

The Shops of Heirlooms & Comforts

Scraps

Dear Friends:

Since our guest writer is not available at this time, I have to compose this letter. Wyatt is busy learning and growing in Florida, dancing to the sound of his Grandma's singing when she calls him. Jackson is learning and growing in SC, getting more frequent hugs from Grandma since he lives close by. Both of these boys are getting an appreciation for the quilts that we make. Teaching young people this skill and the appreciation for it is a part of our job as artist/craftspeople so that the art does not die.

In that light, let me remind you of the summer camp for kids to learn to sew. There are projects and activities related to learning to use a sewing machine and/or related tools for sewing items that are fun and useful. Kids have in previous summers made projects for themselves and as gifts. Review the class schedules for each shop to see when the Kids Can Sew day camp days are on the list. Sign up your child or grand-

child soon because we run out of space.

The range of fabrics that we have to choose from nowadays is fantastic. Cathy and I are going to be at Quilt Market the first weekend of May. We are again excited about what we will see that is new for our customers. Always the fabrics are eye popping and selecting them is harder and harder —mostly because we can't have them all. We do try to choose the best of the market in fabrics, books, patterns, notions, and tools for our great customers.

Are you aware of Kathy Wilson's Sit and Smock session at VSQ? Look at the schedule on the pink paper and find that class. You can come to the shop to sit with other smockers and Kathy to just sew or to get help from Kathy (Queen of Smocking). Several of you have already found this time together to be very productive and entertaining. Call VSQ if you can't find the class listing; someone

will direct you to the correct date.

At Heirlooms & Comforts this summer we are offering a number of days of Free For All sessions. There is a registration fee for these times in the shop, but that will apply to the lunch or supper that we will order in or on some days it will be returned to you as a rebate when you make a purchase that day. Free For All sessions will be times when you can come in to sit and sew with us to finish a project that you have going. There will be someone with the group (one of our teachers or a staff member who is very knowledgeable) to assist you with any questions you might have about what you are making. We will take all comers whether you are sewing, piecing, hand quilting, appliquéing, smocking, or learning to use your machine or serger. From time to time we are having sessions to demonstrate a technique or a product and those are tuition-free as well. We just ask that you inform us that you plan to be there, or if your plans change, that you cannot be there. Respect for the staff

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members' time as well as yours is very important. Can you think how much fun a summer evening with people of like interest can be, and with your lunch or supper provided? We always learn from each other in these settings.

Once again I have come up short of space for writing what I am bursting to tell you. So, the only solution to this problem is for each of you to spend time in the shops to find out what else is new with The Shops of Heirlooms & Comforts. Come soon and come often!

Fondly,

Sara



Fab-U-Mover

You asked for it. We asked for it. Husqvarna Viking has brought it to us—an aid for moving fabric under the sewing head of a machine and without electronics attached! The new Fab-U-Mover will work on any

machine, repeat: any machine, because there is no electrical hook-up. It simply helps you free-motion quilt at whatever speed and condition you wish to have. This device is the cousin of the Fabric

Mover with Stitch Regulator. It differs because it will fit any machine. Come in to “test drive” one of these new tools with its new larger window for sewing. We are expecting the shipment of these very soon.

Sew Beautiful Martha Pullen 4-Day

Once again Connie Palmer and Peggy Dilbone will be leading a Martha Pullen Sit’N Sew workshop Sept 5-9.

Connie and Peggy are licensed Martha Pullen Instructors as well as Husqvarna Viking Edu-



Peggy Dilbone

cators. These ladies really know how to do heirloom sewing on the Viking Sewing machines and sergers. During this class you will use the serger to make an Overlay Nightshirt and a Vintage Jewelry Keeper. Also you will have an heirloom technique class and make a Puffing Envelope Pillow using the

H-V Designer SE. By the end of this workshop you will have some wonderful projects completed as well as the skills to tackle your next heirloom project.



Connie Palmer

Sign up early and reserve your spot today.

SVP Worldwide Partnership with Martha Stewart Living

Read more online at www.heirloomsandcomforts.net/news.htm

HUSKYSTAR ER10

The Huskystar ER10 Felting Machine is a tool for sewers and crafters that rivals any power tool that woodworking persons crave! This tool allows you to rapidly attach one piece of embel-

ishment to a foundation fabric so fast that to completely decorate an item will take only a fraction of the time that a traditionalist will spend doing the same operation. Not only that, you are going to have soooooo much funnnnnnnn doing it.

