

April 2009

SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE!

We're heading in the right direction! Down with the unemployment rate, that is! We know that the economy is tight! **Our goal is to keep our shop afloat and to keep you quilting!** To help achieve those two goals, everything in our store is now **18% off** (the current unemployment rate for Huron County!) until the next unemployment statistic is released in early May. We'll see what happens next month! This pricing includes everything except HandiQuilter (frames and machines), block of the month, and consignment items. **Janome machines are included in the sale!** You can still use your punchcards! If items are on sale, you will receive the higher of the two discounts, but not both. (for example, the stuff on our clearance rack would still be just 40% off).

Spring-Spiration

Sew Little Time is teaming up with Sonflower Quilts (Sylvania), Quilts & Kreations (S. Amherst), and Black Swamp Quilt Shoppe (Milbury) for an inspiring spring event that you won't want to miss - Spring-Spiration! Visit each of the shops **between Thursday, April 23rd and Saturday, April 25th** for a short demonstration on one of today's popular techniques: machine trapunto, X-Blocks technique, easy scallop tool, and easy binding technique. Each shop will have a special project to offer using their demonstrated technique. So venture outside your comfort zone and see how simple it can be! Tickets are available now at all of the participating shops. **Note: You must purchase your ticket prior to the event to qualify for the grand prize gift basket.** Everyone who buys a ticket will be eligible for gift certificate drawings, regardless of whether the ticket is bought before or during the event.

Punchcards Continue!

We are now using a punch card system for you to earn rewards! The punch cards have twenty-five \$10 squares (minimum purchase \$10 before tax per punch, machines and frames, finished vendor items, custom quilting and machine repairs are excluded). Fill all of the squares and receive \$25 off your next purchase at Sew Little Time!

Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO

As we say year after year, vendors at the Expo offer deep discounts on all kinds of machines, frames, and gadgets. We here at Sew Little Time want you to remember that part of what you get for your money here is FREE UNLIMITED TRAINING! That being said, we will certainly try to meet or beat any deal that you saw at the Expo. If you could get the same product for the same price, with FREE UNLIMITED TRAINING, close to home, why not make your purchase at Sew Little Time? Give us a call and we'll try to give you a great deal!

Janome 6260 on Sale

The Janome Quilting Companion 6260, one of our favorite machines, is being phased out. We were able to order a few machines at a very special price. We will be offering the 6260 at \$799 while supplies last. This is a great quilting machine, so don't miss out on a very special deal! **Only one left, NIB!**

Custom Made T-shirt Quilts

T-shirt quilts use your old t-shirt fronts and backs to form the blocks and make a wonderful keepsake for a graduation, birthday, anniversary or wedding gift! Bring us your t-shirts, pick out a fabric color, and we'll do the rest! Cost includes piecing, quilting and binding! Four sizes to choose from. Call for details!

Janome 11000 Special Edition Embroidery & Sewing Machine Demo

The Janome Memory Craft 11000 Special Edition still has all the unique things you love about the original: the i-height touchscreen, embroidery without a bulky attachment, and unmatched stitch quality. But now with features like the AcuFil Quilting System, you can do creative things that simply weren't possible before. Adjust your hop position after you've started embroidery, change your speed during embroidery, store your designs directly from the machine to your PC, and so much more. It's the perfect combination of innovation, precision, and ease of use. FREE demonstrations of the Janome 11000 will be held at the store. Please call if you would like to schedule an appointment with Vaughn or Joanne, or attend our next demonstration.

Financing Available

In case you didn't know, Sew Little Time offers financing on sewing and embroidery machines and quilt frames. We have a partnership with American General financing here in Norwalk. It takes just a few minutes to fill out an application in the shop. The application is faxed in and we'll have an answer back in usually less than ten minutes! You can choose between 90-days or 6-months same as cash. Don't wait years to fulfill your dream of owning an embroidery machine or quilt frame – get it now and put it to work for you!

HandiQuilter & Little Gracie Quilt Frames On Display

Looking for a better way to quilt those beautiful tops you've been making? Stop in and see the two quilt frame systems in our shop: The HQ16 Stitch-Regulated Machine and the Little Gracie II with Janome 1600P. You're welcome to stop in for a look any time.

Are you considering purchasing a machine/frame system in the next year? We regularly schedule free demonstrations on these two great systems so that you can see them in action and get all the information you need to choose the system that is right for you. These free demonstrations are for those individuals who do **NOT** currently own a machine quilting frame and would like information.

A demonstration of the Little Gracie II is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 at 1:00 pm.

We do not have a HandiQuilter demo scheduled at this time, so please call for an appointment. Please note: the frame currently in our shop belongs to PJ, one of our instructors, and it will be moving to her brand new home in a week or two! If you are interested in a demo, call ASAP!

