

Pat's Calico Cottage Newsletter

January 2014

Original Sewing & Quilt Expo

Gwinnett Center

6400 Sugarloaf Pkwy, Duluth, GA 30097

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Gammill "Winter Warmer Special"

This special offer from Gammill is valid through January 2014.

Key Features of "Winter Warmer Special"

- Receive \$2400 on options and supplies when you buy a NEW Statler Stitcher plus Free zippered leaders and casters.
- Receive \$1000 on options and supplies when you buy a NEW VISION plus Free Stitch Quality Camera.
- Receive a \$300 Gift Certificate with the purchase of a NEW CHARM Quilting System.
- Receive \$750 gift certificate for options and supplies with a Statler Stitcher Retrofit or AIO Upgrade.
- All in One Computer (AIO) Upgrade with Heavy Duty Mount \$3495 (MSRP \$3895)

Note: None of the above offers can be combined with any other special/offer.

Other

- Windows 7 Computer (\$995)
- Statler Touch Tools (995)
- Heavy Duty Computer Mount w/keyboard tray (\$595)
- Old Style Computer Mount (\$200)
- Vision Retrofit (\$4,495)
- Breeze Retrofits for hand guided machine \$1000
- Breeze Retrofits for Statler Stitcher (\$1950)

Pat's Calico Cottage Gift Certificates



Not sure what to get that special someone!

Our gift certificates are good for any occasion – Christmas, Birthday, Valentine's Day, Anniversary, or to say Thank You.

Our certificates are for classes, supplies or accessories. Just tell us how much you want to spend and we will send that special someone a gift certificate from you.

Exhibit Hall Hours

Thurs. /Fri. 10am - 6pm; Sat. 10am - 5:30pm

The Class Descriptions have been posted so register now before the classes you want fill up. The long arm teachers this year are:

- Pat Barry (Statler Stitcher / Handguided)
- Gina Perkes (Handguided)
- Dusty Farrell (Handguided).

Here is a list of the long arm classes and the teachers for each class.

Day	Class Description	Machine	Teacher
Thursday	Templates for Hand-Guided Quilting Perfection	Hand Guided	Pat Barry
Thursday	Allover Awesome Accuracy: Edge-to-Edge or Border-to-Border (Part 1 in Statler Series)*	Statler Stitcher	Pat Barry
Thursday	Fantabulous Feathers and Fills	Hand Guided	Gina Perkes
Thursday	Intricate Quilting for Show	Hand Guided	Gina Perkes
Friday	Beauteous Blocks and Borders	Hand Guided	Gina Perkes
Friday	Borders and Corners and More (Part 2 in Statler Series)*	Statler Stitcher	Pat Barry
Friday	Glorious Grids With Fillers	Hand Guided	Gina Perkes
Saturday	Freehand Filigree	Hand Guided	Dusty Farrell
Saturday	Building Beautiful Blocks (Part 3 in Statler Series)*	Statler Stitcher	Pat Barry
Saturday	Statler Digital Design (Part 4 in Statler Series)*	Statler Stitcher	Pat Barry
Saturday	Long arm Appliqué and Embellishment	Hand Guided	Gina Perkes

*Denotes lecture only. No hands on.

We also have two shows coming up in September 2014

- The Original Sewing & Quilt Expo -GA Quilt Show (Cobb Galleria in Atlanta, GA)
- AQS QuiltWeek (Chattanooga Convention Center in Chattanooga, TN)



How can I receive more information on Gammill updates and ask questions on any number of subjects from other Gammill owners and Gammill support staff? How do I get the ID and Password so that I can download new Creative Studio Software Updates?

Gammill Introduces the New GQ Talk Forums for hand guided machine owners, CHARM owners and Statler Stitcher owners. Another resource for you to stay up to date on all the latest information!

Go to www.gammill.com/forum. Click register.....

Be sure to read the following information before completing your registration:

Login Name: Choose a login you will remember. This is required for each time you access the forum.

Display Name: This is the name others will see when you post in the forum.

Statler User? By completing this field it lets us that you want to access the Statler Forum.

Equals: Answer this math problem using a numeric value and hit proceed.

2014 Skill & Maintenance Classes Hand Guided Machines

Beginner Skill Classes

For Beginner Skill Classes you will need to bring fabric top 65" x 90" and backing fabric 70" x 90", twin size piece of batting and thread clips (scissors).

Skill classes start at 9:00 am and end about 5:00 pm on Thursday. Friday class starts at 9:00 am and ends mid-afternoon. Lunch will not be provided; you may go out to one of the local restaurants between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm.

You will need to call the office 770-978-9551 to register. All classes are on a first come basis. If at least two people are not registered for class it will be cancelled and you will need to re-register for another month.

Maintenance Classes

For Maintenance Classes on the 18", 22", 26", and 30" you will need to bring your machine and carriage to work on. This is a "hands on class". You are encouraged to bring a spouse along if you would like. Class usually runs until about 1:00 pm depending on the class and how many questions there are. If you need to bring a snack, then do so. Coffee and water will be provided.

Maintenance Classes start at 9:00 am and end around 1:00 pm. Handguided machine owners need to bring their carriage and machine to class, be sure to leave the horizontal magnet and laser light and bracket at home. You will need to be sure to put something under your machine in the car to be sure not to get oil on your vehicle. Also be sure to secure the machine head in with a seat belt, bungee cord or wedged in your machine so it will not fall over. Statler Stitcher owners do not need to bring their machines to class.

If you need instructions on how to get your machine off the table please feel free to call our office at 770-978-9551.

The 2014 Training schedule is posted on our webpage www.patscalicocottage.com under training. Please call to register.

Skipping Stitches and the Reason Why

Skipping stitches is a frustrating experience for any long arm quilter. The cause of a skipped stitch can be hard to find. Sometimes people confuse a skipped stitch with a long stitch.

A skipped stitch occurs when the needle penetrates the fabric but the thread is not tied in a knot. A long stitch occurs when the needle moves a longer distance before penetrating the fabric. Look for the puncture hole in the fabric when trying to determine which you have.

There are many different reasons for skipping stitches. Many of them are easy for you to fix. Here are few that you can check and/or correct:

- Keep your hook assembly in good, working condition. Keep it clean and oiled to your manufacturers specifications.
- Proper installation of the needle is critical. Make sure that the groove is in front and the scarf is on

the hook side. The needle needs to be in all the way and square.

- Another cause of skipped stitches (hand guiders) can be flexing the needle away from the hook point. This creates too large of a gap. Needle flex is common when you combine thin needles and fast movement. When working from the needle side (front) of the machine, the most common flex caused skip happens when pushing the machine away from the operator. This can be cured by increasing the motor speed, or by slowing your movement down. Using a larger diameter needle can also reduce needle flex.
- Always use needles specifically designed for your longarm machine. GrozBeckert or Singer 134 MR Needles (R).
- Having the fabric stretched too tight and some fabrics such as polyester or those with chemicals on the fabric.
- Let's not forget the excessively worn needle. Your needle should be changed after each project.

What it all boils down to is that the hook isn't picking up the thread off the needle. If you look carefully, you will see the cause, and be able to fix it yourself.

However if you continue to have problems please don't hesitate to give Richard a call and he will help you isolate the problem.

