

April 2010

We've been hearing alarming rumors that our store is closing. That's news to us! We don't know how the rumor got started, but several people have said they've heard it. Let us set the record straight – we have no plans to close Sew Little Time!

Spring Into Savings!

Come on in between Thursday, April 15th and Saturday, April 24th and take advantage of our 40% off fabric sale! That's right, 40% off on all regular priced fabric cut from the bolt with a minimum 1-yard cut. Remnants, fat quarters and kits are not included. That's 8 whole days of savings! Don't miss this rare opportunity to save on the backing fabric you've been needing or get fabric for a new project you've been wanting to do!

Embroidery Club Gets a Makeover!

This club has been meeting on the second Saturday of each month for over four years, and it's time for a change! In the past, members met for a short demonstration and show and tell. Beginning in April (4/10/10), the club members will be bringing their embroidery machines with them and working on a project together each month. The club meeting will last from approximately 10 – noon. If you would like to receive information on the upcoming project, you must let Rachel know so that she can make sure she has the pattern in your format and so she can send you the supply list. The best way to reach her is by e-mail at Rachel-Call@neo.rr.com. Once she has you on the list, you will automatically be notified of future projects by e-mail, or you can look for the info on our website.

Eat and Sew Nite

As many of you know, the group that started out doing Quilted Village over the past few years has formed a new group which meets on the 4th Monday of each month from 6 – 9 pm. Bring any project that you would like to work on and maybe a few bucks – we always order dinner! Everyone is welcome!

Hush Little Baby

Hush Little Baby, which features gently used clothing, toys, furniture, and accessories for babies and toddlers and maternity clothes, occupies the other half of our building at 32 E. Main St. Summer things are on the racks! Having company for a weekend? She also rents baby equipment like cribs and highchairs. Make your reservation now! The store hours are Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. It is closed on Sundays and Mondays. Anyone interested in selling their items or doing consignment should call Tassie directly at 419-217-0209.

Aunt Philly Comes Back to Norwalk!

As most of you know, Rachel and I have been intrigued by Aunt Philly's Toothbrush Rugs since two years ago when we became acquainted with Phyllis Hause. Many of you have taken a class or two on the Toothbrush Rugs here at the shop. Well we invited her to come visit us again and she said she would! She is planning to be at Sew Little Time on Monday, June 21st and Tuesday, June 22nd. We will plan a daytime and an evening class on Monday, with follow-up help available on Tuesday. Phyllis will be teaching the oval rug pattern for at least one session and possibly a second shape in the other. The cost will be \$50 per person which will include a rug pattern and a needle. Fabric is not included in that price, but you will receive a coupon for 25% off on 10 yards of fabric once you have paid for the class. We will hold your check until the day of the class. Space is limited and we plan to advertise this special event in the newspaper, so reserve your seat now.

CLASSES, CLASSES, CLASSES

Embroidery Digitizing 101

If you have been wanting to create your own embroidery designs, Digitizing 101 is what you need! Rachel will walk you through some of the basic steps to creating and modifying designs to stitch out on your embroidery machine. The class will be on Saturday, May 22nd beginning at 10:00 am and will last at least 2 hours. Depending on the size

of the class, it may run longer. You do not have to have a Janome embroidery machine, but you do need to have a laptop computer and the Janome digitizing software. If you have a Janome digitizer which is not the Digitizer MB v3.0, please talk to Rachel to see if an upgrade is necessary. We have a couple of laptop computers available to lend on a first-come, first-serve basis. In conjunction with this class, we are offering a special on Janome embroidery machines and software:

Memory Craft 11000 Special Edition (sewing & embroidery) MSRP \$7999 Special \$4999
Memory Craft 350E (embroidery only) MSRP \$1699 Special \$1199
Digitizer MB v3.0 MSRP \$1699 Special \$999

If you purchased your digitizing program from Sew Little Time, there is no charge for the class. If you purchased your software elsewhere, the class will be \$25.

Hooked on Thangles Nite Starting in April!

Make perfect triangles the fast and easy way with Thangles! Thangles are very easy to use. You never have to cut triangles or use 7/8" math, or square up every piece. All you do is cut straight grain strips. We will be starting a new project using Thangles every quarter and will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month. The first project will be the Primo Star, which we will start on Monday, April 19th from 6 – 9 pm. This is a beginner project with large pieces that will go together quickly. See Vaughn's beautiful sample in shades of blue in the shop! Additional projects will start in June and September. Do the projects you like and skip the others! There is no class fee, but you will have to purchase the pattern and enough Thangles to complete the project. The June project will be the Autumn Leaves quilt, which is very fat quarter friendly!

The Big One-Star Quilt Series Starting in April!

Introducing Nancy Johnson-Srebro's method for making big star quilts with no diamonds! Each of the Big Star quilts features a single large star in the center. Large pieces make these quilts easy and quick to make using squares and rectangles. You choose the size you want, from wallhanging to king. Throughout the year we will be making several of the 14 quilts featured in the book, which also includes small projects which can be made from the pieces you trim off when making the quilts! The first big star quilt will take place on Saturday, April 24th from 10 am – 2 pm. We will break for lunch, so bring a sack lunch or be prepared to order out. The cost of the class is \$20. Book and fabric not included. Stop in to see samples of the 3 great projects that can be made from the first lesson!

