

SNIPPETS



Pat Sprecher Discharging Color

When Pat began quilting she thought that old-fashioned hand-quilting was what she wanted to learn first. But the thoughtful and knowledgeable folks at her local Hershey, PA quilt shop guided her to take a machine quilting class, starting with a simple nine-patch table runner. She fell in love immediately. Pat's second project was a quilt pattern that she had been carrying around since she was in her late 20's. . . a queen-size bed quilt with appliqué cats. The rest is history. She tries to take as many classes and read as much as she can about quilting and new techniques, talking to as many quilters as possible to learn as much as possible about all things related to quilting and fabric. She now has the disease most quilters have - she is a fabric-aholic.

One thing to remember - sharing our knowledge through fellowship and friendship, about all things sewing, is the thread that binds us all together.

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President's Message

As I write this piece for the newsletter, I'm at the Houston Airport waiting for a flight to come home from the International Quilt Festival in Houston.

There were 9 of us from the Myrtle Beach area who came for the show—we had a wonderful time sharing this experience. We all were impressed with how well the city of Houston has recovered from Hurricane Harvey. The Convention Center, which was an evacuation shelter, showed no signs that hundreds of people had been housed there. The Houston Quilt Show is the largest in the U.S. and is worth the cost to attend — the competition and special exhibit quilts are spectacular and inspiring, the vendor mall is huge and has almost everything you could want to buy, and the classes were informative. It's been years since I had been to the Houston Show, and this time was everything I expected it to be. If you ever have a chance to go — do it!

Don't forget about our change of date for the November meeting and Pat Sprecher's class. Please bring any gifts you've created for our Meet the Quilters goody bags and be sure to sign up for our Christmas luncheon. Also, remember Vicki Pignatelli's lecture on Thursday, Nov. 9, at Grand Strand, followed by her class on Friday. See you in a few days!
Karen Preston

Notes from Margo

To-Do List

- * Wear your name tag and a smile!
- * Bring Meet The Quilter favors (see page 3)
- * PHD deadline is 11/13
- * Pay your 2018 dues - \$25
- * Sign up and pay for the Christmas Luncheon - \$12
- * Bring your Crazy Kat from Karen's class
- * 2018 Gala forms are available
- * Bring your lunch
- * Bring Show and Tell

November 13th Program -

The November meeting will be on the SECOND Monday!!

Not our usual third Monday.

Our very own, very talented, Pat Sprecher has been experimenting with another very cool technique that she will show and discuss. This technique involves discharging color using Soft Scrub along with bleach to create a batik-like design. Pat will tell us all about how it works. After lunch, Pat will teach her Discharge Color class and show how to create your own masterpiece that can be a wall-hanging, table runner or whatever your imagination desires. There is 1 space left in the class. Contact Margo Woolard if you'd like to sign up. The cost is \$15.

2018 Dues -

See Brenda and Terry at the check-in table to pay your \$25.

Christmas Luncheon -

December 11th.

NOTE: This is the SECOND Monday!!

The cost of the luncheon is \$12.

The menu is as follows:

Salad with 3 dressings

Tomato Basil Soup

Pre-made small sandwiches on rolls
(Turkey, ham and roast beef)

Sliced tomatoes, lettuce, onions, mayo and mustard will be available

Cole Slaw Ice Tea

We would like approximately 12 members to volunteer to bring Christmas cookies or other Christmas dessert. Wanda will have a dessert sign-up sheet and will be collecting money for this event at our November meeting.

Fostering Hope -

Thank you all!! We wanted to let you know that, year-to-date, we have made and delivered 56 quilts to Fostering Hope. This an outstanding number and all of your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. (You can view photos on the website.)

Terry Slotter, FH Project Chairperson

Missouri Star Block Demo

Sandy Jacobs will demo another Missouri Star pattern called "The Grand Square." Sewing the blocks together creates a secondary block/pattern. Make a couple of cuts and it is magically transformed into a different pattern. You won't want to miss this.

Help Wanted!!

Gifts/Favors for Meet The Quilters

As you know, CCQ is hosting the 2018 Meet the Quilters. This year we thought it would be a nice touch to make handmade gifts that will go in the favor bags. Whether you are a snowbird or a local we are enlisting your help with this project! If we all pitch in and make just 2 items we will have the 350 favors needed. Last month we showed examples of more than 12 cute ideas that you can make at home. The examples we showed included: chicken pin cushion or any pin cushion, needle case, checkbook cover, bottle wrap, luggage tag, thread catcher, business or credit card holder, tea tote, mug rug, tissue holder, mini wallet, pot holder or a pot holder made into a rotary cutter holder. Choose one or more of these items or if you have another idea, that's okay too. There are so many websites where you can find patterns or ideas. Just make whatever you like and bring them to either our November, December or January meeting. Remember...we need 350 items to fill all the bags! Thank you in advance for your support.

Welcome New Members

These 3 ladies have recently joined our guild.
Remember to add them to your member roster.

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We all, at some point in our sewing journey, experience problems with our thread / needles. Hopefully this article will answer some of your questions.

Dr. Bob & Superior Threads answers your Top Thread Questions

Q. Why is my thread breaking so often?

A. Threads that break are usually a symptom of one of three things: unbalanced tension, low quality thread, or bad/incorrect needles. We created a [Troubleshooting Guide](#) which walks you through the troubleshooting process, step-by-step, to find the solution to broken threads. If you start with high-quality threads and needles, you will decrease the possibilities of broken threads.

Q. I was told that pre-wound bobbins will break my machine/void my warranty/cause tension problems/etc.

A. This myth has been around since the inception of pre-wound bobbins. I've done something that most people haven't done; I've actually read through a sewing machine manual, cover to cover. Nowhere in the manuals (Mother Superior has many machines) did it state that pre-wound bobbins would void the warranty or cause damage to the machine. We LOVE pre-wound bobbins for their convenience and greater capacity for more thread content than a self-wound bobbin. When piecing on a home machine, [Super Bobs Cotton](#) is our choice. When embroidering or quilting, [SuperBOBs](#) are our go-to pre-wound bobbin.

Q. I'm new to quilting/sewing/embroidery and want to know what I should focus on learning?

A. We have a DVD called Thread Therapy, which covers a wide range of topics. The contents of this DVD are from our Thread Therapy seminars and teach the principles and insights from our educational library. This [DVD is FREE](#) with any purchase and is recommended for all, beginners and professionals.

Q. How do I prevent the thread looping or bird nesting on the underside of my quilt?

A. Assuming you are using the correct needle size for thread you are stitching with, if the top thread loops on the underside, either the top tension is too loose or the bobbin tension is too tight. Adjusting either should correct the problem. On home machines, we typically need only to adjust the top tension. On longarm machines, we usually adjust both. Our [Tug Of War](#) tension article explains how tension settings work.

Q. How do I know what needle size to use?

A. A thicker thread should be accommodated with a larger needle. If you are using a size #80/12 needle with a 30 wt. thread, you will be adding extra friction with each stitch. Think of the thread as a rope passing through the eye of a too-small opening. The thread will rub on the sides more than it should, which can cause shredding or thread breakage. We've created a [Home Machine Reference Guide](#) and a [Longarm Machine Reference Guide](#) that pairs each of our thread lines with the recommended needle size and tension setting. We like sewing and quilting with the [Topstitch needle style](#) because of its larger eye space and deeper groove. These traits do a fantastic job at protecting the thread from abrasion and reducing skipped stitches.

Here is the link to the original article.

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