

June 2009

Fat Quarter Fridays

One of the reasons that the Unemployment Sale is ending is so that we can bring back the very popular “Fat Quarter Fridays” for the summer! Beginning on Friday, June 5th and continuing through Labor Day, all **precut** fat quarters will be \$1 – that’s right, one dollar! On all other days, they will be the regular \$2.25. There is a limit of 20 fat quarters per person per Friday (at \$1 – you can buy as many as you want at the regular price).

Eleanor Burns Trunk Show

We have a selection of beautiful quilts by Eleanor Burns from her “Victory Quilts” and “Egg Money Quilts” books on display here at the shop from now through June 22nd. Stop in to see the quilts and pick up one of her books, which will be 10% off for the duration of the trunk show!

Knitting & Crochet Classes

Over the past couple of years, we have had occasional requests for classes on learning to knit or crochet. Karen Hedrick has volunteered to take on teaching some basic knitting and crochet classes here at the shop. If you are interested in signing up, please call and put your name on the list. We are still working out the details and want to get an idea of how many people are interested.

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! It’s also not too early to start shopping for school clothes. 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.

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!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Thimleberries 2009

Attention Club members – we will be closed on Saturday, July 4th. There will not be a July meeting. Please pick up your block at your leisure.

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. We’ve decided as a class that we can use up a lot more scraps by doing the majority of the cutting at home and doing a new project every month! Inquire at the shop if you want to see this month’s project. 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. **We have room for just a few more people, so call now if you would like to join.**

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 club will not meet in June due to schedule conflicts.** The July project is called "Welcome Kitty!" and features a primitive cat, blackbird, and sunflower! 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 the 4th Tuesday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. They will be meeting this month on Tuesday, June 23rd. Please let us know ASAP if you are interested so we have enough patterns!

Table Runners Club

We started with a new book called Table Toppers by Thimbleberries in April, but there are still lots of runners to go! 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 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, July 30th from 7 – 9 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. We will be doing the **ROUND RUG!** We may also be offering a purse class towards the end of the summer, so watch the newsletter. We now have an adorable purse sample at the shop!

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 have already taken the OVAL RUG class at Sew Little Time, the class is FREE, regardless of whether you bring your own fabric. If you are a first timer and bring your own fabric, the class will cost \$25.

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.

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.

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.

Janome 11000 Embroidery & Sewing Machine: This machine is just a year old and is in excellent condition! Additional accessories included are the clothsetter, CD-rom, 200+ spools of polyester thread in all different colors, plus many embroidery designs. A steal of a deal at \$4200! Call Laura at 440-242-9867. Must sell!

Sew Little Time will be closed on Saturday, July 4th & Monday, July 6th in observance of the 4th of July!

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