### **Club Notes:**



January 2015

#### Happy New Year!!!

This photo is Kim's 83 year old Dad, Lloyd. Lloyd is holding Kim's newest grand-daughter, Phoebee Marie. Phoebee was supposed to arrive on January 15th, but her Mom had gestational diabetes, so the doctors decided Phoebee needed to join the family sooner rather than later! After 21 hours of labor, Phoebee arrived (6.1 lbs, 19"). Mother and daughter are doing well, and are at home. Now the real fun begins!

As you know from the December Club Notes Newsletter, Kim and Dave rushed off to Mayo Clinic on December 2nd because her father was being flown from Billings, Montana to the Mayo Clinic with a massive infection. The doctors there removed the infected implant, cleaned out a pocked of infection and then sent him home with Kim and Dave to Columbia, Missouri on Saturday, December 6th. Lloyd was on oral antibiotics. By Friday, December 12th, the infection was back and so he was admitted to the University of Missouri hospital, put back on IV antibiotics, taken off his blood thinners, and watched for improvement. Then, after a week in the hospital on IV antibiotics, they put him on oral antibiotics and watched him some more. Within 24 hours, signs of the infection increased. It became obvious that the infection was not responsive to oral antibiotics. They installed a pic line (ouch!) and sent him home with IV antibiotics for 10 days. So now, both Kim and Dave know how to administer the IV antibiotics. Kim taught Dave because Kim was at the hospital with Kadee for the surprise labor induction!

Yesterday was Lloyds last day of the IV antibiotics. We are all waiting, with bated breath, to see if the infection now responds to the oral antibiotics, or if they will have to resume the IV antibiotics. Lloyd likes to sit in the living room, with CNBC blaring while he talks to people on his cell phone via speakerphone mode. Kim has her two grand-daughters (age 5 and 2) overnight (and they don't easily go to sleep or stay asleep, which means that neither Kim nor Dave get to sleep, either).



It's a bit like the Keystone Cops around here. Last evening after I got home, I just sat in my recliner in my living room.....enjoying the silence! Some people compare life to a roller coaster. I'm thinking that lately, it's more like the Tilt-A-Whirl! As hectic as it all has been, I'm sure Kim wouldn't trade a moment of it! That's Family!

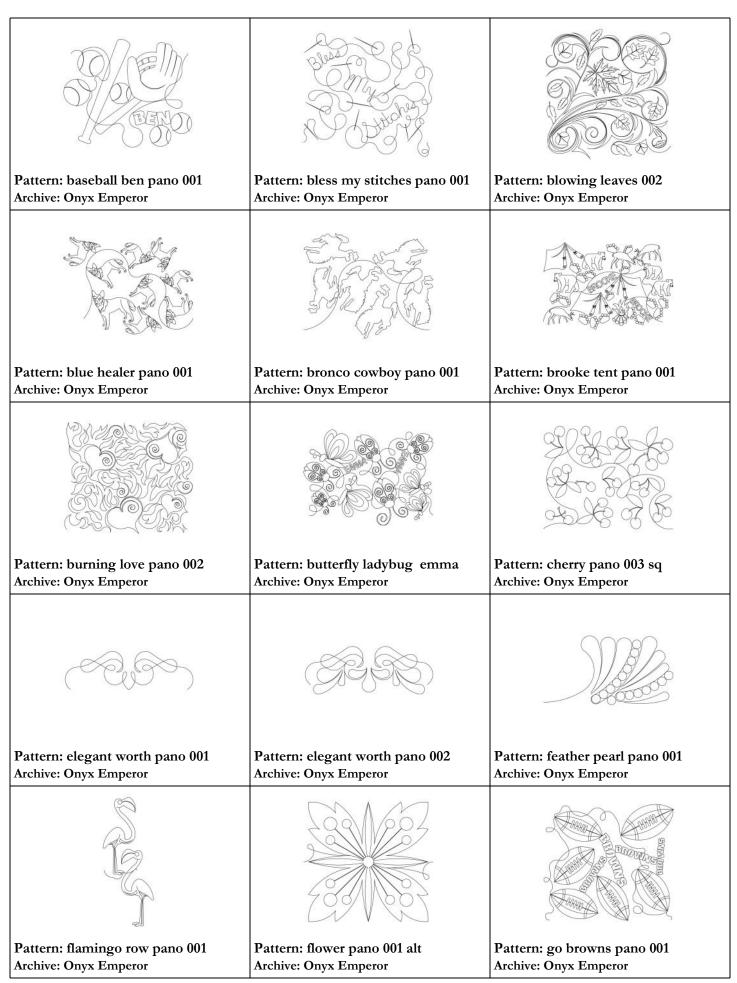
I felt a little guilty when I asked Kim if she would make all the pattern parts and transfer them over to the network so I could start working on the January Crown Jewels Club. I didn't want to add one more thing into the mix of chaos. I was surprised at how many patterns there were. So, in the midst of all this craziness, Kim drew 106 patterns. I think she's amazing!!

