

Subject: Big Doings in the 'Cuse

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Have you heard? [AQS](#) is coming to Syracuse. . . *Next week!*

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Hey!

Did you miss me last week? I was taking some much-welcomed time off to relax, enjoy the nice weather, and do a little bit of happy-stitching. I hope you're taking advantage of Summer's best offerings. If you need a little break from all the 'busy,' I highly recommend some time away from it all, even if that means a shady spot under a tree in your own backyard (or front yard!)--with some stitching, of course.



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Speaking of the yard. I've never been a big fan of hollyhocks. They get tall, awkward, and spindly way before their blooms are done. However, for some reason this perfect specimen ended up in our yard this year.

And don't these daisies look so fresh and inviting? These blooms, the picture taken a couples weeks ago, have faded now, so I might need to take a new pic of the purple cone flowers for next time. In a few short months these pictures will carry me through the winter months, for now they just make my heart sing!



Just checking, did you take care of all those items I left on your to-do list last time? Just in case you misplaced your list, here's a quick gotta-do recap so you can get 'em done. Check them off now, and move them to the ta-done pile, you won't regret it! Here goes:

- Sign up for the retreat at [Strong House Inn](#) in Vergennes, VT, April 1-3, 2016. [Here are the deets.](#)
- Reserve a cabin on the [Scrappy and Happy Cruise](#), April 24- May 1, 2016. Belize, Roatan, Cozumel, and quilting.
- [AQS Quilt Week in Syracuse](#) July 29- August 1, 2015, at the OnCenter in Syracuse. Visit booth 1009 for all kinds of quilty fun. More about this below!
- While in Syracuse, visit [Calico Gals](#). More about this below
- While in Syracuse, visit the [Onondaga Historical](#)



Ribbon Star Swap
Kits include
ScrapTherapy Little
Scrap Grid interfacing
and background
fabric. First blocks are
due July 10. Swaps
continue monthly.
Join any time!



Scrap Quilt Challenge 5?
Once again, [Fabrics N Quilts](#) invites you to grab your scraps, make a quilt this summer, and win! Find the details [here](#). Find my scrappy tutorial to motivate you [here](#). Look for the special bundle of goodies waiting for you at the end of the post (it pays to scroll to the end, just sayn!).

[Association Museum](#). More about this below, too!

- Make your second (or first!) set of swap blocks for the [Ribbon Star Swap](#). Next set of blocks are due August 10 for swapping. Get your kit [here](#) and [here](#).



Since I'll be spending most of my week at the AQS show next week, we'll chat again here the week after. See you at the show?

Happy Stitching and Happy Summer!

PS. If you are just joining the mailing list, and if this is your first "Good Migrations" eZine, a warm welcome to you!

A 'Very Big Shew' . . .

Everyone in Syracuse is all abuzz about [AQS Quilt Week](#) coming to town next week. Vendor set-up starts on Monday and the show opens on Wednesday, the 29th. If you're going to be in Syracuse, I highly recommend that you stop by the OnCenter in downtown Syracuse to check out the festivities! Quilts, vendors, classes, the whole sch-bang.

With lots still in the pre-show preparation stage, I thought I'd share some brief happenings here on the 'highway.'

Since I'll be vending at the show, the bins are filling up with all kinds of goodies to take to the OnCenter, the



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show venue. My booth is 1009. How perfect is that?



What? You don't see the connection? Lately, I've been all about the 9-patch, just take a '9' and throw '100' in front of it. Easy to remember! I like it!

Demos, specially-priced bundles, AND the newest ScrapTherapy pattern, *Picasso's Puzzle* are the star players at the Hummingbird Highway booth!

Picasso's Puzzle, a hard-not-to-touch fabric cube, features the [Middle Scrap Grid interfacing](#). The patterns are on a truck somewhere between the printer in Minnesota and Syracuse right now as you read this note! I'm told they'll be here in the nick of time for the show! *Picasso's Puzzle* is SO MUCH FUN to make--in fact my Picasso's Puzzle class still has openings. Grab an opening and try it for yourself!--(all the prep for the class is done, just show up--of course, you have to [enroll first](#))



If you can't make it to the show, I'll have more details on the pattern packs next time. Ask for the them at your favorite quilt shop, or visit my online cart . . . soon!

I've been busy preparing a couple of new kit samples of the [Up One Side](#) table runner. *Ridge Rock* and *Bright Christmas* fabric lines from [Hoffman California Fabrics](#) are featured in two new kits available for the first time at the booth. And the best part: the fabrics for the quilt top are pre-cut and ready to sew! (Somebody (i.e. me) had better get a binding on that Christmas one!)



