

GIRTIES GAZETTE

Fall 2017



PONDERINGS BY GIRTIE

Have you ever thought about Pondering? It's accomplished without effort and when you least expect it. Before I opened Girtie's I used to ponder while I tended my garden or while I was weeding the flowerbeds- always some mindless task that allowed me to take on the problems of the world and solve them at the same time.

WHATS HAPPENING

Here's a look at some of the upcoming events!

BLOOMSBURG FAIR- September 22-30. We will be located INSIDE the LIBERTY HALL. The studio will be closed that week.

QUILTERS IN BLOOM- October 14th & 15th. (located at the Vo-Tech High School)

TREE FEST- December 1st-3rd
(Located at the Caldwell Consistory in downtown Bloomsburg)

Time would pass and I felt like a new woman in full control of all aspects of my life. Now, I ponder while I am piecing and ironing, quilting, and even binding quilts. Pondering is always a single person activity. You can't Ponder and talk, or worry about what is going on with the washing machine. Trying to pay attention to when the clothes need switched over to the dryer. Pondering has to start with a clean slate and then you can fill it with whatever you deem is important in your life or someone else's that you are close to.

To do or not to do- pondering is something I always seem to find time to do. Should I buy this fabric or that fabric? Should the driveway be enlarged or put a circular drive in front of the house so everyone can get in and out without crashing into something or someone? Then there are always the classes should we do more; do less. Purchasing stock thread, fabric, retail, or what type of sales should be feature this month? These are some of the thoughts I ponder daily. That is the fun of operating a small Quilt Shop.

To Ponder is an exercise in private heavy-duty life planning. So, grab a cup of your favorite warm liquid drink and ponder away, your answers are just a quiet moment away. Well my dear friends, Happy Quilting or should I say Happy Pondering, Girtie ☐

WHY OH WHY DO I NEED FOUR INCHES?! (article from Quilt of Valor New Information Email)

HERE'S WHY: When a quilt is quilted it takes up fabric in the top and the back depending on how dense the quilting is. The size of the top can shrink 3-4 inches EACH WAY during quilting! (ANOTHER reason for 60x80 'ish' quilts)

The Quilt Back:

*Needs to be at LEAST 6" longer than the top. This is because the roller we have to roll on is 2" in diameter and we need enough extra to roll the quilt back on and square it with the top attached to it.

The Sides of the Quilt:

We need 4" for sure to extend out beyond the quilt top on each side because there are clamps that must attach to the back and the batting of the quilt while it is being quilted to keep it taught! These clamps need a 1 ½" bite and you cannot run the machine near the clamps or they will bump and distort the pattern, and not get to the edge of the quilt.

The Bottom of the Quilt Back:

This also needs to have an extra 4" of fabric as there is another 2" roller we have to roll the bottom on to in order to hold it secure. We also need the extra to square the bottom of the quilt top. To get a squared-up quilt upon completion of quilting, it has to be squared when it is quilted.

AS NICE AS ALL 6" WOULD BE, GIRTIE'S ONLY REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF FOUR INCHES (4")



GROOVIN' AT GIRTIES



Girtie's will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Saturday September 9th, 2017 from 10AM until 3PM. We will have many samples on display, along with a Class Act Schedule and many new fabrics and sales for you to enjoy. Refreshments will be provided, come down and check us out!!

STRAWBERRY DELIGHT

1 Lg container of Cool Whip

16 oz frozen strawberries

Combine ingredients until well mixed and refrigerate. Top with marshmallows, bananas, or granola.

1 Lg Container of strawberry yogurt

1 Lg Box cheesecake pudding mix



QUILTERS COMPANION

Gary Girton, husband of Girtie, has a talent and love for turning average pieces of wood and acrylic into beautiful works of art. From cherry wood to oak, birch and even purple heart. He has worked on just about everything including antler. He makes wonderful gifts such as pens, letter openers, seam rippers for quilters, great razors and more. He also makes vases, lamps, cutlery, and etc. If you have a specific wood or item in mind, he can customize it for you. Gary's shop is located next to Girtie's Retail Store and Workshop.



Class Listing

Groovin' at Girties Open House- Sat, Sept 9, 10 am to 3 pm

T-Shirt Quilts \$32

Thurs, Sept 14 and 15, 9 to 11 am

-Gather memories and preserve those great T-shirts in a one-of-a kind memory quilt!

Dear Jane Free

Thurs, Sept 21, 6 to 9 pm

-Be persistent, a few blocks a month is progress on the construction of blocks for your 'Baby Jane'. We work together during this monthly work session.