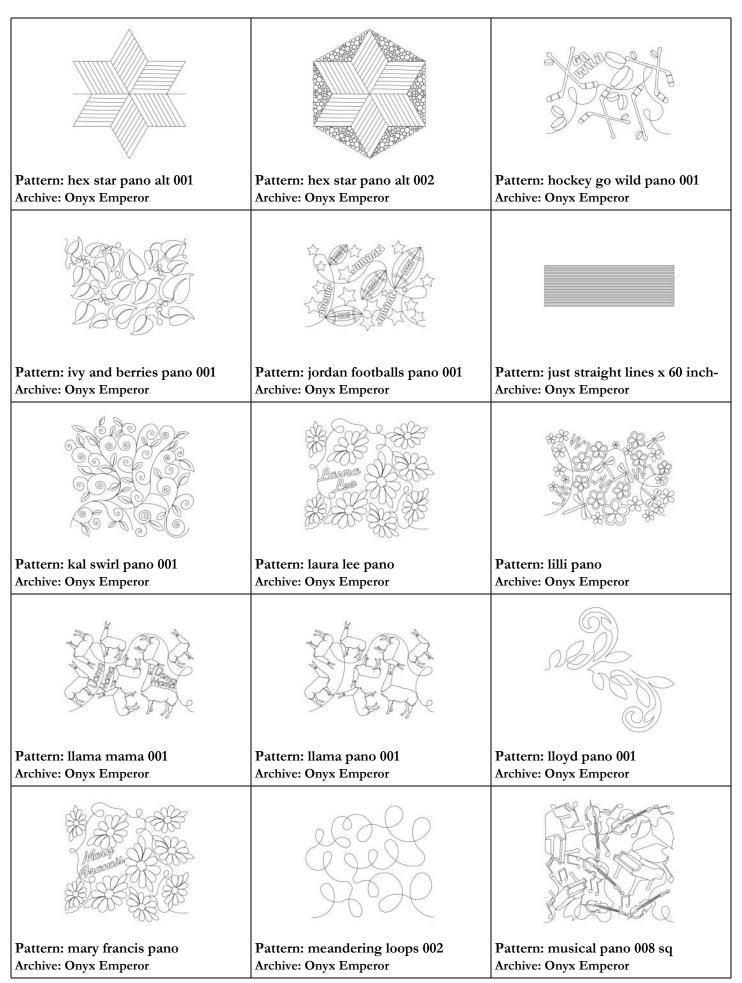
We are both looking forward to the challenges and joys to come in 2015!

