

# Heirlooms & Comforts Viking Sew 'n Quilt

## Scraps

### Dear Friends:

Foremost in my mind at this particular time is the fact that life is so fragile! I look at how the community of quilters has changed so drastically with the loss of some of our friends. It will not be the same without them, but we are much richer and more blessed for having known them. During the year we lost a number of accomplished artists who with their quilts made people happy every day: There remain those great banners for her church. There are those twelve quilts provided to the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville. And don't forget those beautiful art quilts for families and friends. We dedicate this newsletter and schedule of classes to the memory of our deceased friends and inspiring mentors whom we will miss immeasurably.

Everyday we hear on the news about the economy and most of it is negative. There are several ways to view the financial situation. I choose to think of the "glass being half full rather than half empty". I know everyone is actively seeking to effectively use their resources to accomplish as much as possible. For that reason I wish to point out to you that the added value of our products is very worthwhile. In addition to the dollar values, there are intrinsic values that you can gain from your association with Heirlooms and Comforts. Old friends and new ones--part of the great-

est value of your association with us!

One of the times that friendships are formed is when quilters come in for Free Sew days. That is when they gather in our classroom to sew on projects and get help and encouragement from other quilters and our staff. Try it out--it's great fun.

Notice that we have classes offered by teachers new to our shop. They come with great recommendation and reputation. Pat Kerko is from Pickens County and has quite a great repertoire of techniques to offer, one of which is the machine appliqué that is on the schedule. Look at her sample and be dazzled. Paula Crook is a Needlewoman Extraordinaire. It is my opinion that some people are "born to use a needle" and she is one of those. Her smocking is immaculate and her sewing is superb. She is a "natural" for teaching, and we are excited that finally she is ready to teach smocking at Heirlooms & Comforts.

I have before spoken of how the Grandsons are a presence when I compose these letters, and again that is the case. They are here with me now as I use the computer and they play. Their interaction and spontaneous approaches to me are always thrilling to this Grandma.

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### Winter Class Special!

Register and Pay  
Class Tuition

By January 17, 2008

and

Receive  
20% off

### CLASS SUPPLIES\*

\*Class supplies can be purchased anytime prior to first class session and are limited to teacher supply list.

So with this, Happy New Year and enjoy great prosperity and achievement in all your endeavors. Just make some of those include those of us at Heirlooms & Comforts.

Sara

## From Cathy:

As the New Year begins, I often reflect on the past and get excited for the future.

2008 was a wonderful year. I have been amazed by all the wonderful quilts we have seen from our customers. The fabrics were fresh and exciting. Jelly Rolls, Layer Cakes and Charm squares helped us get projects done sooner. The books and patterns inspired us all. The new children's clothing designers created fresh designs for that special little girl or boy. But best of all were the new machines from Husqvarna Viking. - the Diamond, the two Topaz's and the S15 Serger. These machines make sewing life so much easier.

Now looking ahead each year, I look to see what I want to accomplish in the

next 12 months. Do I want to try a new technique? Is there a Great-Niece or Great-nephew or do I just want to start building that Hope Chest of goodies? Do I have any graduation quilts to make this year? Do I want to try some new colors for my quilts? How do I want to commemorate special events happening in the next year? Usually, most of these questions get answered with a quilt. Some years I even work on a UFO and goal.

So what are your sewing and quilting goals for next year? Do you need to make that special T-Shirt Quilt, or Christening Gown? Are you having a family reunion and want to embroider T-shirts to mark the day? Do you want to make a Scrap quilt next year to make a small dent in your pile of scrap fabrics? Do you

want to make a house-warming or shower gift?

We have some classes just to help you meet these goals. Whether it is Embroidery Basics with Cindy or Cutwork Table Runner with Dot or an Introduction to Hand Smocking with Kathy, try a new class or just work on the project for that special event. The class listing for VSQ is packed with great quilts, heirloom projects and embroidery projects. So take a look at your calendar and let us help you make that special custom made present for your family or friends.

