



# THE QUILT TREE AND YARN BRANCH

## 2023 SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE

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Monday - Saturday: 10am - 6pm Sunday: Noon - 5pm

### THE QUILT TREE FINISHING CLASSES

Beginner II \$30.00 each

These classes are designed as opportunities to finish one (or more) of those unfinished quilts. The teacher will be available to help you with unfinished blocks, sets and borders, binding, whatever you need. Please be aware that there is generally not enough space to layout, pin and baste a quilt in this class.

<b>Saturday 4:00pm-10:00pm</b>	<b>Friday 11:00am-5:00pm</b>
May 13 - Pam Ventgen	March 31 - Ann Courtney
June 3 - Pam Ventgen	April 21 - Ann Courtney
	June 16 - Ann Courtney

### KIT AND KABOODLE CLASSES

Sharon Swieter Beginning II \$40.00

Bring your unfinished (or not yet started!) projects, block-of-the-months, or kits. You will have 6 uninterrupted hours to dig in, get help, and get things done!!

<b>Tuesday 11:00am-5:00pm</b>	<b>Friday 11:00am-5:00pm</b>
February 7	March 17
April 11	May 5
June 20	

### TANGLED TREES - FEBRUARY

Sarah Klever Beginner II \$40.00

Friday - February 3 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Welcome to the Tangled Tree Garden! Slash and Sew is way to go with this tree inspired quilt. Try wild and crazy trees like Sarah or go for a more wintry scene using neutrals like dark browns, blacks and various shades of off-whites to light browns. Lots of possibilities!!

### RAINDROPS FINISHING

Pam Ventgen Beginner II \$15.00

Saturday - February 4 12:00pm - 4:00pm

This class is for students who took the *Rain Drops* class last session and need help finishing the project. We will go over curved seam piecing and laying out your quilt with further instructions for completing the project. Those who finished their Rain Drops quilt are welcome to stop by and show off your top or quilt.

### HANDWORK THURSDAY

Pam Ventgen All Levels \$50.00

Thursday - February 9, March 2, April 6, May 11 & June 1 6:00pm - 9:00pm

For those interested in spending time hand stitching or learning wool or cotton applique and a variety of embroidery stitches, this class is for you. Your choice of patterns, popular designers include Crabapple Hill Studio Designs, Sue Spargo, Woolly Lady and Bird Brain Designs.

### FRIDAY BLOCKBUSTER

Pam Ventgen Beginner II \$100.00

Friday - February 10, March 3, April 7, May 12 & June 2 1:00pm - 7:00pm

Friday Blockbuster started as a way to work on block-of-the-month blocks and has evolved into a finishing class that meets monthly. This class is an opportunity to bring those unfinished blocks or projects and get together with fellow quilters for a fun and productive work session. Pam will be available to help you where needed.

### **KUSPUK - FEBRUARY**

Susan Gray      Intermediate      \$100.00  
Saturday - February 11      11:00am - 5:00pm  
**AND** Sunday - February 12      12:00pm - 5:00pm

***Must have garment sewing experience.***

Susan is originally from Nome and started making Kuspuks over 10 years ago. She has learned from many people, including Dora Andrew-Ihrke who previously taught Qaspeq (Kuspuk) making at the Quilt Tree. To help ensure that your Kuspuk will be a good fit she'll have prototype Kuspuks for trying on and patterns to use/copy. She will also teach traditional ways of measuring that she learned from Dora. These can be used as sizing guidelines for making future Kuspuks for your friends and family. You will come away from this class with a drop shoulder Kuspuk and a pattern of your size.

### **SLOW STITCHING WITH SALLY**

Sally Bennett      Beginner I      \$45.00  
Tuesday - February 14, March 14, April 18, May  
16 & June 13      12:00pm - 2:00pm

Slow down your stitching! Handwork is a fun, portable alternative to your sewing machine. Bring your wool, embroidery, or other handwork class to work on. There will be support and camaraderie while you are working towards a finished project.