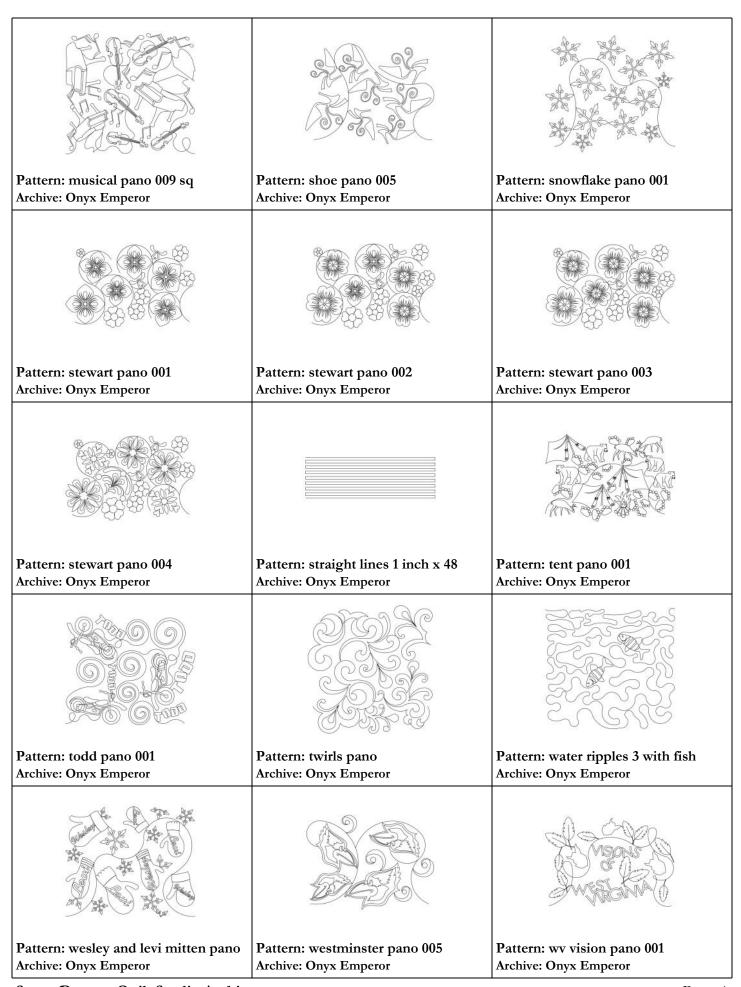
-Kim and Janet



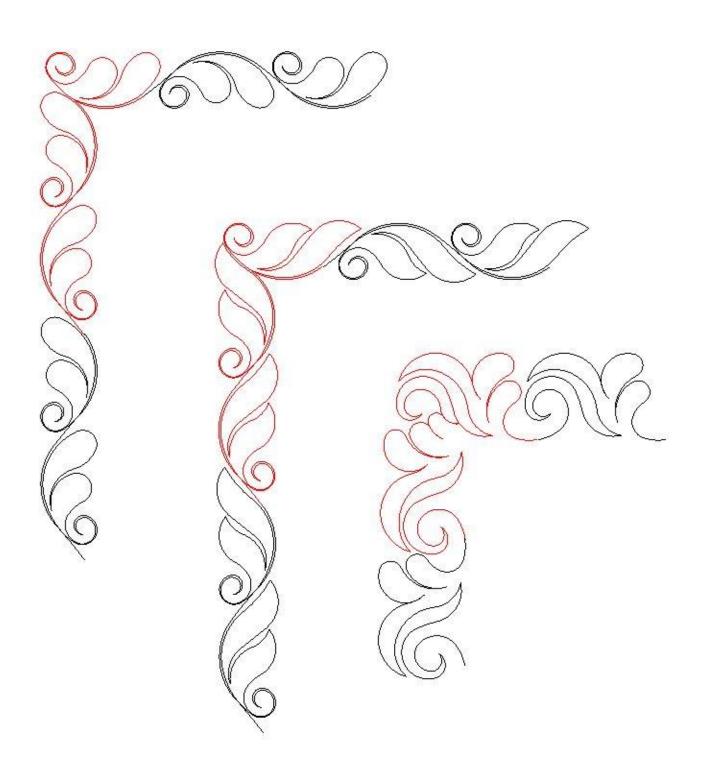
The Onyx Emperor contains 106 patterns, including 45 panos, a retail value of \$1285.

