



BOT SQUAD



It's been a busy year for the BOT Squad Team.

It is hard to believe that it is the fall already. While driving through upstate New York I noticed that the leaves are beginning to change. The air has a nice coolness to it at night but still some warmth during the day.

This past year has been very busy with many quilt shows, online classes, new projects for QBOT, and new kits.

Shelley has new fabric coming that she and Corina are getting ready to laser cut. Once the kits are cut, Shelley will post the new items on myQBOT.com.

Be sure to check out our Events page on a regular basis...you never know when or where we may turn up!

A warm welcome to Abby, our newest team member.

Happy Quilting,

Denise



QUILT SHOW WITH QBOT EVERY MONTH



QBOT CLUB LAUNCHED WITH MONTHLY PROJECT



QUEEN SIZE T-SHIRT QUILT IN MEMORY OF RAY

PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



1. TRAVERSE CITY BOOK STORE HOSTED A QUILT SHOW WITH THE LOCAL QUILT GUILD
2. QBOT DRIVING A BERNINA 820 ON THE BERNINA FRAME. JUST ONE OF THE MANY MACHINES ADDED TO THE QBOT COMPATIBILITY LIST THIS YEAR.
3. HAYDEN ON A 4-PATCH DOG QUILT WITH GRANDMA'S DOG ARCO. A GREAT WAY TO SPEND AN AFTERNOON!
4. SILK MAKES BEAUTIFUL QUILTS. THIS QUILT WAS A DONATION FOR THE LOCAL SCHOOL AUCTION.
5. ONE OF THE MANY QUILT SHOWS FROM THE PAST YEAR. WE HAD OVER 50 EVENTS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

On-line classes are filling fast.

We have added many new sessions and classes too!

Quilting Fundamentals is a quarterly class that meets monthly at both 3pm and 9pm Eastern time. For the Fall quarter class, we will be using Patchwork Picnic Squares - a Simply Sew kit - to teach quilting fundamentals, tips, and tricks. These classes are free with the purchase of the quilt kit. Tuesdays, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. Lap quilt and baby quilt kits available, in several colorways. [Click](#) for details.

QBOT Webinars focus on QBOT techniques. This class is offered twice monthly. One session is open to everyone, free of charge. One more advanced session is for QBOT Club members (see below). Our next free session is Tuesday, Sept 21 at 3 or 9 pm eastern time. [Click](#) for details.

Free Motion Assistant quilting class teaches set up, movement, and quilting with your Free Motion Assistant. The registration links to these free classes can be found on the myqbot.com website. Look on the [Events](#) page.

QBOT Club membership is a great way to expand your QBOT quilting knowledge, with monthly classes/meetings focused on tips, tricks, techniques, and projects that are not your traditional "quilting" projects. Join any time, membership runs through the end of May 2011. Read all the details on our website. Look on the [Club Hub](#) page!

Is your quilting group looking to start a block swap?

A traditional block swap can include a group as small as 2 people and as large as 12 or more. The number really doesn't matter. The rules are simple - and can be changed to fit the dynamics of your specific group. Here's what you do:

- 1- Pick on a theme. This can be based on specific fabric prints or colors, or can be based on an overall theme.
- 2- Pick block size. Something manageable, like 9" or 12" finished blocks is usually nice.
- 3- Determine your timeline and due date. This can be based on when your group meets (monthly? quarterly?) or when the finished quilt should be completed (holiday season, anniversary, etc.)
- 4- Make your blocks! Each quilter constructs one block pattern for each of the group members. (If your group has 12 members, you make 12 of the same block.)
- 5- Swap your blocks! When quilters gather, with blocks in hand, plan to have a few finger foods and drinks. Enjoy sharing stories (nightmares?) encountered while constructing the blocks; chaos that ensued during shopping trips to quilt/fabric stores looking for the perfect fabric; etc. At the end of the day, you'll have a handful of different blocks ready to assemble!

Visit our website for laser-cut blocks to help you get started!

VIEW OUR KITS



PATCHWORK PICNIC SQUARES
MANY COLORWAYS AVAILABLE



TRAVELING TOTE
3 COLORWAYS AVAILABLE



FEELING FLIPPY BAG
2 COLORWAYS AVAILABLE



GINGERBREAD MAN
WALLHANGING

Karen's in the Kitchen Doreen's Chicken Salad

3 cups diced cooked chicken

1-1/2 cups finely diced celery

3 hard cooked eggs - sliced

1 Tbs lemon juice

1/2 to 3/4 cups mayonnaise

3 slices bacon- finely crumbled

1/4 cup sliced almonds

sauteed until golden

Toss all ingredients together -

fold in mayonnaise and season

with salt & pepper. Chill and

serve in lettuce cups.

Serves 6.

Ask Angela,

How can I use the designs with EQ6 or EQ7 in my QBOT?

First you will need to install the designs from the collection CD on your computer. It will automatically put the designs in the Electric Quilt program.

Once the designs are installed, you will need to load a block and insert the design from the tab in the software. There is a small learning curve to the EQ software to do this process.

Next save the selected design. Export it as an image.

Now it's time to go to your quilting software.

Import the image and convert it to a design that you can quilt out.



CORINA'S CORNER

I recently used QBOT for the very first time! I was amazed at how simple it was and my ability to switch to free motion quilting without even turning off QBOT or making any adjustments. My thoughts drifted to how I could enjoy quilting and contribute to my community at the same time? Two organizations were brought to my attention that I would like to share with you:

- Project Linus is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer *blanketeers*. Learn more [HERE](#).
- A great way to make good use of your scraps would be to volunteer with the 1 million pillowcase challenge. A pillowcase can provide comfort for a cancer patient, hope for a foster child, encouragement for a battered woman, or beauty for a nursing home resident. Learn more [HERE](#).