### **BEGINNER SAMPLER**

Ann Courtney      Beginner I      \$75.00  
Saturday - February 18, 25, March 4, 18, April 8  
& May 6      10:30am - 1:30pm

Learn the very basics of quilting in this 12-block sampler quilt class. We will move at a slower pace and learn all about the tools and techniques you will need to end up with a beautiful quilt you will be proud to own! This is also a great class for someone who already knows how to quilt but wants to make a sampler quilt. Lots of information provided in this class for every quilter.

### **KAWANDI STYLE QUILTING**

Ann Anderson      Beginner I      \$25.00  
Saturday - February 18      2:30pm - 5:30pm

Learn Kawandi-style hand quilting to make a 17" by 20" mini quilt. Unlike traditional piecing, we will add fabrics as we hand-stitch in rows around the quilt, working from the outside in towards the center. This is a fun and relaxing portable project!

### **WOOL APPLIQUE II**

Sharon Richards      Beginner II      \$40.00  
Sunday - February 19, 26, March 5 & 12  
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Now you know the basics of wool applique. You know how relaxing it is to sit and hand-sew. It is even more fun when you do it with other wool applique enthusiasts! This is a time to come and bring your current projects to share and to start practicing new stitches. Sharon's first ten wool applique pieces, some of them rather large, were made with only two stitches: the blanket stitch and the French knot. She is not yet an expert in stitchery (and is no Sue Spargo) so envisions this new class as one for class participation: those who want to share what new stitches they have learned with others. If you'd rather just socialize and work on your pieces, this class is for you. Welcome back!

### **SAMPLER SPREE**

Sharon Swieter      Beginner II      \$60.00  
Sunday - February 26, March 5, 12 & 19  
12:30pm - 4:30pm

Indulge your passion for color and fabric with a smorgasbord of blocks to use in a quilt that is a visual feast made with 6" blocks. You will find something to love when you choose from a variety of block designs.

### CHOOSING COLOR

Pam Ventgen/Kate Beebe All Levels \$25.00  
Saturday - March 4 2:30pm - 5:30pm

Do you struggle choosing fabrics for a quilt? Are you overwhelmed when entering a quilt shop? If so, this interactive class is for you. This isn't a color theory class. It is two instructors sharing tips and tricks on choosing fabrics, what to look for, things to consider. We will show examples of things that work and those that aren't as successful. We encourage you to bring a fabric from your stash that you want to find companions for, or you can find something currently in the store to play with. Or bring a pattern you've been wanting to use and need help finding fabric.

### COILED BOWLS - MARCH

Sarah Klever Beginner II \$30.00  
Saturday - March 11 11:00am - 2:30pm

Sarah's got some new ideas for jazzing up your coiled bowls! Even if you've taken this class before, you will want to learn some of these new great techniques. You won't want to miss it! Your sewing machine must have a zigzag stitch.

### BEGINNING PUZZLE QUILT

Ann Anderson Beginner I \$45.00  
Saturday - March 18 & 25 2:00pm - 6:00pm

Learn the basics of quilting with this fun 3-fabric quilt! We will cover the essentials of quilting including using rotary cutters with rulers, sewing accurate  $\frac{1}{4}$  seams, pinning for precision, and pressing. This quilt comes together quickly as there are only two kinds of blocks to make.

### BLOSSOMS AND SPOKES

Jan Sant Beginner II \$40.00  
Saturday - March 25 & April 1 10:30am - 1:30pm  
This class will introduce you to the fun and creativity of collage quilting. You will learn fusible web techniques and weaving fabric strips to create a unique visual texture. Also, Jan will teach you a quick way to make a pieced background. This fun quilt works up quickly.

### HANDSCAPES - LANDSCAPES BY HAND

Kate Beebe Beginner II \$40.00  
Sunday - March 26 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Easy fabric landscape made entirely by hand - no machines, no fusibles, no rotary cutters or rulers! Use big stitches (previously known as utility stitching) and fabric to "paint" a landscape of your choice. This is an easy "take-along" project, so learn it now in time for your next trip whether in an RV, in a tent, or by a stream.

