

The Story Behind the Quilts

Meet Bonnie Corson:

Strong, alive and amazing!

Those words describe Bonnie!

When we say alive, we truly mean alive. You see, Bonnie is a cancer survivor. Amazing - after beating cancer a year ago, she decided to buy her machine and start her own quilting business. Amazing - Bonnie had never quilted in her life when she decided to do this! Strong - she decided that if she was going to be the best quilter she could be that she was going to take classes from someone who is one of the best, Jamie Wallen.

The interesting part of this story is that Bonnie bought a Harley and two weeks later found out that she had breast cancer. That was devastating because the mastectomy, the chronic infection, five surgeries and the chemo made it impossible to ride the bike. And so, she sold the bike a year later.

Bonnie also had a long time job and was working in a one person office. Because of her many hospital stays they could not hold the position open. The business needed someone full time. As Bonnie says, "So, needless to say, breast cancer really beat me up and my whole life changed. I became very depressed and cried a lot. Breast cancer is a horrible disease and robs you of yourself. I found myself trying to figure out who I was and how I could start over. My life became a huge question mark."



Once Bonnie found out she had cancer and that she was going to lose her hair, she decided to take control of the situation and had a "hair shaving" party!"

Months later, in May, after beating cancer, Bonnie was thinking about buying her machine. She called her sister Cheryl Steward of Sew Much Fun Quilting in Mooresville, Ind. and said that she was ready to purchase her machine. It is most important that I mention that Cheryl also has been a HUGE support in Bonnie learning to quilt and in starting her business, not to mention, that she was cheerleading Bonnie all the way. Without her, she feels that it would have been so much scarier and harder!

Bonnie credits her sister for leading her to AQ because Cheryl bought her Gammill from Jeff about 11 years ago & then upgraded to her new

Innova in 2014!

Cheryl loved the service provided to her and feels that Jeff and the whole AQ team has been wonderful in customer service and support. She also felt comfortable because of her experience to refer her sister to AQ.



Cheryl, Jamie and Bonnie

"So, I talked my husband into moving and we sold our home in four days! We had to scramble to find a home. In this home, we have a living room and a family room and I found myself visualizing my Innova in the living room. That is just where I put it and it's PERFECT!" Bonnie said.

Bonnie made one huge point that she wanted me to share with all of you. As Bonnie stresses, "I feel this way; it doesn't make sense to invest your money in a Longarm machine and then wait for months to be able to use it and reach the skill level to make money with it. I took classes right from the start from Jamie Wallen. Jamie helped me build my confidence and bring out the artistic talent I have within myself. I was able to begin quilting customer quilts and making money right away."

Way to go Bonnie! We bet that Innova makes you more money than the Harley! You and Julia McQueen from our last month's issue have that one thing in common!

What Bonnie went through is unbelievably hard and how she rose above it all and became a champion, a hero as many of us would call her, shows her strength and "the fabric she is made of." Many of us face hard things in our life and Bonnie is such an inspiration!

Strong, Alive and Amazing! Three simple words that describe a REAL living example of the human spirit. Thanks Bonnie for letting us into your world!