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Sara's Scraps

To our Quilting and Sewing Friends:

My goodness, time flies and we are again at newsletter time. We have experienced quite a lot of good stuff since last newsletter. The Carolina Shop Hop for 2005 is now complete and we had some winners of great prizes. There is a list on the Carolina Shop Hop web site of the winners of the big prizes. We have had the Christmas in July promotion and pulled the name of an entrant from each of our shops to be entered into the national drawing for the new sewing room. Ana Maria Ospina and Loudelle Boggs---good luck to you in the drawing to be held by Viking in Ohio very soon.

School is opening at this time and we are ready to start our new class schedule. With families in their "proper places" you can sign up for your favorite choices and learn new techniques and enjoy time with persons who share interest in the same craft. We can teach you basics and we can teach you advanced techniques. Just remember that even for regular recurring classes you need to register so that we know how many people are planning to attend a class.

Speaking of classes there are some new groups forming and we invite you to join in the fun. At H#C we are starting a Jinny Beyer club. You will be able to join the club on a yearly basis and then receive a discount on membership fee and on Jinny Beyer products such as fabrics and books. Look for details further into this newsletter. Look out for software classes, garment-sewing classes, quilting classes, and a re-organization of the Wool Gatherers group who love to appliqué with felted wool. There is a reorganization of the embroidery group at VSSQ and recurring classes in appliqué and other techniques. Holly is getting a serger group going full-tilt ahead at VSSQ and Cheryl is starting a serger group at H#C. These promise to be outstanding classes. Those of you interested in the Thimbleberries Club should let us know soon in each shop that you wish to be included.

One thing that I want to draw your attention to is the web site for the Shops of Heirlooms and Comforts. If you go to www.heirloomsandcomforts.net you will find new items each week. There are a number of features that have pictures and slide shows of things that are going on in the shops. Especially fun is the gallery of the youngsters who attended the Summer Sewing Camp for Kids. Look us over on the web site and be sure to read the comments in this newsletter from Katherine Dobrenen, our capable web site manager. This is really an interesting and exciting "development" for us.

We look forward to a great fall and early winter with a number of Quilt Shows to attend and a couple of Quilter's Retreats. Be sure to read carefully the calendar of shows and events so that you don't miss any of the fun. With those events and all of you coming in to the shops over the next few months we anticipate having an opportunity to offer each of you personally a happy triple holiday season with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. May your days be bright and healthy and happy!

Yours in stitches,

Sara

P.S.: Bobby and I are becoming Grandparents. Yeah!!!

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Dates to Remember

- Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 - Upcountry Quilters Quilt Show;
Pickens, SC
- Oct. 1 - Oct. 2 - Aunt Het Quilt Show; Ftn. Inn, SC
- Oct. 7 - Oct. 9 - QSC Quilt Retreat; Winnsboro, SC
- Oct. 14 - Oct. 16 - Misty Mtn. Quilters Quilt Show;
Blairsville, GA
- Oct. 14 - Oct. 16 - Hendersonville Quilters Quilt
Show; Hendersonville, SC
- Nov. 2 - Nov. 10 - Quilter's Rescue Retreat;
Toccoa, GA



Closed for the Holidays!

- Sept. 5, Monday - Labor Day
Nov. 24, Thursday - Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 26, Monday - Christmas Holiday

Special Hours!

Saturday, Dec. 24 & Saturday, Dec. 31 we will
close early for the holidays!

Technology Center

Did you know that we have the ability at both of our locations to meet your needs for scanning photos, or printing from a disk or CD onto Printed Treasures. Contact either store for more information.

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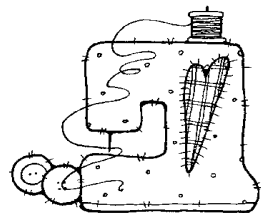
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Class Skill Level Legend

B-Beginner, I-Intermediate, A-Advanced

Basic sewing supplies are required for all classes involving sewing - paper & fabric scissors, pins, thread, needles, ruler & thimble. All other materials are extra unless noted.



Thread Breakage from the Service Corner

Many times we receive a phone call from a customer in panic because she is in the middle of a project and the sewing machine is breaking thread and/or shredding thread. This is not an uncommon problem but there are some very simple things that the user can check very easily while other things will require a service call.

Here are some very simple things to check and do:

Remove all thread from the machine and completely rethread it and test the results.

Check the thread you are using – how old is it? Thread can get old and deteriorate over time, especially cotton.

If the thread is coming off the spool horizontally check the rim of the spool for nicks that can catch the thread. The best solution here is to use a spool cap that has a slightly larger diameter than the spool. Another check point is to make sure the thread is not getting wrapped around the spool pin as it unwinds. This can be controlled with a thread net.

Needle check: Make sure the needle being used is the proper one for the thread. How old and in what condition is the needle? If the needle has hit the stitch plate it could be blunt or bent. If there are any doubts change the needle, especially if thread is shredding at the needle. This is a quick fix.

Inspect your stitch plate for grooves and nicks that can cause the thread to catch and/or fray. You can use emery cloth to buff out scratches or small nicks.

Follow the thread path and check to see if you have any burrs or nicks on any parts the thread travels over.

Check the top thread tension.

If after going through the above checklist and the problem still persists then it is time to bring in your machine for service.

Good luck and happy sewing.

Viking Babies Need New Homes!

We have a few previously owned Designer 1's, Designer II's, #1+'s, a 400, a Huskystar 215 and even some sergers that need new, loving homes! These machines have all been checked over by our favorite service technician and are ready to go home with you now!

