

The Shops of Heirlooms & Comforts

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Heirlooms & Comforts News:

Here's hoping your spring and summer were wonderful and that you had some really fun, quality time with your family. We are aware that life has changed for some of us with the addition of new members of the family and for some of us with the loss of family members and good friends. We offer our congratulations in commemorating the additions and the "life-marking" achievements of special people. We offer our condolences to those who have experienced losses and health crises.

Somehow newsletter time comes around very quickly from one letter to the next! I hope you have been getting our regular e-mails to be able to keep up with what happens at Heirlooms & Comforts. We have so much going on it is a welcome challenge to remember just what we highlighted previously. Anyway, excuse me if I repeat some things.

We have had some schedule changes going on at the shop. One welcome addition is Judy Luke now on a regular schedule to be in the shop to help you with your selections and to give you advice about your project planning. Additionally, Judy will be leading young people in sewing experiences. Her specialty for a number of years has been children and she is bringing

that expertise to Heirlooms & Comforts for training youngsters to sew. If you or someone you know has young ones in her life and wants them to sew, this is a great place to teach that young one a skill that can enhance her/his life forever for necessity and for pleasure. It will be well worth the effort to come to the September 5 meeting to find out about Judy's plans for the youngsters.

Thimbleberries Club 2009 is rapidly approaching. Joan has plans for introducing you to the program on November 5, 2008. Look for the article in this letter that explains the gathering at which you can enroll in the 2009 Club. It is going to be fun!

New machine models, especially the Husqvarna Viking Designer Diamond, have excited us and energized us to move to new levels of sewing and embroidery. We are so eager to share with you about our new machines and about those gently used trade-ins that we have received. You really should investigate what these have in store for you. One way is to call for an appointment to see a demo of these machines. You will hardly believe the ease of operation and the level of technology that is here for you. Try us out!

Fabric collections, book selec-

tions, and pattern availability is so expanded it is difficult for us to enumerate. Amy Butler and other designers have provided us with fun, useful projects and supplies. Batiks, of which we have an enormous inventory for you, are stunning and enhance the focus fabrics so well. Traditional designs abound. Free patterns to accompany collections of fabrics are everywhere. Visit soon and often so that we can give you a tour of what is available.

I bet you thought you had gotten through this letter without a comment about my really brilliant grandsons. Wrong! They are really normal boys of 2 ½ and 1 ½ years of age who have learned to play together in a sharing, friendly attitude—thank goodness. Watching them grow and learn is so much fun from the Grandma perspective. I am constantly awed by what children have access to in the world of learning nowadays. Thank goodness, again, that they don't have to compete for acceptance and achievement. Individuality is so important. Haven't we all seen that in our lives, even in our quilting/sewing experiences? I love that we can excel at our own rate without judgment—unless we volunteer to enter a contest.

Hoping to see you in Heirlooms & Comforts soon,

Sara

FALL AND WINTER, 2008

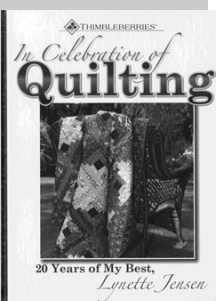
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Thimbleberries

Nov. 5, 2008, is the day to meet with Joan and the group to learn about Thimbleberries Club 2009. We're having a drop-in from 10 until 11:30am at Heirlooms & Comforts. Join us for food, fun and plans for the future of Thimbleberries.

Joan will explain how the program works and what the club projects



will be in 2009. Bring your friends; make new friends—camaraderie is what it is all about. Enjoy your acquaintances while quilting and making great projects. The group also honors chosen charities as well. You'll have a great time with the wonderful ladies who love Thimbleberries.

Viking Sew 'n Quilt News



As I was getting prepared to write this article for the newsletter, I got more and more excited with what the Fall Season will hold. The Staff at VSQ continue to amaze me with their talents. More new classes have been developed as well as some exciting events for the fall season.

In September we will be celebrating National Sewing Month with some weekly features that are sure to get you started as well as excited with sewing and quilting. October will hold all sorts of Tricks and Treats for you our customers.

In November we'll celebrate the National Tie One Day (No alcohol is involved) as one of the activities planned. In December, the Christmas and New Year Holidays will be welcomed with

some fun ideas for decorating and celebrating. I can't tell you all our secrets - so keep an eye on the e-mails, give us a call or just stop on in to see what we have planned.

The class samples have been

arriving in the shop and they are spectacular. The quilt classes range from Jelly Roll Quilts, Charm Quilts, Go Green shopping bags, Tool Holder/Organizers, "Patch-Abilities" wall-hangings, as well as quilting fundamentals. Hand Quilting, Binding, and Beginning Quilting continue to help you hone your skills. Just to name a few. Basic Sewing classes will help even the beginner learn the fundamentals of garment construction. You'll learn how to read a pattern and assemble a garment. Serger classes vary from learning the basics as well as making some holiday gifts. Dot has some wonderful heirloom classes ranging from a Machine Smocked Dress to some that will get you ready for the Martha Pullen Classes February 25th - 28th. Sue has some exciting software classes planned for the fall - How would you like to scan a design, sketch it and stitch it? Do you want to digitize a family picture? Do you want to want to use Endless and Encore features to create the perfect hostess gift? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then check out Sue's software classes this fall.

