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Tuesday—Friday 10am to 5pm

Saturdays 9am to 3pm

April 2026 News/May 2026 Calendar

Jennifer's Blog

Every month I sit here and try to figure out what to write. It's getting really hard. I don't know what I need to do for you to like us and come in and BUY? I sit here and remember the old adage you have to spend to make money, but how do you do that when you don't have money and one doesn't want to go into a debt they can't get out of. Should I not be complaining about this. Probably it's not done in the business world. You know what though I'm not a normal business person. I tell you like it is! I don't lie to you. I don't put on airs or pretend the quilting industry is awesome. I still can remember what it's like to go into a store and be ignored. Or attend a class and get lost and never finish a project. These are all things we try not to do. Yes, we are small (so am I; there's nothing wrong with that!). No, we don't have machines but we have lots of fabric and we have a lot of on demand and open sews. We aren't a small business. We are smaller than that and that means we need our local customers to support us more! We've been in this location for 5 years and you all still think we are in the old location and therefore closed. I spent lots on advertising and email and social media to tell you the store moved. What am I doing wrong? I feel invisible!

What would it take to get you to consistently come in and buy? I love those supporters that I do have, but this has been an issue since we moved to this location! I feel like a failure that I can't get even the local quilt clubs to come into this store. Everyone says we have beautiful fabrics. I don't want to hear it's the economy. I don't want to hear politics. I don't want to hear you have enough stash to start your own store. Am I grumpy? Damn right I am! I'm also sad.

I am also begging you out there whether you come in or not that we are supporting some great charities. If you crochet or knit or even sew there are plenty of things you could be making for the animals of Angel Ridge. It's a great way to use that stash up that you have. We have lots of yarns for you to use. I bought them especially for these projects! It is so disappointing that other than Emily and I and maybe one person NO ONE is supporting this cause! If you don't want to make animals bed and toys then make more dresses for Kathy's Dress a girl. WE can do better!

Now that I've pissed off the majority of my newsletter list I will close by saying.

Remember the one with the most stash wins! Jenn.

P.S. I do want to say after I had written the above, I had a young lady come into the store who helped me be excited again. So Lauren (hope I spelled your name right), thank you for your excitement for your joy in starting to learn to quilt! Hope you make it in with those blocks and we will do your on demand class! Now if I can get 100 of these experiences, I wouldn't write blogs like the one above!

Open Sews:

We have three types of Open Sews. The first are just open sews and you can come in all day from 10am to 5pm and work on whatever you want. All of these are listed on the calendar!

The second type are **Kathy's Korners**. Most of the time Kathy's Korners are full so if you would like to join on a Weds please call the store on Tuesday and check with Kathy if there is room!

The Third type is build your own: We have a group called the Chatterboxes that schedule a monthly time to come in. They are a group of 4 women who love to talk and sew. Do you have a group that you want to start your own group let us know and we can see what we can schedule!

Check the attached calendar! If you do not see a day or time call and see if there is room for you to come in!

Don't forget that you can use an Open sew to schedule an on demand time class that we teach. Check with a sales associate if you have something in particular you want to learn how to do!

Yarn Time! Yarn times are held several times a month on Tuesdays or Saturdays from Noon to 3pm unless otherwise noted. You can find the dates on the attached calendar! All sessions are \$10. You can do the project of the month or your own thing! As always, our Yarn times are hosted by Emily Klaczak. Spread the word that it's a fun time to come in and work on your knitting and crochet and socialize with like mind artists! If you know anyone who wants to learn, have them come talk to Emily during one of these times and see what can be set up for lessons!

May Yarn Time — Knitted Water Bottle Bag

Hot weather is coming and it's important to keep hydrated. Carry your water bottle in this knitted shoulder bag. It's made with our favorite cotton yarn, Sugar and Cream, and will hold a 16-20 oz. bottle. And it's knitted flat and sewn up the side, no double pointed needles to deal with! If you don't knit, wait until next month when we'll be doing the crochet bag

Supplies:

1 skein Sugar and Cream yarn

Size 8 knitting needles

Yarn needle

Removeable stitch marker



2026 Charities:



Dress A Girl Around the World

In 2026, we are continuing our charitable effort with Dress A Girl Around the World (Hope 4 Women International non-profit). This organization provides dresses to girls around the world suffering from poverty, disease, and low self-worth. Staff and Customers make dresses to support this organization. We will supply the instructions and assistance in making these simple dresses to make a girl feel special and loved. They can be worked on at our Kathy's Korner, Open Sews or at home. A 10% discount on fabric purchased specifically for these dresses.



Angel Ridge Animal Sanctuary—Bailey's Angel ridge is made up of the dog sanctuary (Washington County) and the cat sanctuary called Bailey's (South Park). My baby boy Romeo came from Bailey's and I have been doing volunteer work a couple times a month playing with the other kitties! What are we doing? Well we are crafters! We would love for you to crochet/knit/sew/create items for the animals. For Crochet and Knit we will be making beds and kitty sacks. If you want to sew you can make little cotton beds filled with those excess battings pieces that you have! Don't want to sew? Cut some fleece and make doggy chew toys or kitty catnip bows! Want to just donate? Bring us cash or amazon cards! We have a box at checkout for all donations! I would love if Quilters Depot could possibly fill Bailey's with new beds and toys for every cat that comes through? Can you help! Come into the store to get the patterns and check out everything you can make. If you have a pattern that you like bring it along! Let us know you are buying the yarn for the project and get 10%! If you need the patterns stop in or email. If you need help come to a Yarn Time! This charity means a lot to me! Please consider crocheting or knitting or making some toys. The patterns don't have to be one that we provide. The animals are looking at you with those soft cute eyes asking for beds and toys or even money donations!





May 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Open Sew	2 Quilting 201 @9am Week1 Yarn Time
3	4	5 Yarn Time	6 Kathy's Korner	7 Open Sew	8 Open Sew	9 Quilting 201 @9am Week2 Yarn Time
10	11	12 Open Sew	13 Kathy's Korner	14	15 Open Sew	16 Quilting 201 @9am Week3 Yarn Time
17	18	19 Yarn Time	20 Kathy's Korner hosted by jenn2	21	22 Open Sew	23 Quilting 201 @9am Week4
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