Even Bobby had fun and quickly made a sample at Husqvarna Viking Convention. It was late into the week before some of us could get to the ma-

chines set up for demonstration and then all the good, fun materials for embellishment had been used up. Nevertheless, 30 seconds in front of the ER10 and you were hooked for life—gotta have one. There is no thread, no bobbin and no tension

device. There is only the felting needle assembly that is encased in a plexiglass “cage” that punches the fiber of the add-ons into the weave of the base material. You can felt any fiber—silk, synthetic, wool, linen, yarn, woven fabric, Angelina, roving, thread scraps. The possibilities for embellishing landscape and art quilts are limitless. Come in to try it out!

Warning, this could be habit forming.



New Feet Make Sewing Easier

Four new feet are ready for you! Viking engineers and educators have done it again—feet that make sewing life easier.

We have always talked about the channel on the back of the B foot and transparent B foot that allows for the buildup of thread in some stitches like the satin column stitch.

Well, now we have two new Clear B feet—Clear B Edge-joining foot and Clear B Edge Stitching

foot. These allow you to see clearly where you are stitching while putting down a lot of thread on the surface.

The same clear vision is now available with the piping foot. You can see where the stitches are being sewn while making piping or sewing piping to fabric.

We asked for it and now we have it—a Spring Action Free Motion foot. This works on all Designer ma-

chines. We simply have to disengage the Exclusive Sensor System by touching a button and the spring on this foot is in action. It works great with the Fabric Mover as well.

Make a trip into the shops to see these feet in operation! Hopefully you did not miss our special events to show these off along with other items from Viking Convention.



H-V's new Clear B Edge Joining Foot

Sapphire!

Attention: You must see the newest Husqvarna Viking model called the Sapphire. This revolutionary machine is updated with the Exclusive Sensor System, a plethora of stitches and the **LONGEST ARM IN THE HOME SEWING**

INDUSTRY! Now is the time to own the new SAPPHIRE from Husqvarna Viking. It is affordable like no other machine that we have seen in recent years and we can offer you Home Source financing with approved application—six months

to pay at no interest. Not only that, if you commit to a Sapphire before the backorders arrive we will take \$100 off the price. Now sewing and quilting just got easier with the extra long sewing bed that we have been asking and hoping for. Don't delay

getting your machine. Look at www.husqvarnaviking.com to see more details of the features of these models: Sapphire 830 or 850.



New 4D Software Introduced

Husqvarna Viking has just released their new 4D Software Suite. New modules include 4D Embroidery, 4D Embroidery Extra, 4D Design Enhancer, 4D Cross Stitcher, 4D Sketch, 4D Organizer, and last but not least is 4D Professional.

The features and benefits

are just too many to include here; but just to spike your interest, how about being able to automatically create embroidery designs from a clip art drawing or other image? Here are several more “wows”: unlimited undos and automatically removing overlap from designs

that you have created. If you currently have an embroidery machine and do not have any software or have a version older than 3D (version 7.x) then this is the time to take the plunge. You won't believe all the creativity that you can add to your embroidery projects. If you currently own

any 3D package then you are eligible for upgrade discounts.

For more information come in to either of our shops for a test drive or visit our web site at www.heirloomsandcomforts.net for more detailed information about the features.

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Calendar of Events

- May 1 Open House in Heirlooms & Comforts
- May 24-27 NC Quilt Symposium "Bee in the Mountains"
- June 8-10 Landrum Quilt Show - Landrum, SC
- June 28-30 Hendersonville Quilt Show
- July 4 Independence Day - Closed
- July 13-21 Carolina Shop Hop
- Sept. 5-9 Martha Pullen Sew Beautiful - VSQ
- Sept. 14-16 QSC Pieceable Retreat
- Oct. 6-7 Nimble Thimbles Quilt Show - Aunt Het Festival
- Oct. 11-12 Misty Mountain Quilt Show - Blairsville, GA
- Nov. 5-8 Quilters Rescue Mission, Toccoa GA

You are Invited to an Open House
at Heirlooms & Comforts
May 1 from 5pm to 8pm

Check out Fab-U-Mover,
4D Embroidery, four new feet, and a number
of new
embroidery design packs.
Don't miss the unveiling of the
Sapphire and the Emerald 183
sewing machines.

While you are here, register on
www.myembroideries.com.

Join us for this fun time.

We look forward to seeing you then!
Refreshments and Food for Thought served!