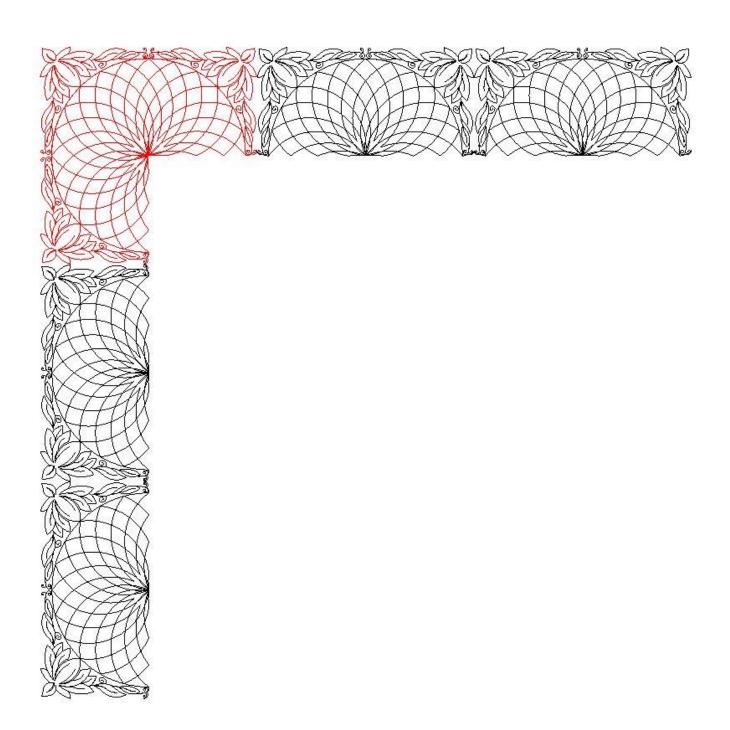


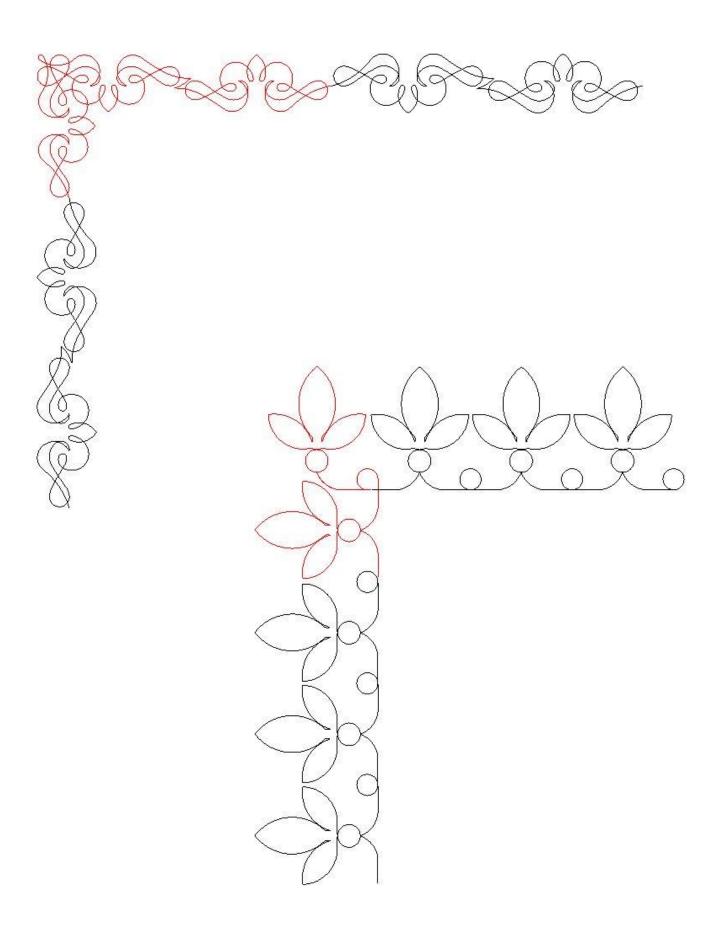


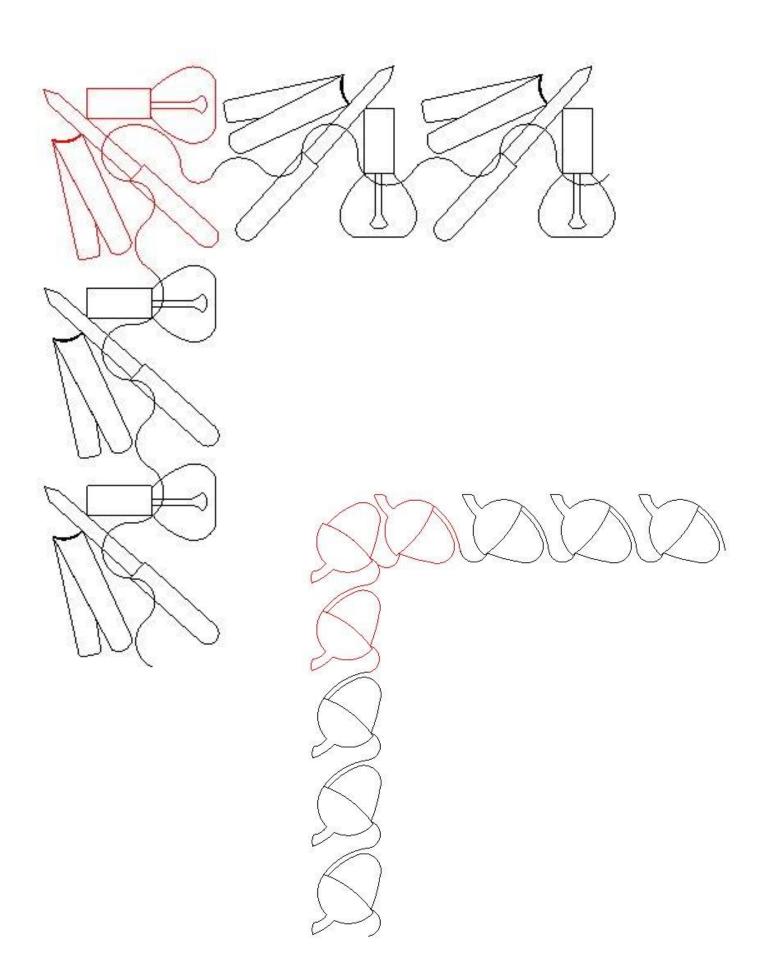


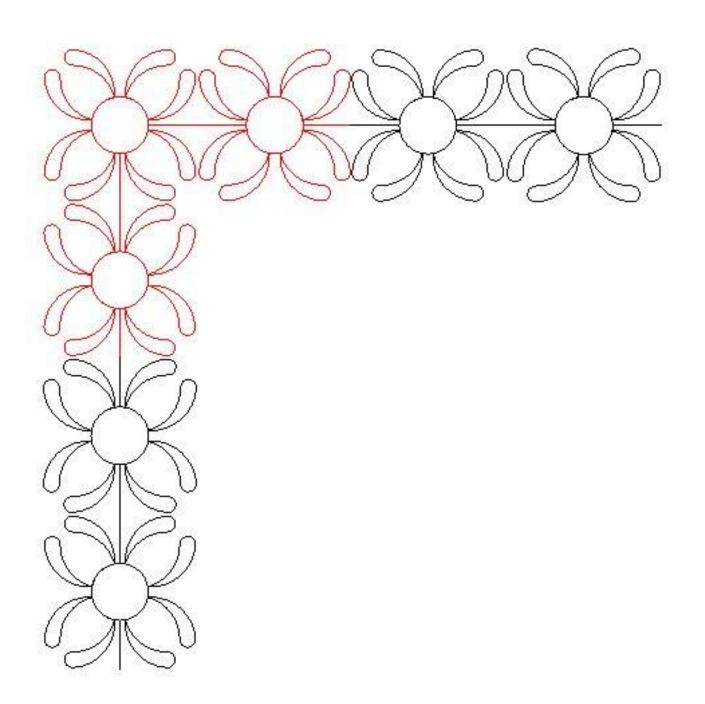
# New Border and Border Corner Sets

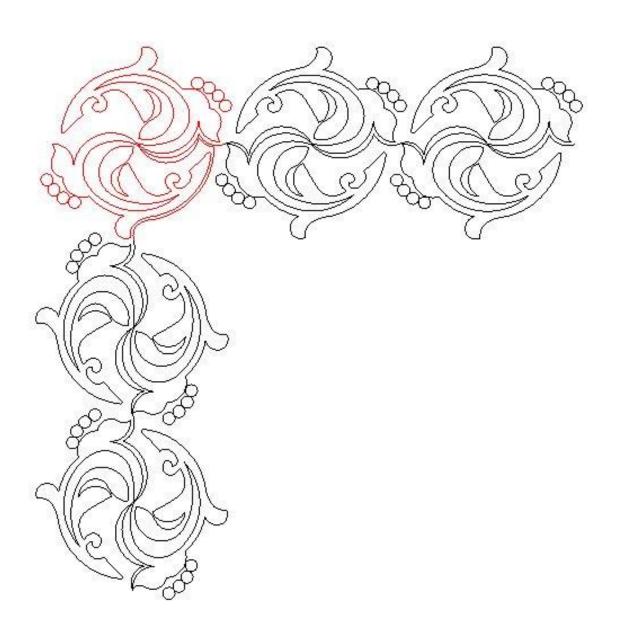




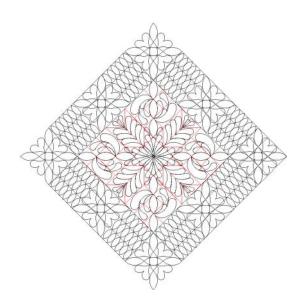












### Smokey Patterns



# Meet Your New iend!

## Best Friend!

Created by Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio, Quilter's LightBox<sub>®</sub> software was designed to easily:

- Import photos of your quilt and/or quilt blocks.
- Import photos of guilt block pattern pictures.
- Preview guilting patterns superimposed over the guilt photos.
- Enlarge, reduce, copy, rotate, increase or decrease line widths, and adjust thread colors.
- Print pictures of the guilt/block with the patterns, and a list of the guilting pattern pictures used.
