



## News from the Thread Loft Summer 2016



Summer is fast approaching, this year the summer solstice occurs on June 20th this year; the day before Row By Row 2016 begins! Our submission, of course, is "Where Flying Pigs Roost!" also known as Thread Loft. The official design does not include the flying pigs, but the kits include enough fabric to add a few if desired.



### Change in Dates/Times:

With summer just around the corner, we've decided to reduce our hours on Sunday. We'll be opening at 1:00PM instead of 11:00AM. Our friends and family want to get out in the beautiful Colorado sunshine and enjoy the mornings. For those who have an 11:00AM long arm slot, the time is still valid. We won't be opening to the public until 1:00PM. We will be phasing out that long arm slot until September.

Block Club II has caught up with Block Club so we've consolidated the two. Block Club is the 2nd Sunday of the month from 3:00PM to 5:00PM. We are making blocks from Block Maker only with a lot more resizing and alternate techniques when applicable. Dues are \$5.00 per session. Bring your own fabric, sewing machine, and sewing supplies. This month we're making the Carnival block.

### Reminders:

Sewing machine service/repair is ongoing. Sewing machines that require cleaning and service or repair are collected on Wednesday. There is usually a one week turn around unless a quest for parts is involved.

### Upcoming Events:

Our annual summer solstice sale will coincide with the start of Row By Row on June 21st. This year the sale will be ONE DAY ONLY so mark your calendars.

Can you say slumber party? Well not exactly, we're holding a pajama party on July 8th, from 6:00 to 10:00. Bring your sewing machine, your project(s), snacks, and we promise we won't tell goofy ghost stories.

Our Gemstone BOM is almost finished. In fact, there are only 2 sessions left. Since we, at the Thread Loft, are an impatient lot, we'll be offering the next BOM in an extended weekend. The Peaceful Holiday quilt by Jason Yenter will be made at the shop on August 26, 27, and 28 with a spill over day on Monday, August 29. We'll be posting our progress of the sample on Facebook.

Get Your Wanderlust On!



Picture 1: Roman Aqueducts

We received digital prints from Hoffman of both Rome and Paris; they were part of the Wanderlust collection. We also received a book entitled Wanderlust Quilts. One of the quilts contained in the book was based on the Roman Aqueducts. My daughter had visited the south of France for Art History and was inspired by the Roman Aqueducts. So the quilt in the book, in turn, inspired the use of the Paris and Rome prints as the background of the quilt since the aqueducts do extend from Italy into France, which just so happens to be one of those places on my bucket list. Where is this heading? A two afternoon event, September 10 & 11, will be held at the Thread Loft. Cut and construct a quilt top no larger than 40" x 40" (this size could be the center of a larger quilt we just want it doable.) The quilt top must be inspired by your wanderings whether they are local, through the United States, or outside the country, whether they are past, present, or future (bucket list.) The judging will be three parts: 1) Artist statement - write an artist statement explaining the quilt top. Both artist statement and quilt top will be presented by the creator in a "sew and tell." 2) Color choices - do the color choices elicit the desired effect when viewed by others. And 3) technique/construction.

There will be a judge for each category. The rules are pretty simple: cut and construct the quilt top at the shop (pre-cuts are allowed), write

an artist statement which can be completed prior to the event, and, most importantly, bribe the judges. The pattern for the quilt does not have to be an original, but does have to be considered in the artist statement. This is supposed to be a fun challenge. There is a \$20 entry fee and space is limited so reserve your spot as soon as possible.

### Classes/Workshops/Clubs/Guild

Gail Sharkey is offering a Featherweight Maintenance class on June 11th from 10:00 to noon. This is an opportunity to learn more about the beloved classic. She often brings different models to view. Instructor fee is \$20.

A beginning quilt class, the Sudoku quilt, begins June 17th. This is a 4 session class that starts with cutting and ends with tying the quilt. Part 1: cutting, Part 2: construction, Part 3: sashing and borders, Part 4: finishing the quilt. Each session is \$25.

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at the Double Wedding Ring? On July 20th, we're offering a class to make a table runner. This is a nice size to attempt as it is easily expanded into a larger quilt. The instructor fee is \$25.

Crazy quilting is a favorite technique; there are no rules. This is a good way to start foundation piecing. The foundation will be permanent. The fabrics used in crazy quilting can be just about anything: silk, satin, velvet, cotton. Embellishments can also be just about anything. In the crazy quilting class, we'll be making a cushion top. The class is August 17; the instructor fee is \$25.

Binding Seminar I is July 21st with a follow on class on August 4th. Each session is \$30, materials are supplied. Sewing machine and general sewing supplies are required.

Trish Johnson is leading a community service oriented sew. The focus will be projects to donate to military related organizations. This implies that the projects can change based on need and requests from the community. We have had a request for battered women's shelters. If you have fabric that is appropriate please bring; we'll have some from our own stashes as well. Sewing machine and general sewing supplies will be required. We'll start sewing at 10:00 and continue until 1:00.

Our Dear Jane and Friends club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 10:00 to noon. This group focuses on hand work as done in the Civil War era. The difference is the availability of bright colors and prints we have available to us today. While the focus is on hand work, machine work is just as nice.

Every Wednesday morning a group of quilters get together and share their work. This club meets from 10:00 till 1:00 or later. This is just an open sew and brings much happiness to all who attend. Grab your machine and project and join the group.

Happy Summer 2016,

The Thread Loft Family