

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

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

## **SEPTEMBER 2008 E-Newsletter**

**\*\*\*Please Note Change of Date\*\*\***

*Some appointments left so call or email soon...*

**\*Quilt Appraisals November 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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**\*QUILT SHOW Sept. 13 & 14\***

*Don't miss the **Ellsworth Quilt Show** 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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**\* Fall Classes at Pat's Studio\***

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

**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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**\*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.

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**\*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!

***This is a great time to join a quilt group or guild in your area~!!***

Go to [www.quiltguilds.com/connecticut.htm](http://www.quiltguilds.com/connecticut.htm)

To find a guild near you!

There is much more valuable quilting information on this website.

Have fun,

*Happy Quilting!*

*Pat Ferguson*

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