### BIND YOUR QUILT 3 DIFFERENT WAYS

Ann Courtney All Levels \$40.00  
Saturday - April 1 2:30pm - 5:30pm

This class will teach you how to take that important last step with your quilt....applying the binding. This class will cover the classic of binding a quilt (by machine and hand), the durable way of binding your quilt by machine, and the fun way of binding your quilt by adding a flange in different or complimentary fabric

### ZIG ZAG TOTE

Teresa Kimmel Beginner II \$35.00  
Sunday - April 2 12:30pm - 5:00pm

In this class you'll have fun learning a quick quilt as you go method to create a one-of-a-kind tote bag designed by you. Create this tote in two sizes using 2.5" stripes. They're fun, easy and forgiving and make great gifts.

### WOVEN JEWELBOX

Pam Ventgen Beginner II \$45.00  
Saturday - April 8, 15 & 22 2:00pm - 5:00pm

This is a fun, modern quilt that is strip pieced for ease. Using neutrals for the background with pops of color, this quilt can fit in almost anywhere.

### ANTELOPE CANYON

Pam Ventgen Beginner II \$45.00  
Saturday - April 15, 22 & 29 10:30am - 1:30pm  
This jelly roll friendly quilt has a couple layout options that make it even more fun. This quilt is 75 x 75" but could be made larger with additional borders.

### PAPER PIECING WORKSHOP

Sharon Swieter      All Levels      \$45.00

Sunday - April 16 & 30      12:30pm - 4:30pm

Paper piecing is a technique every quilter should have in their toolbox. You will be shown the "how-to" of paper piecing before moving on to making these pineapple blocks in two sizes for a simply stunning quilt.

### WOOL APPLIQUE I

Sharon Richards      All Levels      \$40.00

Sunday - April 16, 23, 30 & May 7

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Wool applique is hand sewing, not machine sewing. It requires felted wool fabric which now comes in beautiful colors, some of it hand dyed. The Quilt Tree has a nice selection. It is easy to learn the basic stitches and no previous experience is required. Choose your own pattern, be it a wall hanging, a pillow, a table runner, or a penny rug; the methods will all be the same. Small pieces are suggested for your first venture.

### CRUMB QUILTING

Sharon Swieter      Beginner II      \$45.00

Sunday - April 23 & May 7      12:30pm - 4:30pm

Do you have a tub of scraps that is out of control, but you just can't part with it? Sharon will show you how to shrink that pile of scraps and make a quilt that you will love! Join me in making this fun quilt with no precision piecing!

### LOG CABIN QUILT

Ann Anderson      Beginner II      \$45.00

Saturday - April 29 & May 6

2:00pm - 6:00pm

Using the Creative Grids Log Cabin Trim Tool, quickly and accurately sew 8" finished blocks. These blocks work well with dark fabrics on one side and light fabrics on the other side. We will also explore the many Log Cabin block layouts and border options for your quilt.

### WOOLY ANIMALS

Sally Bennett      Beginner II      \$45.00

Monday - May 8, 15 & 22      4:00pm - 6:00pm

Bears, foxes, mice, and rabbits! These animal families will make you smile every step of the way. All the little details are so fun to customize. Choose your favorite animal, pick up some wool, and let's get creating!

### INTRO INTO MACHINE QUILTING

Ann Courtney      Beginner I      \$45.00

Sunday - May 14 & 21      1:00pm - 4:00pm

You've finished your quilt top, and you love it. But what do you do now?? Join Ann for instruction on how to quilt your top on your own sewing machine. The class will cover putting your layers together, choosing the right quilting design, and picking out the right needle and thread to complement your design and your top. You'll start by learning to make straight line designs, then move into the fun (and unnecessarily scary) world of free motion.