One of the show specials has nothing to do with the show itself! You've heard of the [Row by Row Experience](#)? Well, the shop where the whole thing started is right here in Syracuse. I've been working with Janet Lutz, my friend and [Calico Gals](#) owner, to put together a really special 'something' for you. For starters, you have to go to the *store* to pick up their water-themed row pattern, called *Drip, Drip, Drop*--pattern by yours truly! Bring a friend (or not) and get a great little deal and special present from Janet and me! Here's a hint . . .



And . . . as long as you are in Syracuse, whether you are visiting from far away or from right in town, I want to encourage you to take advantage of a local treasure. The [Onondaga Historical Museum](#) has a special exhibit of 20 unbelievable vintage quilts dating to the mid-1800s. Click on the link and scroll down to *Patterns in History: Vintage Quilts of Onondaga County* for the particulars. I was honored to be involved in helping to select the quilts for the exhibit from their amazing collection. Here's a sample of an exquisite completed crazy quilt that will be included in the exhibit. Aren't these two finely-dressed critters adorable!



While you are at the museum, take a chance to win this vintage-inspired hexagon quilt. It was hand-pieced and hand-quilted here on the Hummingbird Highway by me and donated to the [Onondaga Historical Association](#) as a fundraiser. It could be yours if you win the drawing! But to coin a phrase, *you gotta be in it to win it!*



If you're headed this way, enjoy the Syracuse area . . . more from me online in a couple weeks.

Happy Stitching!



Ribbon Star Swap Updates

The first sets of blocks are landing at their destinations. We've had a few bugs to work through, as one might expect with anything new, but for the most part everything is running smoothly and everyone is enthusiastic about the blocks they've received. Here are mine! (Yes, I'm in the swap, too!) And my next set, below, is in progress)



We're in this for the long haul, so you can jump in any time. Our next set of block are due to Tracy, the Amazing Swapping Expert, on August 10th. The swap kits are available for

purchase in the cart-- [Basic](#) and [Two-Fer](#). The [pattern](#) is available anytime for download. A detailed [tutorial](#), too.

Overview Stuff:

Swap kits (which include a fat quarter of the background fabric, the new Little Scrap Grid Interfacing, swap instructions, and a link to the downloadable pattern) are available in two options: The Basic Plan, and the Two-fer Plan. In other words, one or two sets of twelve blocks swapped each month. Basic Swap kits are \$11 each (Two-Fer Swap kits are \$22), plus postage. The postage covers shipping the kit as well as shipping the resulting swapped blocks. A discount coupon will be available around the first of each month through the 10th of that month, for a limited time to reduce shipping costs when you want new swap kits to be shipped with your swapped blocks.

In addition:

- Each block must contain at least 5 different batik fabrics, plus the background fabric from the kit.
- You can join the swap at any time and leave the swap at any time.
- Swap kits may be purchased from the [Hummingbird Highway shopping](#) cart.
- The pattern may be downloaded [here](#).
- The first swap is due on **July 10, 2015**

The Swap Itself. Once you get the kit, download the

pattern and make your first twelve blocks. On the designated date, so they are received by the 10th of the month, your finished blocks (11 blocks the same) will be sent to my excellent assistant [Tracy](#). She'll check that the block construction follows the rules above, and then she'll swap out your blocks. Your swapped blocks will be shipped back to you. To continue the swap with another round, you'll purchase another swap kit from the cart, and both swapped blocks and Swap Kit will be shipped together to save postage. Shipping details for residents outside the US may vary depending on location.

If you're on facebook, join the Facebook group called Ribbon Star Swap with Joan Ford. To be added to the group, click [here](#) to send an email to Tracy, my excellent long-distance assistant. All you need to do is put your facebook email address in the body of the email. She will then send you an invite to the group. Or search for the group title and ask to join.

House rules for the group: Be nice, no whining, no selling, and have fun!

By the way, your local shop might be interested in playing along, too! Give them the heads-up and let's all have fun with this!

What's on the calendar?

July 29-August 1, 2015, [AQS Quilt Week](#), Syracuse, NY.

Lecture, workshops, demonstrations, and vending.

August 14-15, 2015, [Adirondack Quilt Guild](#), Malone, NY.

Lecture, trunk show, and workshops.

August 20, 2015, Mexicali Quilters, Mexico, NY. Lecture and trunk show.

August 22, 2015, Americana Village Quilters, Hamilton, NY. Workshop.

September 19, 2015, Bennington Quilt Fest, Vermont. Vending and Lectures.

October 5-6, 2015, Ocean Waves Quilt Guild, Lewes, DE. Lecture, trunk show, and workshop.

October, 2015, Fall Quilt Market and Festival, Houston.

November 12 - 14, 2015, Salt Creek Quilt Guild, Hinsdale, IL. Lecture, trunk show, and workshops.

November 21, 2015, Mexicali Quilters, Mexico, NY. Workshop.

Highlights & Tidbits:

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