Central Heritage Festival

Come one come all to the Central Heritage Festival on Saturday October 8, 2005. This is an annual event to help the town celebrate its history. Come stroll Church street and visit the many arts and crafts vendors; check out Old Fashion Ice Cream Making; get a taste of some ole fashion southern Bar-B-Que. Visit the Central History Museum and see quilts on display and hopefully Anna will be there again giving a demonstration on the art of Hand Quilting. There will be activities for the kids like the sticky wall, bounce houses, and bungee run inflatables. Attention parents and grandparents: bring your children, toddlers to middle schoolers, to the shop on Saturday morning October 8th because we are giving **FREE** all-day passes for the inflatables (to the first 50 kids.) We may have some surprises for the parents and grandparents because H & C will turn 21.

The Mega Quilter is HERE!

Have YOU seen the new Husqvarna Viking Mega Quilter yet?! Introduced this past May at Viking Convention, the Viking Mega Quilter is Husqvarna's answer to professional machine quilting at home without the expense! The Mega Quilter is a medium arm (9"x6" work area between the needle and machine arm) straight stitch sewing machine capable of 1,600 stitches per minute. It comes complete with a needle up/down button, simultaneous bobbin winding while sewing with the separate bobbin winding motor, an automatic thread cutter, professional knee lift for raising and lowering the presser foot easily and so much more! At the Shops of Heirlooms and Comforts, you can purchase your Mega Quilter separately or with a package of wonderful accessories! There is a variable frame by Inspira that adjusts from 60" to 120" and comes with an exclusive pattern shelf and laser pattern pointer! Also available is a stitch regulator to make your stitches perfect every time!

Come by soon and discover how easy and convenient machine quilting can be with the Mega Quilter!

Free Merchandise!

Using your free Shops of Heirlooms and Comforts Fabric Card is a good thing!! Every \$5.00 purchase of regular priced fabric earns you a punch on your free fabric card. When the card is full, it's worth \$20 in merchandise at H&C or VSSQ!! Over 300 quilters so far this year have redeemed their cards!! Have you?

Serger University!

Do you own a Husqvarna Viking Huskylock Serger? Do you use it often? If not, then you are missing out on a lot of fun! Sergers are not just for finishing seams anymore! Join Holly Hart Anderson once a month in Greenville as she takes the mystery out of your Huskylock. Learn not just how to thread your serger for basic serging, but for all the different applications! Learn the different parts of the serger! Best of all, after attending Serger 101 (a prerequisite for SU project classes) in September, you will be eligible to sign up for Serger University project classes every month! In October we will focus on Rolled Hems and all the applications that can use rolled hems! November we will make a Quick & Easy Serger Purse that can be totally made on a 936 Huskylock or other Huskylocks and your sewing machine! A kit will be available for the purse. In December will have a great gift project - Pillowcases, using a number of interesting techniques! We will repeat Serger 101 in January and continue with more project classes in 2006! These classes are geared towards the HV Huskylock 936 & 910 owners, but are open to any HV Huskylock owners.



From Our Web Master!

Katherine Dobrenen

Last fall, we launched a new Web site for The Shops of Heirlooms & Comforts. Bobby Ballentine and I had worked on it for several months and felt it was ready for prime time. Over the next months, we enhanced it, adding different features and getting reactions and feedback from you, our customers. I'd like to point a few of the features we have now on the site. Perhaps one of the most useful features is the class schedule for each location in calendar format. This format allows you to view the class listing and compare it to your personal calendar in month format. There is one calendar for the Central store (<http://www.heirloomsandcomforts.net/classcalendarhc.htm>) and another calendar for the Greenville store (<http://www.heirloomsandcomforts.net/classcalendarvsq.htm>). I've enjoyed very much working on this Web site. It's fun to use my technical skills to showcase an activity I enjoy so much. I've learned quite a bit about sewing and embroidery simply by exploring the information we publish on the Web site. I hope you enjoy and find useful the information and format of the site. Please let us know if you have ideas for enhancements to the site that would enliven your enthusiasm for quilting, sewing and embroidery.



Martha Pullen School 2006!

Viking Says Sew 'n Quilt is honored to sponsor The Sew Beautiful Martha Pullen Heirloom Sewing Four Day School for a third time this coming April 2006. Come

join Connie Palmer and Peggy Dilbone as they conduct four days of sewing and machine embroidery classes on Husqvarna Viking's Designer SE sewing machines and Huskylock 936 sergers. You will spend three full days learning techniques and creating wonderful heirloom items from your project kits specially designed for Martha Pullen schools. Then on Saturday enjoy a relaxed day learning from lecture-demos given by Connie, Peggy and some of our own teachers. Lunches will be included all four days.

Please note that the date for this great event has been changed since the last newsletter went out. We are already taking names and deposits to hold places. Call or come in to VSSQ soon so that you won't be left out!

All Who Love Thimbleberries....

Husqvarna Viking has made a licensing agreement with Thimbleberries to produce embroidery designs of fabric and/or quilt designs. Can you imagine?! Now you will be able to reproduce the Crazy Quilt from several years back in embroidery on your machine. How much fun can this be!!! We haven't yet seen this/these discs but will let you know right away when they come in. These two companies are the best.

Bright, New Face at H&C!

For those of you who come shopping to H & C you may find a new face among those of us who serve you. Barbara Gauderer has joined our staff to help you to find the things you want. She is a resident of Salem, the wife of a physician and mother of three grown children. Barbara became our customer and friend a few years back when she became a Viking owner. She has been in class with a number of you and is becoming a really good quilter after not having sewn for a while. Barbara's previous work experience was in nursing. We are really happy to have Barbara on the staff and hope you get a chance to meet her soon.