### COILED BOWLS-NEW TECHNIQUES!! - MAY

Sarah Klever      Beginner II      \$30.00

Friday - May 19      12:00pm - 3:30pm

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### ABIGAIL'S WINDOW

Pam Ventgen      Beginner II      \$45.00

Saturday - May 20 & June 3

10:30am - 3:00pm

Back by popular demand! If you couldn't get into this class in January, Pam is teaching it again. If you love stained glass, this may be your next quilt. Accurate  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam is important with this pattern.

### HEXAGON ALLEY

Ann Anderson      Beginner II      \$45.00

Sunday - June 4 & 11      12:30pm - 4:30pm

Using the Creative Grids Hexagon Trim Tool, quickly and accurately create hexagon blocks. We will explore a variety of fun hexagons that can be

made with strip piecing and 2", 4" and 6" centers. With careful marking and trimming, learn to easily sew the gentle y-seams to join the hexagon blocks.

### **TANGLED TREES - JUNE**

Sarah Klever      Beginner II      \$40.00

Saturday - June 10      11:00am - 3:00pm

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### **SOLSTICE MYSTERY**

Pam Ventgen      Beginner II      \$45.00

Saturday - June 17      11:00am - 5:00pm

Mystery quilt classes are always popular. Pam designs the pattern and gives you a supply list and some initial cutting and sewing instructions. You come to class and work step by step revealing your mystery quilt. Pam is happy to help with fabric choices in advance, so you get a successful outcome.

### **KUSPUK - JUNE**

Susan Gray      Intermediate      \$100.00

Saturday - June 24      11:00am - 5:00pm

**AND** Sunday - June 25      12:00pm - 5:00pm

**Must have garment sewing experience.**

Susan is originally from Nome and started making Kuspuks over 10 years ago. She has learned from many people, including Dora Andrew-Ihrke who previously taught Qaspeq (Kuspuk) making at the Quilt Tree. To help ensure that your Kuspuk will be a good fit she'll have prototype Kuspuks for trying on and patterns to use/copy. She will also teach traditional ways of measuring that she learned from Dora. These can be used as sizing guidelines for making future Kuspuks for your friends and family. You will come away from this class with a drop shoulder Kuspuk and a pattern of your size.



### **YARN BRANCH CLASS LEVELS**

**BEGINNER I** - You have not yet learned or are not yet comfortable with knitting or crocheting. These classes will provide you with the basic skills needed.

**BEGINNER II** - You know how to cast-on, bind-off, knit, purl, increase, decrease, and follow a pattern. These classes will expand your skills or give you special tips.

**INTERMEDIATE** - You have many projects 'under your belt.' These classes are a little faster paced and often tackle more difficult patterns.

### **MY PRETTY POSIES**

Tamara Benton      Intermediate      \$50.00

Saturday - February 18, 25 & March 4

1:00pm - 3:00pm

This hat, worked in sport weight superwash yarn, is a good introduction to colorwork stranding. Fair Isle knitting is commonly worked on fine woolen yarn with small needles, but the techniques required for My Pretty Posies are the same, though using heavier yarn and larger needles. Two colors per row, with repetitive stitch patterns, are used throughout the construction. For anyone wanting to learn Fair Isle techniques but wary of fine yarns and small needles, this class is for you.

### **BEGINNING KNITTING**

Sally Bennett      Beginner I      \$65.00

Monday - February 20, 27, March 6 & 13

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Have you always wanted to learn to knit? This is the class for you. After completing this class, you will have the skills to go on to any beginner 2 class the Yarn Branch offers. In this class we will learn how to knit, purl, and decrease. This is a great class to get the basics under your belt and soon you will be ready to jump into a project head first!

### **PATTERN READING WORKSHOP**

Sally Bennett      All Levels      \$20.00

Thursday - March 9      3:30pm - 6:00pm

K1P2? KFB? What is this other language? Reading a knitting pattern can feel like trying to decipher hieroglyphics and times... In this class we will cover reading patterns and charts and help you understand how to turn the words on the page into a knitted item. Bring any patterns you have questions about, but I will have samples to read through and describe.