Don't forget, when you purchase your machine/frame from us, you receive unlimited free training and frame quilting classes!

Quilting & Binding Service

The cost of our quilting service is \$.015 per square inch of the pre-quilted top size plus a \$25 setup fee. This is for edge to edge quilting only. Custom quilting is available upon request at an additional cost. **We do require that you use our Quilter's Dream batting and our thread, as they have yielded the best results on our frame.** Binding service is also available.

Embroidery Club

The Embroidery Club is for anyone who currently owns or would like to own an embroidery machine, regardless of make or model. The group meets the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. for an hour or so for coffee and goodies, demonstrations of products and techniques, special deals, show and tell, and open discussion. There's a \$20 fee to join the club, but no charge for attending meetings. Anyone who purchases an embroidery machine at Sew Little Time is automatically a member of the club with no membership fee. Leave your machine at home and join us for a time of sharing and learning!

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. New items are being added daily! She has tons of adorable summer things ready to go! Having company for a weekend? She also rents baby equipment like cribs and highchairs. 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 should call Tassie directly at 419-217-0209 for an appointment.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Baltimore Bliss

We are gearing up to start our next machine embroidery block of the month! However, this quilt pattern from www.fatcatpatterns.com began as a regular machine appliqué project, so **you don't have to have an embroidery machine to participate!** Classes will be on the 3rd Thursday each month, starting April 16th from 6 – 9 pm. It will cost \$30 to join the class, plus \$5 per class session to attend. Fabric kits will be available, but you are welcome to provide your own fabric. Visit the website and check it out!

Free Block of the Month Club

Well, the free part is up to you! Pay \$5 for your first block (due when you sign up) and the rest are free when you come to the meeting with your completed block from the previous month! We'll be offering two different color schemes on this fun and easy to make sampler quilt. The color schemes will be **Traditional** (navy, hunter, burgundy), and **Black and White**. The club meeting will be on the first Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00 pm beginning in May. Sign up now!

Note: We will be selling leftover/unclaimed kits for the quilt we are finishing up for \$5 each if anyone would

like to purchase them. This would be a great way to replace any blocks with mistakes or to make extra blocks for a larger quilt. If you have not picked up all of your blocks, you should do so ASAP!

Who You Gonna Call? Stash-Busters! Scrap Therapy! Rescheduled

We have signed up for a program called Scrap Therapy by Brewers! 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 Scrap Therapy patterns. Each quarter, students take the Cutting Workshop which provides guidance and instruction on efficient ways to cut and organize scraps. The 2nd and 3rd months, you will take those rediscovered fabrics and make quilts and other projects in classes using custom patterns and these freshly-cut pieces! The next quarter you start with a new lesson. You can check it out at www.Scrap-Therapy.com. The club will meet on the 4th Thursday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm beginning April 23rd.

New Hanging On a Star Wall Hanging Club!

We will be making a new appliqué wall hanging from the 'Hanging On a Star' series each month on the third Saturday from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. It will be run the same way as our table runner club. It is \$30 to join. Participants will purchase a pattern each month. The shop's kit will be available but optional. The April project is called "Welcome Home!" and features a pieced primitive house with a star border! Join any time and do only the wall hangings you want!

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 Tuesday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. They will be meeting this month on Tuesday, April 28th. Please let us know ASAP if you are interested so we have enough patterns!

Table Runners Club

We did it! We made every one of the "Mostly Table Runners 3" projects! We ended up making an adorable Springy Butterfly runner that we found on the internet for March. We will be starting with a new book called Table Toppers by Thimbleberries on Monday, April 20th. Kits will be available if you like our sample that month, or choose your own fabrics for a totally different look. Kits are available on a 1st come basis on the night of the class and any left over will be put out for sale the following day. The club meets on the third Monday of each month from 6-9 pm. This will be an ongoing club with a one-time membership fee of \$30. Books and fabric sold separately.

Underground Railroad Block of the Month

The Underground Railroad BOM meets the second Thursday of each month from 7-9 pm. It is \$20 to join, and the book is around \$23. Since the book requires 17 fabrics which are each used in several of the 15 blocks, we are offering a kit for \$60 from which you can make all of the blocks, or you can provide your own fabric. You will need to purchase additional fabric for finishing the quilt, depending on which finishing method you choose. Kare will be the instructor. This is a confident beginner/intermediate class. Sign up ASAP if you are interested! This will be a continuous block of the month, so new members can join anytime! Several people have mentioned having started this quilt on their own or at another shop in the past and not finishing – join the club and get that UFO completed!

Dear Jane Block of the Month

Actually, participants will be making a selection each month of the more than 160 blocks which comprise this well-known historical quilt. This quilt will use many different techniques, including machine piecing, hand piecing, appliqué, etc. This is a continuous block of the month and new members may join at any time. Dear Jane meets on the second Monday each month from 6 – 8 pm. The cost of the class is \$5.00 per class session attended. A kit is available for \$65, or you may use your own fabric. Book not included.

