

## March 2010

No, we haven't forgotten to send out the newsletter! We realize that you have only heard from us once this year. The January and February newsletters were combined. The March newsletter has been delayed due to a virus on Rachel's computer, from which we send out the emails and update the website. But it has been to the computer doctor and is on the mend, so we are back in business!

### National Quilting Day

In honor of National Quilting Day on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering a free pattern with any purchase on that day. All fleece and flannel fabrics will be 50% off! Kill the bolt for an extra 10% off of any fabric!

### Original Sewing & Quilt Expo

It's that time again! The Original Sewing & Quilt Expo will be taking place at the IX Center on March 25 – 27<sup>th</sup>. The hours on Thursday and Friday are 10 – 6 and Saturday 10 – 5:30. We have plenty of brochures at the shop if you would like more information, or visit their website at [www.sewingexpo.com](http://www.sewingexpo.com). Sew Little Time will be there in booth 326, so be sure to stop in and say hello! Also, keep in mind that we will try to meet any price that you see there at the Expo, so come on over and ask us before you purchase a big item from a shop 2 hours from home!

### Amish Country Quilt Show

Many of you saw us at this show last spring, when it was held in Walnut Creek. Due to that facility closing, the show has been moved to Dalton, Ohio at the Buckeye Event Center (624 Henry St.). The dates are April 8 – 10 and the show is open 10 – 5 daily. You may pick up a flyer at the shop or visit their website at [www.AmishCountryQuiltShow.com](http://www.AmishCountryQuiltShow.com). Sew Little Time is going to be there again this year.

### 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. 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 no later than April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### Knitting & Crochet Workshop **New session!**

Karen Hedrick, our resident knitting and crochet expert, will be offering **another** workshop in April. She will be teaching some basic stitches and you may work on a simple project (dish cloth or scarf). Please contact the shop if you are interested in signing up. It doesn't matter if you've never knitted or crocheted, or just need a refresher. Cost will be \$10 per session. Call or stop in for a list of needed supplies (not included).

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**'Make It You'** The Make It You program is being suspended at this time. We will re-evaluate the program over the summer and decide whether to start it up again in the fall. This is a program designed to help the younger generation to discover the fun, creativity, and endless potential of sewing and quilting. It's open to young people ages 8 – 18, boys and girls. Our younger participants may require a parent's or grandparent's assistance for the first few times. There is a \$20 one-time fee to join. **If you have a youngster who is interested, please call the shop and leave your name and number. We will let you know when the program starts up again.**

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!**

(This class has been moved back from March.) 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. The first project will be the Primo Star, which we will start on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 9 pm. 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 Big One-Star Quilt Series Starting in April!**

(This class has also been moved back from March.) 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 work ahead of time is required. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Join any time! We have been working on the same project for the past 2 months and will wrap it up in March. We will start a new project in April!

### **Weaver Fever**

Joanne Hubbard will be teaching this advanced class, which will span 3 different Thursday evenings from 7 – 9 pm: April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, and May 20<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### **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.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. This year's club began in February. There are still spots available! Sign up ASAP!**

### **Mystery Quilt! Starting in April!**

We will be starting a brand new project for us called a mystery quilt. "What does it look like?" you ask. We won't tell you! Participants will be given a list of fabric requirements and each month will receive instructions for making a small section of the quilt. Fabric kits will also be available in Christmas or pastel colors for \$5 per month. You won't know what the finished project will look like until the final month! The class will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10 am – 12 pm beginning on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. It will cost \$30 to join. Look for more details and a teaser from the quilt coming soon!

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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. (Note that they are on sale for 50% off on March 20<sup>th</sup>!) 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 are expecting a large shipment of solid colored fabrics any day now. 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!

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