### **SPRING GNOMES**

Sally Bennett      Beginner II      \$45.00

Thursday - March 16, 23 & 30      4:00pm - 6:00pm

Springtime is around the corner, but we do still need mittens! This fun gnome will delight you from beginning to end. My sample is done in springtime colors but choose a range of blues for a winter gnome, maybe reds and greens for Christmas, or just your favorite colors for an everyday delight.

### **HAPPY HANDS**

Tamara Benton      Intermediate      \$50.00

Saturday - March 18, 25 & April 1

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Fingerless mitts are great for texting or shopping, make a lovely gift for a friend, or will enhance your own winter wardrobe. Worked in 2x2 ribbing, the size can be modified to ensure a comfortable fit. New skills await you, including how to work in-the-round on 2 circulars, how to work gussets, how to change 2x2 ribbing to 1x1 ribbing and how to read charts and schematics.

### **SOCKS!**

Sally Bennett      Beginner II      \$45.00

Monday - March 20, 27 & April 3

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Socks! Almost everyone wears them, and hand knit socks are such a luxury. Not only that, they are quite fun to knit! I always keep a sock project in my purse just in case I get stuck waiting somewhere. It's amazing how those little moments add up. In this class we will learn to knit a basic top down sock. Come learn to knit a fun and very wearable item.

### **ZUZUS PETALS COWL**

Sally Bennett      Beginner II      \$50.00

Monday - April 10, 17, 24 & May 1

4:00pm - 6:00pm

This cowl has a great shape. The bandana style allows it to tuck into your coat to keep you warm while not having much bulk behind your neck. The lace pattern is basic and fun to knit. Challenge yourself to learn something new with this gorgeous knit.

### **RAVEN'S PROMENADE**

Tamara Benton      Intermediate      \$50.00

Saturday - May 6, 13 & 20      1:00pm - 3:00pm

If you are looking for a challenge this winter, Raven's Promenade will provide that opportunity. Several new techniques will be introduced to improve your knitting skills. The hat brim is worked in-the-round, beginning with a twined herringbone edge, followed by a diamond border with centered beads. Switching to back-and-forth knitting, the raven motifs are worked using intarsia, which is a colorwork technique that involves knitting with blocks of color rather than stranding, and mattress stitch is used to close the gap from working back-and-forth. The crown returns to the in-the round diamond stitch pattern. A liner is optional.

### **QUILT TREE/YARN BRANCH CLASS POLICIES**

You must pay for the class when you register. Phone reservations are accepted with a credit card. The supply list is provided when you pay the class fee.

Class fees are not refundable unless we cancel a class. If you are unable to attend a class, you may contact us to see if there is someone on the waiting list to buy your spot, or you may send a friend in your place. Class cancellations, when necessary, will be one week prior to the class start date. If a class is canceled, we will refund your class fee.

Out of consideration for the instructor and the other students, children, pets and non-paying guests are not allowed at classes.

### **QUILT CLASS SUPPLIES**

Supplies are needed for almost all classes. If a pattern, book, notion or fabric is necessary to make the quilt top or bag, it is a required purchase. The class fee covers instruction *only*. You are responsible for picking up your supply list and coming to class prepared. The Quilt Tree cannot guarantee we will have specialty items the night of a particular class. We do try to order enough for everyone in a class. However, sometimes items do sell out prior to your class. Please review your class supply list and bring all the requested items, plus basic sewing items for quilting classes.

### **QUILT TREE CLASS LEVELS**

**BEGINNER I** – You must know how to sew on your machine. These classes will include instruction in basic rotary cutting and piecing.

**BEGINNER II** - You must already have basic piecing and rotary cutting skills. These classes will expand your skills or give special tips.

**INTERMEDIATE** – You are experienced in piecing and rotary skills. These classes are a little faster paced and often tackle more difficult patterns.