

## January - February 2010

### Expanded Clearance Section

As we recently did inventory, we pulled out over 100 bolts of fabric and numerous notions to add to our 40% off section. These items will remain on clearance until they are gone and we will continue to add to them. This takes the place of our annual limited-time January clearance sale.

**'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.**

### 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).

### 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 starting to appear 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.

## **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

### Dear Jane

**Please note that Dear Jane will not be meeting in January due to Evelyn's husband breaking his ankle. Hopefully he will be up and around and Evelyn will be available to resume in February.**

### 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 **Start delayed to February!**

**Note: Our fabric distributor did not get enough of the Village Green fabric, and we are one of about 40 shops that did not receive the promised fabric shipment in December. We were assured that it would be delivered to us by the end of January, so we will start the 2010 quilt on February 6<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't signed up yet, you still have time!**

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 in January, 2 payments of \$132 with the second payment due in March, or 3 payments of \$90 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 February 6th at 10:00 am!**

### **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. 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!

### **Hooked on Thangles Nite Starting in 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, March 15<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 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 be made using strip piecing and will take place on Saturday, March 27<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.

### **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! **Please note that Elegant Garden will not be meeting in January due to Evelyn's husband breaking his ankle. Hopefully he will be up and around and Evelyn will be available to resume in February.**

## **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 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!

**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.

**New! New! New!**

- Our Dakota rep was just here and put the following new embroidery design disks in the spinner: Touch of Tuscany, Kiddie Rainforest, Nautical De-Lite, Awesome Owls, Jazzy Jeans #2, and Sweet Songbirds. The following embroidery design disks have been discounted for discontinuation: Dogs, Paint the Town Red, Halloween, Garden Whimsy #2, Smirk, and Gooseberry Patch seasons. Get them while they last!
- Dakota is now offering a selection of embroidery design disks Buy 1 – Get 1 Free. Stop in for details.
- We will be adding 2 new Janome sewing machines to our stable this week - the Memory Craft 5200 and the DC 4030. These machines will take the place of our old favorite the MC 6260, which was discontinued, in the mid price range. If you have been looking for something sturdier or with more stitches than the Magnolia, but lighter and less expensive than the MC 6600, stop in and check them out.

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