- Create a .zip file with all of the pictures for ease in emailing to guilt customers.
- AND NOW has a freehand feature, for those times when you want to doodle on your own!

The software includes over 9000 quilting pattern pictures and free monthly updates for quilting pattern pictures. The software is available for purchase online with immediate download, and also comes with a backup version on the DVD, along with the library of pattern pictures, delivered via USPS Priority Mail. DVD is shipped within 1 business day of order date. Don't forget to download your free pattern pictures updates!!

http://www.quilterslightbox.com

Pattern Type	Size	Name of Existing Pattern for Modification	Name to be included in pattern	Attach good pho- tos of quilt and blocks	Style you're going for. Other patterns you're using in the quilt, etc.
Block #1					
Block #2					
Block #3					
Border & Border Corner #1					
Border & Border Corner #2					
Border & Border Corner #3					
Triangle-Equilateral (all sides equal and all angles are 60 degrees)					
Triangle–Isosceles (two equal sides and two equal angles)					
Triangle-Scalene (no equal sides & no equal angles)					
Sash					
Point-to-Point					
Edge-to-Edge—Directional					
Edge-to-edge-Non Direction- al					
Edge-to-Edge-Interlocking					
Edge-to-Edge-Squared					

### Important things to consider and include with your design request:

When you take photos of the quilt and/or quilt block, the camera should be parallel to the quilt (we need a straight on shot). If we have to draft out the block, it helps a lot to capture correct angles.

