

May 2009

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

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your business! We hope our continuing Unemployment Sale helps make it possible for you to keep doing the hobbies you enjoy. Everything in our store is now **17.5% off** (the current unemployment rate for Huron County!) until the end of May. 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). **The unemployment sale will end on May 30th, so hurry in to pick up any items you need while they are still on sale!**

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).

Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO

Thank you to everyone who took us up on our offer to meet any deal you found at the EXPO. We were able to match some phenomenal deals on machines and keep your dollars in Huron County!

Janome 6260 on Sale – Reduced!

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 **\$749** while supplies last. Save an additional \$50! 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!

Eleanor Burns Trunk Show

We will have multiple quilts by Eleanor Burns from her “Victory Quilts” and “Egg Money Quilts” books on display here at the shop from June 8 – 22. Stop in to see the beautiful quilts and pick up one of her books on sale!

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.

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.

Little Gracie Quilt Frame On Display

Looking for a better way to quilt those beautiful tops you’ve been making? Stop in and see 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 so that you can see them in action and get all the information you need to choose the system that

is right for you. 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, May 30 at 2:00 pm.

We do not have a HandiQuilter demo scheduled at this time. Please note: the frame that was recently in our shop belongs to PJ, one of our instructors, and it has moved to her brand new home!

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

Norwalk's Great American Treasure Hunt

Don't miss the garage sale event of the year! On Saturday, May 23rd from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Main Street will be blocked off for the Second Annual Great American Treasure Hunt. They are expecting twice as many sellers as last year. Spots are still available for \$12. Call the Main Street office at 419-660-8696 or visit www.mainstreetnorwalk.org for more information.

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

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**. Those doing the black and white quilt may choose an optional accent color (lime green, red, and bright yellow have been popular). The club meets on the first Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00 pm beginning in May. We are still accepting sign-ups for this club. Call today if you are interested so you won't be behind!

Note: We are selling leftover/unclaimed kits for the quilt we just finished 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! We only have Americana blocks left – all of the scarlet and gray are gone.

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. 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. **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 May due to schedule conflicts.** The June 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, May 26th. 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.

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.

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.

Crochet and

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 Handiquilter 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.

Sew Little Time will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day!

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Shop Hours
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T F 10-5
Sa 10-3
W & Su closed