The classes are not the only thing that has gotten me ex-

cited but the Designer Diamond and QBOT make sewing and quilting just plain fun. The Designer Diamond continues to dazzle us daily with its sewing and embroidery capabilities. Just imagine - Design shaping in the machine, a roughly 10" distance between the needle and the side of the machine, design positioning for precise placement of designs, over 1100 stitches, and so much more you'll just have to come on in a experience it all.

Have you heard us say, look-no hands while we machine quilt? QBOT makes it possible to step up our machine quilting to the level of master quilter with out using our hands to move the Mega Quilter. If you don't believe me then stop on in and watch as we let QBOT take control. It is easier than you think and the results will amaze you.

As you can see the fun and excitement will continue this Fall. So stop on in see the Designer Diamond, QBOT, and the samples and sign up for a class with one of our teachers, Carol, Holly, Jeffie, Kathy W., Kathy R, Cindy, Brenda, Sue, or Cathy.

Cathy



Husqvarna Viking Designer Diamond

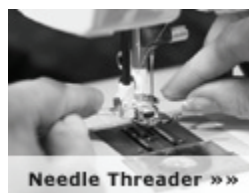
Reminder For All Sewing Machine Users

This is a reminder for all sewing machine users about the proper method of loading thread into your machine for whatever sewing you plan to do. When the thread is lead from the spool to the pre-tensioner (guide) and the tension disc, the presser bar

(presser foot) should be lifted to the full "UP" position. When the presser foot is up, the tension discs are in the open position. At that point the thread can be successfully placed into the discs. Then when the

foot is put down, the tension discs close around the thread to properly sew as it pulls up the bobbin thread to form the correct stitch. If you wish to put the foot "down" to thread the needle more easily, that

is okay after the machine has been threaded. If you are careful to make sure these conditions are properly followed, the quality of your stitches will be ensured. You won't see nearly as many ugly stitches or "bird's nests".



Kids Sewing with Judy

Attend the Sept. 5 meeting to learn and plan for the coming year of classes for young people. This is a great time to meet Judy Luke and hear how she has planned for the youngsters to learn to sew. After years of teaching at Clemson Montessori School and on occasion helping out at the shop

when we were short-handed, Judy has become a former teacher and now a regular employee of Heirlooms & Comforts. Judy has spent years perfecting her skills teaching children at Montessori to sew and teaching other teachers her methods. Allow your youngster to

benefit from this program of instruction that Judy is developing. It is easy: attend the meeting and give your input on scheduling and timing; listen to descriptions of the kinds of projects the kids will make; and bring along a friend also to sign up her youngster.



*Meet Judy Luke
and discuss kids
learning to sew!
Sept. 5 at H&C*

Gently Used Machines Available

We have quite a few previously owned and gently used machines that are in need of "adoption" to loving homes. Some of these are models that deserve to be primary machines in households. The Designer I's are such machines. They are really good, easy to use embroidery machines as well as terrific all-purpose sewing and quilting machines. They can equally perform in heirloom sewing delicate batistes or as quilting machines sewing through multiple layers of fabrics and batting. We also have Designer SE machines that have been pre-

viously owned and are updated to DSELE capability. These easy-to-connect machines can use your computer as a storage unit for the embroidery designs that you own. Then you simply connect to the computer to load your design for sewing.

At H&C we also have at good prices an Interlude 445, a Sapphire 850, a Designer II with embroidery and a large stock of Sapphire 830's. You really should come in to view the list and test-sew the models that appeal to you. These machines are great as a back-up ma-

chine or a second machine so that as one is making embroidery, the other is available for sewing.

The gently used classroom Sapphire 830 machines at H&C carry with them a full warranty. These machines are in A-1, top-notch condition like new. The savings on the 830's is unbelievable—not only that, almost unheard-of. Again we invite you to test-sew one of these machines to see for yourself.



Sapphire 830

Sew Beautiful Martha Pullen School at H&C



Connie Palmer

The Four-Day Sew Beautiful Martha Pullen Heirloom Sewing School is set for April 29 to May 2, 2009 at H&C with Connie Palmer and Peggy Dilbone. This is all about how to make beautiful, stunning heirloom sewn projects with the correct methods that are easy using the Husqvarna Viking Designer Diamond

sewing machine and Huskylock 936 serger. Connie and Peggy are world-class instructors who excel in heirloom methods and in ability to impart their knowledge to the participants. We have an early bird special discount that is good until Feb. 9, 2009. Call the shop at 864-639-9507 for details. Get on our list now!



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H&C Calendar of Events

Sept. 1	Labor Day—Closed
Sept. 13	Last Day for Early Bird Class Sign-Up
Sept. 17	Sue Hausmann
Sept. 19-20	Lake & Mountain Guild Quilt Show
Oct. 24-26	QSC Pieceable Retreat
Nov. 10-13	Quilters Rescue Mission
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving—Closed
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve—Close 2PM
Dec. 25-27	Christmas Holidays—Closed
Jan. 1, 2009	New Years—Closed
Feb. 9	Last Day for Martha Pullen Early Bird Class Sign-Up
Apr. 29- May 2	Martha Pullen Sew Beautiful

VSQ Calendar of Events

Sept. 1	Labor Day—Closed
Sept. 13	Last Day for Early Bird Class Sign-Up
Oct. 4-5	Aunt Het Quilt Show—Fountain Inn
Oct. 24-26	QSC Pieceable Retreat
Nov. 10-13	Quilters Rescue Mission
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving—Closed
Dec. 25	Christmas Holiday—Closed
Jan. 1, 2009	New Years—Closed
Feb. 25-28	Martha Pullen Sew Beautiful