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living in the digital age...

I have to assume that if you are reading this newsletter that you are on the internet. Its tough to conceive what life was like 25 years ago without this tool for living and doing business. I marvel at my own progress, which has been slow and painful (LOL) in trying to get my mind to grasp the full implications of global (universal at some point) communication and information at my fingertips available in nanoseconds. It is truly mind boggling. Being of the "older" set, even a baby-boomer, I have found that there were some individuals of my age who did not embrace the technology in their homes and businesses, and there were others who did. And then there were those like me who were employed in a field where the conversion to computers and internet/global communication was not a choice.

The field where I have spent my life (science, particularly electron microscopy) just required that I become computer-literate in order to stay employed, and I can laughingly remember back to the first computer that I used, an old Apple 2+ which had the most primitive word processing program that you can imagine. We used those 5 inch black floppies which held both the program and the data, and it could store about one paragraph of text and then went kaput. For making photo-ready graphs and diagrams there was another program (the name of which escapes me) and it allowed one to use a "printer-plotter" also totally primitive by today's standards) to plot our bar graphs on glossy paper (with ink that smeared constantly). This thing looked more like a strip recorder than a printer. Again, I had a primitive program for measuring distances, perimeters, and areas.... this was a stitch, there was more noise in the tracings from the mouse than data, and sometimes I did the same tracing many times to get a good number.

The first calculator that I used at work for number crunching, literally sounded like it was "crunching" when it worked, as it was about one foot high and long, and half a foot wide, and literally had moving metal parts. Looking back into the past further....when I went to school, you were sent to the principals office if you used a calculator during math class. Good grief good grief.

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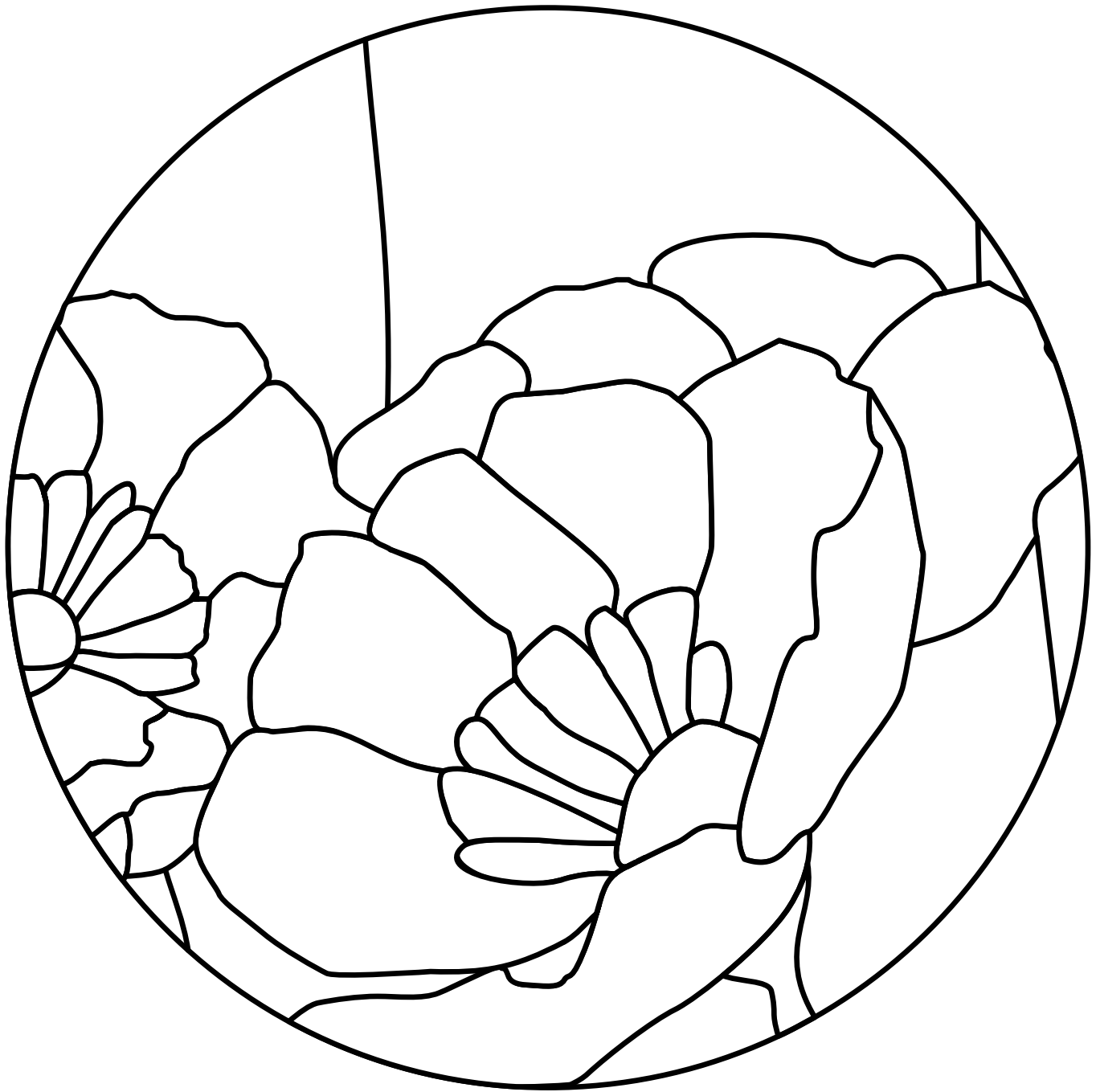
It was lucky, in retrospect, for me that I gradually began to use programs that were produced for graphics. And while at the time I didn't recognize its potential benefit for making stained glass patterns, I did use it for scientific illustrations (and do this still today) but it became a natural fit and I totally love the graphics programs, their applications for internet communication and they actually occupy even more time than my stained glass and quilting and gardening hobbies. Anyway, this newsletter and all my patterns are brought to you as a continuum of those first computer programs and the inner push that I have to muster to master computer graphics, and provide inexpensive custom patterns. The poppy patterns win this month!!! I just loved them.

Thanks to you new customers, and my faithful friends. Have the best-ever MAY 2010.

new patterns for May



free pattern for May



YEP another poppy, but much simpler than April's poppy pattern, and perfect to make for Mother's Day

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