

Good morning!

Woke up to 20 degree temp and high winds, wind chill must be very cold. Its still dark outside but from what I can see snow is really coming down with high winds behind. It feels warm inside.

We again have high waters which is probably the seventh or more time for this winter. Black Fork Creek runs close by to the south of our property, with an open tile ditch bordering our farm ground the length of our farm. When waters get high it floods all pasture land and some farm grounds.

We do notice a difference since the Black Fork Clean out, which is approximately three fourths done at this point. Waters come up quicker and goes down faster. Coming spring hopefully the rest will be cleaned out. The last warm spell Harvey and the boys finished their portion of the creek. Harvey was felling a dead ash tree and watching it fall when a monkey vine from behind tightened up and swung him right out in the ice water. Brrr. A change of shoes and clothes was needed.



I don't hear my rooster crowing this morning as this was our night at mom and dads. Harvey went home to do chores, I'll try to have breakfast ready by the time he is back.

Sounds like mom is up which is early for her so guess I'll get her dressed, do her hair and put her in the recliner, I am sure she'll fall asleep again. Dad is sound asleep and I hope he will be comfortable until Harvey's back. Menu for today is pizza rice casserole for lunch and a vegetable soup for supper. Dessert is a cheese cake and fruit.

Its getting day light and with high winds looks like a blizzard. The kind I remember when growing up. Precious memories Dad would hitch old Brownie to our bob sleigh, a buffalo robe was our blanket then he'd take us to school.

Sometimes a hot flag stone which was heated in our wood stove was laid on the floor to keep feet warm. I remember a few times we dumped when hitting a snow drift. But Brownie always waited. In these days roads were plowed but not salted as quickly so we had many days sleigh driving. I still enjoy snow. I have enjoyed every snow this winter so far. But I don't roll myself in it like I used to.

Here come the girls to have their hair braided for school must be they have school. Son Melvin lives right across the lawn from here. Darla, 3rd grade, Annie, 2nd grade, are sure to keep track when we're at Grand Pa's then I can braid their hair. Sometimes I bring a treat along for their lunch for school.

Good news is spring is just around the corner, sounds like most of the green houses are heated and some early flowers are started. A nice place to be on these cold days. Most green houses in this area open mid to

flowers are started. A nice place to be on these cold days. Most green houses in this area open mid to late April. Just the smell of a green house makes someone think spring.

We are getting ready for our 38th Anniversary Sale which is also the Spring ShopHop with seven participating stores. This is a thank you to our many appreciated customers.

Two weddings are coming up of former employees. Ruth is getting married to Elvin Nolt March 14, we are invited as guests and dish washers. Then Rosalee will marry Myron Nolt March 23 and will be a IN wedding. We hope to attend and probably will as a few nieces offered to help out on that day since its the last day of our sale. It will probably not be completely new for them as they had both worked here before they got married.

Men are busy bagging and filling totes with Humus Compost trying to fill orders before spring work starts. Some goes direct to farmers, gardeners, lawns, also used in raised bed gardens. And the rest goes to retail sales.

They also have a few days cutting sassafras trees that will go to a local Amish man, the wood is used to make window sashes. It is a long lasting wood in the elements.

"A bird does not sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song." I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of the spring birds.

Love, Rachel & Girls

BLOCK -A- MONTHS

TAPESTRY

By Wing and A Prayer Starts in June 2019



96"x104"

FLUTTER & FLY: BUTTERFLIES

Featuring Sew Sweet Batiks
Start date has been changed to April 2019



64"x76"

"I have all the fabric I need." -Said no quilter ever-

No longer want to receive the newsletter or you know of someone who would like to receive it?

Please let us know.

HOW WE PRODUCE OUR HUMUS COMPOST

1 Beginning of the Recipe

We start with (pen pack) live stock manure bedded with carbon's (corn fodder, straw and hay). Selecting the proper carbon-nitrogen ratio by adding additional leaves and corn fodder for perfect environment for microbes to excel.

Adding clay in windrow to capture volatile compounds for future use.

2 Mixing & Applying

Mixing carbons and nitrogenous properly for microbial breakdown. Inoculate windrows with N-converters, humidifiers & finishers for nutrient control and breakdown.

3 Aeromaster Equipment

Turning windows applies oxygen and releases any CO₂. We prefer Aeromaster Equipment.

4 Moisture Control

Covers for moisture control between 42% and 48%. Too wet creates anaerobic conditions. Too dry slows breakdown.

5 Temperature Control

Temperature monitored between 130°-150° during the compost cycle sterilizes any pathogens and disease present in the feedstock. The proper heat cycle, while composting, eliminates tomato and weed seeds.

6 Finished Product

Finished incredible humus compost ready for storage and marketing.