*Cathy Dyer*

Happy  
New  
Year!

## Batting

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to complete a UFO this year? Why not try one of the new "Green" battings on the market or use your favorite.

The world of batting has changed a lot in the last months. We now have battings made from renewable resources as well as recycled resources. For a long time cotton, poly-

ester, wool and silk were the only fibers used in battings. Now we have battings made from corn, bamboo, soy, recycled plastic bottles. We have battings that are flame retardant, anti-bacterial and easy to use.

The Soy and Bamboo battings work very similarly to the cottons we love. They have a low loft and needle well with their nee-

dle-punched construction. Both of these are antibacterial and extremely soft.

The Corn and Recycled plastic bottle batting work like our favorite polyester battings. The batting made from corn is fluffy low loft batting great for showing dimension when your project is quilted. The Recycled plastic bottle batting is truly green



Bamboo Batting

## Martha Pullen School at Heirlooms & Comforts

Heirlooms & Comforts has Connie Palmer and Peggy Dilbone scheduled for a school on April 29, 30, May 1, and 2.

There are details remaining to be worked out, but we will offer this event to those who are ready to



Peggy Dilbone

learn the terrific techniques for heirloom sewing. Connie and Peggy are the BEST teachers and are entertaining in the process. A School with these two ladies is unforgettable in many ways. We will put our best efforts forward to make this event as economical for all as we possibly can.

Call us soon to get on the list since space could be a limiting factor. Don't

miss out on this one! There will be an Early-Bird special as well.



Connie Palmer

Final plans should be complete before long; so look out for them to show up in our communications.



## Previously Owned Sapphires, DI's and DSE's

At Heirlooms & Comforts we have a number of previously owned sewing machines which were traded in to move up to a model with more advanced features. We have Sapphire 850's, Designer I's, and Designer SE's that are in topnotch shape and ready for new homes. They have hours and

hours of sewing and embroidery left in their lives. There surely is one of these models that is just perfect for you. Come in to try out one of these.



and quilts just like our favorite Quilter's Dream Poly.

Dream Angel is the only flame retardant batting that I know of. It is an extremely soft batting from Quilter's Dream that makes the perfect filling for your next baby quilt.

The cottons and polyester battings and blends that have become our favorites still work well in our quilting projects from the very

lowest lofts to the "Puff" lofts.

Each batting works best when the spacing between stitches (marked on the label) is followed. The newer batts have increased this spacing from 3 1/2" up to 8" and even 10" This gives you, the quilter, more options in deciding how to quilt your project. And to make life even easier most batts do not need to be pre-shrunk - their shrink-

age varies from 1% to 3%. With this little shrinkage, the batt will give our quilts that authentic and old-fashioned appearance.

If you have any questions on batting be sure to stop in and ask one of the staff. We are here to help you choose a good batting for your project.

## Two Versions of the Fabulous Fab-U-Motion Device

The Inspira Fab-U-Motion is suitable for all models of sewing machines since it does not have the electronic regulator attachment. The Husqvarna Viking Fab-U-Motion has the electronic stitch regulator to assist you in keeping the quilting stitch in free motion at a consistent length while quilting. We have these accessory devices set up to show you how they can help you with your machine quilting. You won't believe how helpful the Fab-U-Motion can be. Drop by to try it one day. The price is right for sure!



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## Calendar of Events

Jan. 17	Last Day for Early Bird Class Sign Up Special
Mar. 28	QSC Spring Meeting (Charleston)
Apr. 29–May 2	H&C Martha Pullen Sew Beautiful Class
May 25	Memorial Day—Closed

## Martha Pullen at Viking Sew 'n Quilt

Due to the changing business conditions, Husqvarna Viking has reduced their level of support for the Martha Pullen Workshops. Thus, our February Martha Pullen Workshop will not occur in February. We will continue to work with Connie Palmer and Peggy Dilbone in the development of other heirloom sewing events. We will keep you posted on these developments. I am sorry if this change in plans has caused you any inconvenience.

*Cathy Dyer*