CLASSES, CLASSES, CLASSES

Beginner Quilting

This class starts with square one! During the four class sessions we will cover rotary cutting, piecing, borders and much more. By the time you are finished, you'll have all the skills you need to complete your quilt top. Sessions will

be on alternate Saturday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00 pm beginning on April 18th and concluding on May 30th. The cost is \$60.00. Fabric is not included. Most participants follow this class with the Basic Machine Quilting class. Call to get your name on the list if you are interested!

Beginner Machine Frame Quilting Training

Individuals must already own a machine frame quilting system in order to sign up for this class. The class is free to those who have purchased their frame from Sew Little Time, or you may call to set up a private session. Otherwise, the cost of the training is \$30. The 2-hour session will include such topics as:

- Creating your quilt backing for best results
- The importance of batting selection
- How to load a quilt on the frame
- Understanding draw-in
- Maximizing your available quilting area
- Learning simple edge-to-edge patterns

The next beginner training session will be offered on Saturday, May 9th from 1-3 pm. If you've purchased your frame and need a little help getting started, Rachel will have you off and running and ready to complete your first quilt in no time! This training will be offered in odd numbered months.

Advanced Machine Frame Quilting Training

Individuals in this training session must have previous machine frame quilting experience or complete Beginner Machine Frame Quilting Training (see above). As in the beginner training, we require that those in this class already own a machine frame quilting system. The class is free to those who have purchased their frame from Sew Little Time, or you may call to set up a private session. Otherwise, the cost of the training is \$45. The 3-hour session will include such topics as:

- Squaring up
- Importance of and creating side tension
- Understanding & using pantographs
- Turning a quilt for border quilting
- Learning more advanced patterns/techniques

The next advanced training session will be offered Monday, June 29th from 6-9 pm. This class is offered in even numbered months.

Aunt Philly's Toothbrush Rugs

It may sound funny, but this quick and easy rug-making method is nothing but fun! 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 will be on Saturday, July 25th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Cost: \$25, fabric, pattern and needle not included. Purchase 10 yards of fabric plus the toothbrush tool and an Aunt Philly's pattern from Sew Little Time and the class is FREE. If you bring your own fabric, the class will cost \$25.

It's a Wrap rescheduled!

Back by popular demand! In this class you will learn the technique of wrapping fabric around clothesline to make rugs, placemats, purses, tote bags, and anything else you can imagine! Book and materials are not included. Cost is \$20. Class will take place on Saturday, May 30th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. This is a great starter class for ages 10 and up. This is the final time we will be offering this class. We need at least 4 people to sign up.

Binding Methods

Don't be at a loss after your quilt has been quilted! In this binding class, you will learn how to construct, apply, and finish a quilt binding for a real polished look. Methods for joining strips, mitering corners, and stitching down the binding will be covered. Class meets on Thursday, April 30th from 7 – 9 pm. Practice materials will be provided. Cost for the class is \$25.

Send Us Your Photos!

We just LOVE show and tell! Send us a photo of your finished project and we will post it on our website! It is really cool to see a finished rug, purse, quilt, etc. made from one of our patterns or in one of our classes. Seeing different color combinations or interpretations might just inspire somebody else to make one.

Classified Ads

Janome Jem Gold 2 661 Sewing Machine. This class and retreat favorite weighs in at only 12 lbs and comes with a nice nylon carrying case. It was purchased at Sew Little Time 2 years ago and is virtually unused! Owner must sell due to health issues. She is asking \$279, or best offer. (MSRP \$399). The machine is currently at Sew Little Time if you would like to see it or sew on it. If you would like to make an offer, call the shop or the owner, Margaret Starcher, at 419-798-4065.

Husquvarna Viking Mega Quilter (2006) & Inspira Quilting Frame (5 or 10 feet). Like new condition. Original owner. Have quilted 8 quilts. Serviced recently. Comes with 25 pantographs, laser light, 20 bobbins, instruction manual, "getting started" tape, 16" x 24" extension table, free-motion foot, & standard foot. Have upgraded. Asking \$1800. Please call Doris Gens at 419-668-7098.

Original Handquilter Frame: No sewing machine or table included, just frame hardware. Expands up to king size. Asking \$200. Call Carol Spencer at 419-271-1660.

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- Our fabric rep, Nannette, was here last week and we stocked up on 108" backing fabrics. Many to choose from!
- We just received several pieces of Sandy Odom's Vintage Rose collection. Soft, pretty spring colors!
- Black, white, and gray fabrics are still coming in for those who are working on the free block of the month from 2008 or are starting the free bom for 2009.

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