



The Common Thread Chronicle

Website Review By Ethel Swartley

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 8
6:30 p.m.

Row, Row, Row, Your Quilt
Unveiling!

NOTE: For this meeting
only we will be at the
Mainstreet Center, 19650
E. Mainstreet (just east of
Parker Road)

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Sew Night at Pat's

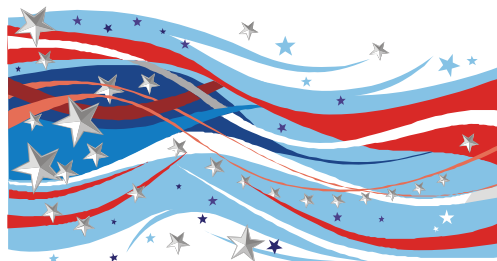
Sewing is at Pat's house the last Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome anytime after 5:30 p.m. **Pat will be out of town until the sew night this month, so please RSVP to Sally Black at 720-283-8483 or quiltsaccomplished@gmail.com.**



<http://www.terrythompson.com>

In looking for a patriotic quilt site in honor of the Fourth of July, I stumbled across the website of Terry Clothier Thompson, who lives just a few hours away in Lawrence, Kansas. Terry creates patterns based on historical quilts, designs fabrics for Moda, and has published books full of stories about the quilting prairie women in her family tree. As Terry herself says, "The history of women and quilts go hand and hand." Therefore, when Terry does quilt workshops she turns them into history lessons and talks about the political and economic environments that have influenced women's quilts.

You will enjoy seeing Terry's antique photos from Peace Creek, Kansas, and you should check out the handy border tools she has for sale. If you love traditional patriotic patterns, you'll like her new book, *Made in America by the Daughters of Liberty*, but you should also explore her books honoring other American heroines, including Sacajawea, Harriet Tubman, and Louisa May Alcott. Terry Clothier Thompson's site gives us new inspiration from traditional patterns and the stories of women who have influenced the past.



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The Common Thread Quilters are a quilt group based in Parker, Colorado. Meetings are held at 6:30pm the 2nd Tuesday of each month at:

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www.geocities.com/commonthreadquilters

Contributions to the newsletter should be sent by the 1st of each month to:

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August Meeting

Please note the **date and location change** for our **August** meeting! Unfortunately, our usual meeting location wasn't available. We'll be meeting on **August 5th** at 6:30 p.m. at the **Lone Tree Library**, 8827 Lone Tree Parkway. If you're coming from Parker take Lincoln Avenue west past I-25. Turn right onto Yosemite (near the Super Target). Turn left onto Lone Tree Parkway and the library will be on your right side.

The Return of Block of the Month

With the end of our Row, Row, Row Your Quilt challenge is the restart of our block of the month. Jane is changing up the program based on the survey responses we received. The block of the month theme will be stars. The first month's pattern will be a Sawtooth Star. Jane will have patterns and instructions available at the August meeting and they will also be posted on the website. Don't forget that we will no longer be exchanging these blocks. So it will be up to you to determine the color/fabric scheme of your project. Please contact Jane at quiltah@comcast.net if you have any questions.

A Note From Judi

Hi all,

We are about to see the best thing to happen to Parker. Thanks to all of you who heeded my call and turned in your quilts. I decided not to post the results of the judging; you'll have to come to the meeting to find out if you won a ribbon.

July 8th....meeting is at the Mainstreet Center in beautiful, downtown Burbank, oops, Parker!! Get yourself to Parker Road and Mainstreet and go east into downtown. Just past Pike's Peak Road is the Mainstreet Center, a two-story building that was originally a school. Turn in and there is plenty of parking in the back as well as a rear entrance. Bring your row challenge, your \$30 for Cindy Brick's workshop, and show and tell.

August 5th....we've been very lucky to have the FD for almost four years for free but with their merger with South Metro FD, things are happening. We have changed our August meeting to the 5th at the Lone Tree Library, located just west of Yosemite between Lincoln and C-470. There's plenty of parking.