SAVE 1.00 PER BAG

Incred-A-Soil

- High Value Humus Compost
- Improves soil tilth and moisture control
- Is the secret in growing tasty produce

Must present coupon. Expires April 30, 2019

April SAVINGS

45" flatfold quilting cottons, prints & solids

(excludes tone on tones)

\$1.⁵⁰ per yd

limit: 10 yds

Must present coupon. Valid April 1-30, 2019

S1.00 off per box

Canning Jars

2 qt. - 1qt. - pints - jelly jars wide mouth & regular mouth

Must present coupon. Valid May 1-31 2019



7 Participating Shiloh Stores!

Pick up your passport at the first store you visit and have it stamped at each of the seven participating stores listed below. Then leave it at the last shop to be qualified for the drawing of fourteen \$25 Gift Cards. Winners may use at the store of your choice.

Special Sale Prices, Giveaways

And much more at each participating location listed below

Carpool & Enjoy the Day!

Home-cooked meal will be served at Country Fabrics 11am-2pm. (in the classroom). By donation.













Country Fabrics
38th Anniversary Sale

10% OFF STOREWIDE

- Clearance Tables -Discounted Fabrics and More!

Goodie bags with \$25 purchase

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Smoked Meats: Bacon, Ham, Hot Dogs, Bratwursts

Traeger Grills & Grilling Pellets in Stock!



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ANNIVERSARY SA



March 19-23, 2019

DISCOUNT STOREWIDEExcludes sale priced items

ZIPPER BUNDLES

12 zippers assorted sizes & colors per bundle

2 00 per bundle



PRECUT OUILT BACKS

Lots of colors & tones-on-tones to choose from

108" x 117" = 25_98

81" x 108" = 17_98

50% OFF

REGULAR PRICE (SELECT ITEMS)

Quilt Patterns & Quilt Books - Kitchen Items Children & Adult Reading Books

CLEARANCE DRESS FABRICS

Prints and solids

3_50 polycottons per vd

4_50 polyesters per yd

45" QUILTING FLAT FOLDS solids and prints.

3 98 per yd

Receive a FREE goody bag with a \$25 purchase! - While supplies last -

LUNCH AT COUNTRY FABRICS

Lunch will be served at Country Fabrics in classroom, March 19-23, 2019 from 11 am - 2 pm. By Donations.

TUESDAY

dinner rolls marinated turkey breast potatoes noodles green beans gravy coleslaw red beet eggs ice cream pie

WEDNESDAY

dinner rolls ham balls potatoes noodles peas & carrots gravy lettuce salad red beet eggs fruit pizza oreo coffee dessert

THURSDAY

dinner rolls meat loaf potatoes noodles green beans gravy coleslaw red beet eggs ice cream pie

FRIDAY

dinner rolls ham w/butter sauce potatoes noodles peas & carrots gravy lettuce salad red beet eggs fruit pizza oreo coffee dessert

SATURDAY

dinner rolls Japanese chicken potatoes noodles green beans gravy coleslaw red beet eggs ice cream pie

WEI!

FULL & HALF SLIPS

New pattern and style with stretchy lace trim. Full slip in adult and children, maternity and nursing sizes. Very comfortable. Half slips in adult sizes only.



SHNITZ BOY AND SNICKERDOODLES COOKBOOK

Not-so-common recipes from Amish Housewives.



Sequel to: <u>Apple Pie & Apron Strings</u> and Cinnamon Roll & Mixing Bowls

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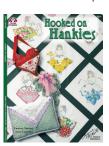
April 19, 2019 Good Friday May 30, 2019 Ascension Day

What is Ascension Day?
A question often asked...
Read for yourself, KJV
Mark 16:19 - Luke 24:50-53
Act 1:9-11

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HOOKED On Hankies

Dig out your old hankie stash and sew into a quilt.



BE CREATIVE! Ideas & how to mend your own holes in clothing...



QUILTER & SEWERS LOTION



All natural hand & body lotion, scented with essential oils.

TRADITIONAL FAVORITES MADE HEALTHY

From Brianna Thomas' Kitchen



The Cracked Pot

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house." The old

woman smiled then replied, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. We've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

So, to all of my cracked-pot friends, remember to stop and smell the flowers on your side of the path!

- Author Unknown

Classes by Joanne



SCRAPPY STRINGS

Beginner Friendly Class

This is a super quick and easy quilt that is also a great scrap buster. The sample is lap-size, but the class pattern will include seven different size options. If you've never made a quilt before, this quilt is a great place to start.