Twisting Pinwheels

See the adorable sample in the shop! Joanne Hubbard will be teaching you how to make this intriguing quilt, which can be made in two different sizes. The class will be on Saturday, May 1st from 11:00 – 4:00. Bring a lunch or be prepared to order out, as we will be breaking for lunch. You should be able to complete the quilt top that day. This class is recommended for confident beginners on up. The plastic template set (\$21.95) is required, but it includes the pattern. The cost of the class is \$15. Fabric not included. Some simple work is required ahead of time. Please call for details.

Scrap Therapy!

Scrap Therapy addresses the stash problem by teaching quilters how to turn their mounds of beautiful fabric scraps into usable sizes...which are then ready to create quilts and other projects with custom-designed patterns. Inquire at the shop if you want to see this month's project. The club meets on the 4th Thursday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. We will be starting a new project on April 22nd called 'Star Light, Star Bright!' If you have not already purchased the pattern, call or stop in to see what pre-cutting is required.

Weaver Fever

Joanne Hubbard will be teaching this advanced class, which will span 3 different Thursday evenings from 7 – 9 pm: April 29th, May 13th, and May 20th. The piecing is easy, though assembly can be a little tricky! The end result is a striking quilt that you won't want to give away! The cost of the class is \$30. Pattern not included. Stop in to see the beautiful sample, coming soon!

Aunt Philly's Toothbrush Rug HALF MOON

We are constantly getting inquiries for another class on Aunt Philly's. The "Toothbrush Rug" is made from torn strips of fabric and a modified toothbrush. These rugs are quick to make and require no sewing and have a fast tearing technique which shows you how to tear all your fabric in just minutes. Go to www.AuntPhillys.com for more information and to see some of the available patterns. The next class, featuring the **Half Moon Rug**, will be on Thursday, June 10th from 6 - 9 pm. The cost of the class will be \$15. The pattern, needle, and fabric are not included. **Please call and add your name to the list if you are interested in an Aunt Philly's class.**

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Thimbleberries Club 2010

Please note that all balances on Thimbleberries Club 2010 are due in April. Please make an effort to pay the remainder of your fee, based on the number of payments you chose: \$258 x 1, \$132 x 2, or \$90 x 3.

Note: Thimbleberries Club meets the 1st Saturday of each month. This year's club began in February. There are still spots available! Sign up ASAP!

Elegant Garden Hand Appliqué

We are still accepting sign ups for the Elegant Garden block of the month by Laundry Basket Quilts. In this series, you will learn beginning basics of needle turn appliqué, such as making templates, placing the pattern, and a variety of stitches. You will also learn how to make circles the easy way! There are a total of 24 block patterns in this series. You will be required to purchase at least your first 6 patterns prior to starting the class, which are \$5 each. The class fee will be \$5 per session. Each person will be picking out or bringing her own fabric for this project. We will be running the class as a continuous block of the month, so jump in any time. The class meets once per month on the 4th Tuesday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. A few new people have just joined, so new members will fit right in. Please let us know ASAP if you are interested so we have enough patterns!

Beacons of Light

Anyone who likes lighthouses will love this **machine appliqué** Block of the Month series! The finished quilt features 12 different lighthouses and measures 50" x 76". The various-sized blocks can also be made into pillows or wallhangings. We will have kits available for each block. The complete pattern set is \$60, which must be purchased before your first class. Fabric kits for the blocks will be \$5 each, due the night of each class. The class will meet on the first Monday of each month from 6 – 9 pm, beginning on April 5th. This will be a continuous block of the month, so new members may join at any time. Call to get your name on the list if you are interested!

Free Block of the Month

Participants in this block of the month program are able to earn instructions and fabric to make 11 quilt squares totally free. That is, provided that they have done their homework and show up to class! The initial block will cost \$5. As long as you show up on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 with last month's block completed, you will receive your next block kit for free. If you do not have your block completed or do not show up for class, you will be charged \$5 for that month's block, no exceptions. The next free block of the month quilt will begin in May. The color choices are 'brights' and 'Kansas Troubles'. Each participant may do a maximum of 2 quilts. Call ASAP to get your name on the list, as we had so many participants this past year that we had to turn people away.

New! New! New!

- We recently purchased some really nice fleece fabric in some of the local school colors, plus some really fun prints such as camouflage and tie-dyed. The fabric is 60" wide, which makes for a terrific throw blanket! Grab some up and get a jump start on simple gifts for later in the year!
- We have received a large shipment of solid colored fabrics if you have been looking for something in the perfect shade. We are constantly getting requests for 'John Deere green' or 'sunflower yellow', or whatever you need to complete your current project. Hopefully now we will be able to fill most of your requests!
- We have a good supply of backing fabrics which just came in. We also have a whole shelf full of creams and whites from P & B Textiles.

Classified Ads

Singer Featherweight Machine This machine is in excellent condition and comes with the original case and accessories. Asking \$500. Call the shop at 419-660-0200 if you are interested.

Brother ULT 2003D Embroidery & Sewing Machine. This is Rachel Weatherbie's personal machine, one of Brother's top of the line Disney embroidery packages, which she purchased in 2003. It originally retailed for around \$6000. She is including the digitizer program, which has been upgraded to PE Design 7, plus a set of instructional videos, with the machine. It comes with 2x2, 4x4, 5x7, and 6x10 hoops plus a hard carrying case for the embroidery unit and one for the machine. She is asking \$3500.

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T F 10-5
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