I didn't know if I could get the library so went ahead and booked the Fire station up by Tagawa for the August 12th. We could use this as a DIY night but also have a night scheduled on the 15th...in addition to Pat's on the 20th. I need to know whether to keep the 12th or the 15th. If we keep the 12th, many members who can't attend on a Friday night could possibly attend on the Tuesday. I'd appreciate your opinion.

Looking forward to Tuesday night "on the stage" at the Mainstreet Center!
Judi

Calendar of Events

July 2008

- 3rd – Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 8th – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
- ✓ Mainstreet Center, 19650 E. Mainstreet
 - ✓ End of Row, Row, Row Your Quilt!
 - ✓ Show and Tell: State quilts
- 11th – **Happy Birthday, Judy Potts!**
- 12th – Bee Bold Quilt Day 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 16th – **Happy Birthday, Sally Black!**
- 20th – **Happy Birthday, Deb Barela!**
- 26th – Workshop: Cindy Brick – “The Incredible Triangle Quilt”
- ✓ 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. \$30
- 25th – Sew Night at Pat’s **(RSVP to Sally Black!)**

August 2008

- 5th – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
- ✓ Lone Tree Library, 8827 Lone Tree Parkway (off of Yosemite between Lincoln and C-470)
 - ✓ Anniversary party and Jan Coates
 - ✓ Show and Tell: Water quilts (Sailboats, Storms at sea, etc.)
- 7th – Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 12th – Tuesday Sew Night 6:00 p.m. - ???
- 16th – Friday Sew Night 6:00 p.m. - ???
- 27th – **Happy Birthday, Donna Gilmore!**
- 29th – Sew Night at Pat’s
- 30th – **Happy Birthday, Roxann Bennett!**
- 31st – **Happy Birthday, Charlotte Allen!**

September 2008

- 3rd – **Happy Birthday, Eileen MacMillan**
- 4th – Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 9th – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
- ✓ Theresa Fleming “Colorado Women”
 - ✓ Show and Tell: Colorado quilts
- 13th – Saturday Sew Day
- ✓ 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 25th – **Happy Birthday, Shirley Shannon!**
- 26th – Sew Night at Pat’s
- 27th – **Happy Birthday, Karen Niemi!**

October 2008

- 2nd – Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 2nd – **Happy Birthday, Elyse Bowers!**
- 8th – **Happy Birthday, Jane Emerson!**
- 14th – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
- ✓ Card Tricks and Games
 - ✓ Show and Tell: BOOlicious quilts
- 17th – Friday Sew Night
- ✓ 6:00 p.m. - ???
- 21st – **Happy Birthday, Pat Syta!**
- 24th – Sew Night at Pat’s



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Common Thread Quilt Club

Block of the Month

Common Thread Quilters
Block of the Month
July 2008

Basic Challenge Parameters: **STARS**

We will not be exchanging the blocks, what you make you keep. Each month we will give ideas for uses and presentation of your blocks. (wall hangings, clothing, runners, full size) We will hang them at the meeting so we can get an idea of what everyone is doing. We will be glad to answer and help with construction problems. Basic total of 6 blocks, 1st one due August meeting, last one due January meeting.

Color: Your Choice! 30's fabrics, Civil War or Reproduction fabrics, Christmas, Halloween, 4th of July, white or silver stars go with ANY background. 2 colors, 3 colors, pastels, brights, jewel tone, funky, scrappy. Try contrasting colors– yellow stars with purple, gold stars with navy.

Blocks will be presented in **6 AND 12** inch format:

- ❖ For 6" blocks and a small sampler wall hanging, a fat quarter of each fabric should be plenty. Use fabric from your stash or scrap bag! Plan for your backing and binding. Wash & iron.
- ❖ For 12" blocks you may need up to ½ yard of your main fabrics with fat quarters of accent fabric. You will need possibly a yard if you want to do sashing and borders. Use leftovers for your backing!
- ❖ Remember! You can always make **2 blocks each month** for a total of 12 blocks either size or a combination of both sizes by January! If this is something you want to do, be sure to have **double** your fabric prepared.

Each Month:

Do one block for challenge, either size. Or do two blocks per month to end with 12 blocks. **Or do one of each size!**

- To do something different for your finished project:
- For your 2nd block, reverse the focus and background.
- Do every other block on a layout of a plain square or a four or 9 patch.

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