



News from the Thread Loft Fall 2017



i The Queen of We'en

My how time flies! Row by Row is almost over (the collection period is over) and it's time to prepare for next year. The holidays are around the corner and what we decided to put off until tomorrow because we want to spend time in the beautiful Colorado sunshine has now come due!

Halloween is approaching rapidly. This year we have a feature fabric - The Queen of We'en designed by Janet Wecker Frisch of Tidings of Great Joy for Quilting Treasures. We love the whimsical queens on the playing cards. Come on in and see this fun collection.

The holidays are an especially busy time for everyone. We are implementing a submission cut off date of October 1st for quilts to be quilted in time for the holidays. There will be no guarantees for anything after October 1st. It's hard for us to do so as we really enjoy helping complete the quilts. We appreciate our customers who have used our quilting services and who have also made it necessary to implement a cut off; thank you to all for your loyalty.

Along with the holidays comes our 4th Annual Jelly Roll Race. At last year's race we discussed doing a team event. We're backing off from those plans; it will still be an individual event as in the past. The entry fee is still \$20 per person with each person receiving a prize. The date, as always, is the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 25th. Sign up with your entry fee as soon as possible - it's always a fun day. Cut off for entering is November 18th.

Our annual New Year's Eve Mystery quilt is still New Year's Eve. It's still \$45 for a day of mystery and fun. It is during the day not the evening. We prefer that people spend the last evening of the year with family and friends.

Starting January, we are NOT doing a Block of the Month - no surprise there. We are, however, starting a 6 month project - Tula Pink's 100 Modern Blocks. The fee is \$60 which includes the book. We'll be meeting twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays (any holidays excluded) to work on the blocks at the shop. This is a self-paced project, in other words, you can approach it however you choose and you choose the fabric you use whether stash, scrap, or purchased specifically for this project. The blocks are 6" x 6" finished so the quilt without sashing/borders is potentially is 60" x 60". The book includes suggestions for block layout. You can use any of those or none or one of your own creations. At the end of the six month period, the finished quilts will be photographed and of course voting will ensue. There will be a prize for the quilt that receives the most votes.



Reminders/Schedule Updates:

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:

The autumnal equinox occurs in Denver on Friday, September 22nd at 2:02 PM. This is when the sun crosses the celestial equator and signals the first day of fall. For Thread Loft, it's one of our 4 annual sales. Friday, September 22nd through Sunday September 24th is our 5th annual autumnal equinox sale. Now that's a mouthful.

Classes/Workshops/Clubs/Guild

Trish has informed us that the 500 stocking goal for Stockings for Soldiers has been reached. A message to those who took stockings home to finish - Please bring the completed stockings in by the 4th Saturday in September. Trish would like to send them early if at all possible. A big round of APPLAUSE to all who donated fabric, cut, sewed, and/or participated in this year's endeavor. For the next 2 months, we'll be making cuddle blankets for the children of military personnel that are being deployed. We will be taking a break in November and December, and then resuming Military Charities in January.

The month of September will be devoted to finishing the Crystal Prism quilt. Everyone in the club has had such a busy summer that it's been hard to find Saturdays free to work on this project. So every Saturday in September except Military Day (4th Saturday) has been set aside for Crystal Prism club. Other's who would like to join the sewing on their own project may do so as well.

October 7th is our Binding Seminar I. This is a beginning binding class that covers calculating yardage for binding, making the binding, attaching and finishing the binding. October 21st is Binding Seminar II. This class is a follow on that includes making sashing, adding piping, and using fancy stitches to finish. Each class is \$30. Sewing machines and general sewing supplies are the responsibility of the students. Materials for the class are included in the class fee.

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.

Enjoy the color of autumn!

The Thread Loft Family