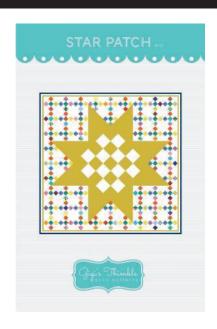
March 30th 10am-2:30pm \$30 includes pattern

I HEART YOU QUILT

This is a fresh take on a classic heart quilt. These little heart message bubbles are inspired by getting a text from a loved one. It is block based, beginner friendly, and finishes at 55" x 61". This class is suitable for experienced quilters and confident beginners.

April 8th 10am-4pm \$30 plus pattern





STAR PATCH

Whether you make this quilt from yardage or scraps, it will always look great! In this class, we'll practice chain piecing techniques, accurate cutting and trimming, and pay special attention to pressing. The pattern is written to produce a $57" \times 57"$ quilt, but instructions will be provided on how to make this a rectangular quilt that measures $57" \times 70"$

April 22nd 10am-4pm \$30 plus pattern

SIT AND SEW (Bring Your Own Project)

Bring a project (or two) of your own choosing and get some serious work done on it. There is always lots of sewing, laughter, and fellowship, so come join the fun!

May 18th 9:30am-2:30pm \$25

BINDING BOOT CAMP

Do you have a stack of quilts that need binding but you just aren't sure how to do it? Perhaps you've bound quilts, but aren't happy with the results. If that's the case, then this class is for you! Bindings are made easy in this class in which you'll receive two kits that includes binding strips and a mini quilt on which to work so you don't have to worry about messing up one of your own projects. In the first half of the class, we'll go through all the steps of **traditional binding**, from figuring out the yardage requirement, all the way to the hand stitching. In the second half of the class, you'll learn how to attach **binding completely by machine and add a splash of color at the same time.** (This binding is NOT the backing brought to the front!) Join us for this fun and productive class so you can become a binding pro!

June 17th 10am-4pm \$45 includes kits

Classes by Laura

PASSAGES

This optical illusion quilt is much easier to make than it looks. This will be a fun class that will have you well on your way to completing the 53×53 wall hanging. Choose your colors and plan to join us for a fun day of quiltmaking.

March 26

10am - 4pm

\$30.00



ANTELOPE CANYON **Beginner Friendly Class**

You have your choice of fabrics with the Antelope Canvon pattern

There are also two layout options.
This class utilizes precut strips or yardage. If you have a favorite jelly roll that you've been waiting to use, this is the class! Great for beginners or experienced quilters.

April 16 10am - 4pm \$30.00



Classes by Kathy

BALTIMORE ALBUM

The ultimate Antebellum quilt! Come take a historical quilt journey and create a masterpiece! It is easier than you think! Learn needle

turn and freezer paper applique, a variety of flower techniques, ink work and shading, and lots of other embellishment techniques. This is a twelve session class with Elly Sienkiewicz's book "Beloved Balimore Album quilts" as our guide.

February 16, March 9, April 6 \$20.00 each session



JUST QUILTING

So you finished that quilt top, now what? This class will teach you how to hand quilt it by making a pillow top. From marking the top, basting, and layering, the quilting stitch and Tennessee Waddling, you'll learn everything you need to know to do any size quilt.

April 11

1 - 4pm

1 session - 2hrs - \$20.00

SPRING WOOL APPLIQUE

Carried Away Designs is one of my favorite wool pattern companies and Carrie delivers with this Spring wall hanging in Spring colors. This will be a three month Block of the Month with the emphasis on embellishment. Kits will be available for purchase.

April 13, May 11, June 8

10:30am - 1:30pm

3 - 3hr. class - \$20.00 each

SILK RIBBON EMBROIDERY

Everything old is new again! I've had several requests for a class in this favorite of the Victorian Era that was used extensively in embellishing all kinds of fabric projects from crazy quilts to clothing. In class we will make a needle book.

March 7

1 - 4pm

1 - 3hr. class - \$25.00

THIS IS MY HAPPY PLACE

Wool Applique by Buttermilk Basin. A delightful little wall hanging or framed picture for your sewing room! Do it in colors to match your "happy place"

April 25th

1 - 4pm

1 - 3hr. class - \$25





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WE ARE CLOSED THESE DAYS

- April 19, 2019 GOOD FRIDAY
- MAY 30, 2019 ASCENSION DAY

Strawberry Smoothie

Serves: 1

Ingredients

1 cup frozen strawberries 3/4 cup Almond Milk

1 Tbsp. Collagen

1 Tbsp. Sweet mix

1/4 tsp. Vanilla

1/2 cup Greek Yogurt

4 ice cubes

Directions Blend all together until smooth and creamy.

Note Regular milk and sugar can be used.

Fried Rice

Serves: 4-6

Ingredients

1 cup brown rice

1 Tbsp. coconut oil, unrefined is our preference

1 tsp. sea salt

2 cups water

seasoning of choice

Directions

Fry rice in oil until lightly browned, stirring often. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for one hour. No peeking!