

## December 2009

### Santa's Workshop

For all of you who need a little time to yourself to work on those secret holiday projects and UFO's, we have just one more Santa's Workshop! The date is Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 12:00 am. The cost is \$5 per session and everyone should bring food to share. Paper products and beverages will be provided. Work on anything you like! Wear your sweatpants and slippers if you want! Space is limited, so please register ahead.

**'Make It You'** 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. The club meets on the second Saturday of the month from 12 -3 pm. Please call for schedule & supply info. Sessions are free. We will be making some really cool individual projects. New members are welcome! Our next class will be Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00.

### Knitting & Crochet Classes **Now scheduled!**

Karen Hedrick, our resident knitting and crochet expert, will be offering knitting for beginners in a workshop format starting in January. She will be teaching some basic stitches and you may work on a simple project (dish cloth or scarf). The sessions will be from 10 am - 12 pm on Saturdays, January 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. You may attend one or both, and anyone who took the crochet class is welcome as well. It doesn't matter if you've never knitted or just need a refresher. Cost will be \$10 per session. Call or stop in for a list of needed supplies (not included).

### 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. She has many beautiful Christmas outfits available. Having company for a weekend or the holidays? 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.

## **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

### Dear Jane

Please note that Dear Jane will not be meeting in December. They will resume in January.

### Thimbleberries 2009

December marks the end of this year's Thimbleberries Club. If you have not picked up all of your blocks, please make an effort to come in by the end of January to get what you need. The backing fabric is now available. All of the Club fabrics will be put out for sale to the general public in January, so don't delay if you need more fabric!

### Thimbleberries Club 2010

We're just a few weeks away from 2010 and the start of the new club quilt. You may have seen this year's quilt, Village Green, in one of your quilting magazines. **We have decided to do what they are calling the "Queen Variation"**. It is done in the darkest of the 3 colors, but don't let the darkness of the pictures deceive you! We have samples of the fabric in the shop for you to see, and we're sure you are going to love it as much as we do. You may also choose to make the traditional Village Green quilt (which is not quite as big), and use any leftover fabric for making one of the 12 extra patterns you will receive as a member of the club.

We are offering 3 different payment plans this year. You may make a one-time payment of \$258 (plus tax) in December or January, 2 payments of \$132 (plus tax) with the second payment due in March, or 3 payments of \$90 (plus tax) with the last payment due in April. There will not be a monthly payment schedule for this quilt because Thimbleberries has changed their club program and will be shipping all of the fabric to us at the beginning of the year instead of by quarter as they have in the past. We have ordered enough fabric for 20 participants, so it is first come, first serve. **There are still spots available! Sign up ASAP!**

**Note: Thimbleberries Club meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. Our first meeting will be on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am!**

### 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. **They will NOT be meeting in December. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** 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!

## **CLASSES, CLASSES, CLASSES**

### **Ghosts of Thimbleberries Past**

Do you have one of the club quilts from 2005 – 2009 that needs finishing up? Have questions? Need some help? Join us for this workshop from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to wrap it up and clear the way for new projects! This is a free workshop for Thimbleberries Club members past or present. The fee is \$10 for instruction on any other past projects. You can bring a lunch or we will order out.

### **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 Scrap Therapy patterns. Inquire at the shop if you want to see this month's project. You can check it out at [www.Scrap-Therapy.com](http://www.Scrap-Therapy.com). The club meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Join any time! **PLEASE NOTE: This class is on hiatus until January due to Christmas Eve falling on class day.**

### **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 Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 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 Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 9 pm. This class is offered in even numbered months.

### **Aunt Philly's Toothbrush Rug RECTANGLE**

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 RECTANGLE rug, will be on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 1:00 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.

Sew Little Time will be **open** on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve, until 3:00 pm. We will be **closed** on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day.

Sew Little Time will be **open** on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve, until 3:00 pm. We will be **closed** on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Day.

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T F 10-5  
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W & Su closed