oct. 1, 15 Nov. 5, 19 Dec. 3, 2008

*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 and quilting tidbits along with show & tell.*

### All Day Quilting With Pat- Mini Quilting Retreat

Monday September (22 or 29), 2008 9am-4:30pm

*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).  
Bring a lunch or sign up in advance for lunch at the Senior Center.*

### "MIDNIGHT MADNESS" Quilting with Pat

Friday, October (3 or 17), 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.*

### **\*NEW "GREEN" BATTING\***

*My customers know that I carry "Quilter's Dream Batting in cotton, blend, poly, black poly, wool and puff in many sizes and lofts. Quilter's Dream Batting now has a brand new batting that is actually pale green and made from recycled soda bottles. It feels very soft and drapes much like their poly batting. It is wrinkle resistant, washable, and can be stitched up to 12" apart. Once in a quilt, it is indistinguishable from their "virgin" polyester battings.*

*Try this earth-friendly, recycled batting and rescue soda bottles from the landfills. A throw size rescues 7 bottles, a twin rescues 13 bottles and a queen rescues 20 bottles!*

*Quilter's Dream Batting even reports that your batting and packaging is 100% recyclable.*

*Try some in your next quilt!*

*“If you love your job, you will never work a day in your life”*

*Writing a newsletter is a necessary part of any business, but the most difficult part for me because it takes me away from quilting. Someone asked me if my long arm quilting has slowed down due to the economy- surprisingly, it has increased! My best guess is that staying home is bringing quilters into their storage closets and sewing rooms to finish up quilts and projects.*

*I want to thank all of my customers for keeping me quilting almost every day!*

*I feel blessed to be able to create with you and to do what I love.*

*Being able to quilt, design, travel, teach and meet so many quilters is truly a gift that I enjoy every day.*

*Happy Quilting!*

*Pat Ferguson*

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