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Wed, Oct 4, and 11, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

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The Purple Garden Jacket \$91.25

Fri, Oct 6, 13, 20, and 27, 9:30 am to noon

-A beautiful bargello with just a touch of sparkle makes this jacket perfect for special occasions.

Nine Patch Variation \$24

Sat, Oct 7, 9 am to noon

-New quilters can move from strips to blocks in making this quilt.

Majestic Beauty Stained Glass Hanging

Mon, Oct 9, 9 am to 3pm \$64.75

-If you haven't tried the stained glass quilting technique, this wall hanging project is perfect for you.

Make Your Sewing Machine Your Friend

Tues, Oct 10 & 17, 9 am to noon \$48

-Are walking foot, feed dogs and open-toed familiar terms? Become friendly with your sewing machine and use its features in quilting.

A Stunning Purse \$30.50

Wed, Oct 11, 9 am to noon

-Make bags for every season or solve your gift giving problems with this sleek purse featuring

both inside and outside pockets and an easy to install zipper closure.

Folded Fabric \$56

Wed, Oct 18, and 25, 9:30 am -12:30 pm

-Add *pizazz* to your quilts with 3-dimensional blocks or borders.

Paper Pieced Sewing Machine

\$50.50

Thurs, Oct 19, 9 am to 3 pm

-Learn the art of foundation piecing as you work on this wall quilt of your favorite sewing tools.

Jelly Roll Quilt \$20

Thurs, Oct 19, 6 to 8:30 pm

-From fabric strips to a quilt in minutes.

Machine Quilting I \$32

Fri, Oct 20, 1 to 5 pm

-Layering, straight line, stippling and pebbles – introductory machine quilting techniques.

Learn to Quilt – Star Runner/Table Topper \$56

Thurs, Oct 26, 12:30 to 3:30 pm, and

Nov, 9, 12:30 -4:30 pm

-This Star Runner is an easy pattern that includes 9-patch units and half square triangles, two techniques that are very basic in quilting.

Dear Jane Free

Thurs, Oct 26, 6 to 9 pm

-Be persistent, a few blocks a month is progress on the construction of blocks for your 'Baby Jane'. We work together during this monthly work session.

Machine Quilting II \$32

Fri, Oct 27, 1 to 5 pm

-Swirls, stencils, fillers and marking – more machine quilting techniques.



Rag Runner \$24

Wed, Nov 1, 9 am to noon

-Do you love the cozy look of a rag quilt? Use this technique to add interest to your fall table.

Machine Quilting III \$47

Fri, Nov 3, 1 to 5 pm

-Feathers, Cables and More!

Square Dance Quilts \$24

Sat, Nov 4, 9 am to noon

-Continue to build your quilting skills by making a wonderful quilt using a square dance block pattern.

Pineapple Sizzle Tote \$62.25

Tues, Nov 7 & 14, 9:30-12:30

-Have you admired pineapple quilts but thought they were too hard or have too many pieces? If so, then get ready to be amazed at how stress-free pineapple blocks can be made without paper piecing to create this sizzling tote.

Beginning Paper Piecing \$25

Wed, Nov 8, 9 am to noon

-Have you ever marveled at the sharp designs possible with paper piecing?

3-D Holiday Tree \$47.25

Thurs, Nov 9, 9 to -11 am

Thurs, Nov. 16, 9 am to noon

-Easy to make triangular trees can be decorated with buttons, beads, fairy lights or crystals.

Warm Winter Wishes \$25

Wed, Nov 15, 9 am to noon

-Think snowmen, cardinals, sports or flowers when selecting fabric to make this cozy winter quilt to keep you warm during the coldest season! The choice of size to make is up to you - crib to queen.

Dear Jane Free

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Chenille It! \$40

Tues, Nov 21, 9 am to noon and

Nov 28, 9 am to 11 am

-Whip up a super-snuggly chenille baby or art quilt with this easy to follow method using pre-printed panels! Great for beginner quilters.

FOR SALE

- **Patrice Phillips:** 830 Bernina-\$4,300.00
- **Donna Campbell:** Deco Embroidering Machine (call Girtie's for more information)

In the next Gazette...

- How Quilting Keeps Me Sane
- Outlook and Opinions on Fair

REMEMBER TO VISIT US AT THE FAIR

We will be holding daily specials and free gifts throughout the day! Girtie will also have retail items and fabric at our fair location.



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Hours of Operation

Tuesday-Friday: 10-6

Saturday: 10-2

Sunday and Monday: Closed