

November 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 will once again be hosting two Santa's Workshops. The dates will be Friday, November 20th and Friday, December 11th 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 of time.

Light Up Norwalk

The Christmas season will kick-off in town with the annual 'Light Up Norwalk' event on Saturday, November 28th. Many of the uptown merchants will be having open houses and special sales. The library and theatre will have planned activities and Santa will be in town. The event will conclude with the lighting of the big tree in the park next to Berry's at 6:00 pm. Watch your email and our website for upcoming details on our event.

'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! **There will be NO class on Saturday, November 14th.**

Knitting & Crochet Classes **Now scheduled!**

Karen Hedrick has volunteered to take on teaching some basic knitting and crochet classes here at the shop. We started with a beginner crochet class, learning basic techniques and working on a simple project (dish cloth or scarf). The next session will be from 12 - 2 pm on Saturday, November 7th. It doesn't matter if you've never crocheted or just need a refresher. Cost will be \$10 per session. Call or stop in for a list of needed supplies (not included). We will begin knitting sometime after January 1st.

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! **Many adorable Halloween costumes available!** Shop now for the best selection. Christmas outfits will be coming out this week. 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.

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!

New Arrivals

Stop in to see what's new! Don't forget, whenever we get new fabric in, we have to make room for it by moving selected older fabrics to our 40% off section. Some of the new fabrics include 1840's reproductions, black and white, Christmas, and Pumpkins & Spice (if you bought a panel, we now have more of the companion pieces).

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Thimleberries Club 2010

It's that time of the year again! The new Thimleberries Club quilt is out and we are currently signing people up! 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 will be offering 3 different payment plans this year. You may make a one-time payment of \$258 in December or 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!**

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, November 24th. 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 23rd 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. The club meets on the 4th Thursday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Join any time! **PLEASE NOTE: This class is on hiatus until January due to Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve falling on class day.**

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. The cost is \$60.00. Fabric is not included. (Most participants follow this class with the Basic Machine Quilting class.) Beginner Quilting is only offered once in the spring and once in the fall. The fall class was cancelled and the next session will start in February or March. Call to get your name on the list if you are interested!

Machine Quilting

We've had lots of requests for this class! You will practice several different machine quilting techniques on fabric we will provide, including stippling, straight line, and free motion quilting. Bring your own machine and walking and darning feet if you have them. Class meets on Saturday, December 5 from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. Cost for the class is \$30.

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 Monday, November 30th 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 Monday, December 7th from 6 - 9 pm. This class is offered in even numbered months.

Yin-Yang Scrap Bag

Many of you have admired the cute little black and white Yin-Yang purse at our shop, so we've added it to our fall class schedule. It's quick and easy to make and you'll be making them for all of your friends! The class will be on Monday, November 16 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. The cost of the class is \$10. Pattern and fabric not included.

Aunt Philly's Toothbrush Rug PURSE Postponed!

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.

We will be rescheduling either the purse or rectangle rug for after January 1st. Please 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.

Janome 11000 Embroidery & Sewing Machine: Reduced! 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 \$3900! Call Laura at 440-242-9867. Must sell!

Janome 350 E Embroidery only machine: Excellent condition. Comes with clothsetter. Asking \$800. Call Karen at 419-668-6831.

Sew Little Time will be closed on Thursday, November 26th for Thanksgiving. We will be open Friday, November 27th 10:00 – 5.00 (regular hours) and Saturday, November 28th 10:00 – 5:00.

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T F 10-5
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