If you want an existing pattern modified, we need the exact pattern name. (We cannot modify another designer's pattern, so please don't ask us to do that.)

Style you're going for: If you want celtic, but don't tell us and we make floral, no one will be happy.

If you want a name included in the pattern, you need to double check the spelling before you submit the request. If you find out after the pattern has been designed that you requested the pattern with incorrect spelling, your submission of the correct name spelling goes to the end of the drawing list, causing a delay for you.

If your machine has a short throat, please make sure you tell us the largest amount of the fabric your machine has access to quilt. PLEASE <u>email your design requests</u> (you can follow up with a phone call, but it helps us to have the email.)

### Favorite Longarm Supplies Vendors:

We've had many questions from new longarm quilters about the best places to buy their supplies. So, we thought we'd provide a list of our favorite vendors. This is not an exclusive list....you may already have other vendors who take care of your longarm supply needs...and we're not trying to convert anybody.

**Superior Thread:** I buy King Tut Thread in the 2000 yard cones, although they have poly thread as well. They sell wholesale only, so you'll need your sales tax certificate to set up an account. They have an amazing selection of thread. They have fabulous customer service and an easy online account set up process. They also ship internationally! <a href="http://www.superiorthreads.com">http://www.superiorthreads.com</a>

**Checker Distributing:** Wholesale Only.....I have rarely looked in vain for anything quilt related on their site. Shopping for supplies can be addicting! Shipping is charged on large items, but not on items such as pins, needles, thread, books, scissors, or most other notions. They do charge shipping on bolts of fabric, luggage, cutting mats, Ott Lights, etc. (They now carry Quilter's Dream Batting.....but only to customers outside of the United States.) <a href="http://www.checkerdist.com">http://www.checkerdist.com</a>

**SouthStar Supply Company:** They have scissors, snips & holsters, bobbins, pattern making supplies, rotary cutters, mats, knives, sharpeners, notions, needles, pins, ergonomics, safety, & handling supplies, steamers, machine oil, spot lifters, silicone.....and they are very nice people to work with.

http://www.southstarsupply.com

Quilter's Dream Batting: I have pretty much stopped purchasing rolls of batting. I find it easier to maintain an accurate inventory of batting, and it stores well. Unlike some packaged batting, I don't find that the QD batting is distorted, and so it doesn't require a trip through my dryer before I can use it. Some of my best friends who also have longarm quilting businesses stock packaged batting as well as batting on a roll. We agree that these people are easy to work with! <a href="http://www.quiltersdreambatting.com">http://www.quiltersdreambatting.com</a>

**Virginia Longarm:** I buy the dress bag and the 3-sided zipper totes to deliver my quilts to customer. They bring their next quilt to me in their bag. When I arrive at our guild meetings, laden with my purple bags, people say it looks like Christmas. Their quilts stay clean and it adds a little extra class and professionalism to my business.

http://www.virginialongarm.com or call 804-708-0741.

**Wingspan Crafts:** These are the people at MQX East who have the pre-shunk cotton batting (Katahdin) and the lovely 80/20 (Acadia). They were very nice to work with. http://www.wingspancrafts.com

**Winline Textiles:** These people were at MQS in Wichita. Their batting also feels very nice, has great consistency. They sent me home with two sample batts (a crib size and a twin size). I have used both sample batts and was very, very pleased. Visit them at: <a href="http://">http://</a>