

Scraps

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Sara's Scraps

To our Quilting and Sewing Friends:

Since the last time I wrote to you a lot has happened. We have grieved together over the loss of Holly's mom, and we have rejoiced together over the marriage of our son Brad in Texas. There has been the baptism of our grandniece Ella Sara Newton. Charleah's son who will soon graduate from High School continues to receive acceptances at various prestigious colleges. Cissie's daughter is in the "count-the-days" mode for graduation from Miami of Ohio. Many of our classes have successfully been completed with satisfied students ready to move on to the next step. The Sew Beautiful Martha Pullen Heirloom Sewing School has been successfully completed with seventeen happy graduates.

Trips and events are in the works again. There will be Quilt Market in April for Cathy, Cissie, Priscilla and Sara. Almost instantly thereafter is Viking Convention for a large group of us. We are very excited that Cheryl's class proposal was accepted and she is teaching Sashiko by machine at Convention with full class enrollment. We expect to return home with lots of new ideas and products. There are several quilting events that we are participating in this summer as well: Landrum Quilt show is June 10 -12; Appalachian Quilting Party at Boone is June 14 -17; and Carolina Shop Hop is July 13 -16. Remember that the last week of March 2006 is set aside for the next Sew Beautiful Martha Pullen Heirloom Sewing Four Day School. You can sign up now and make a down payment to hold your place. We hope to see many of you at all of these events.

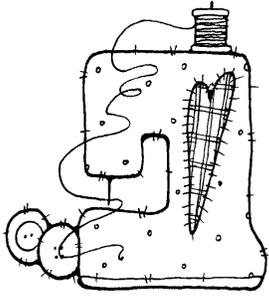
Now is the time to look forward to new and different things! Shipments continue to arrive with great fabrics including some holiday groups, wonderful new patterns and books of designs, and clever notions and tools that make quilting easier and more fun. Our summer schedule is filled with short-run classes to accommodate busy vacation schedules and summer time off to do other things.

In the process we want you to remember several things that will make our lives easier. We make every effort to be sure that class supply lists are complete and that the required materials are in stock and ready for you. We have the capability to print for you the supply list at any time. When you purchase class supplies at one of our shops, you will receive a 10% discount. Class fees are payable at registration. Remember that no matter what class or club you wish to take you must register prior to the scheduled date for the class. We need to know in advance how many people to prepare for and so we will not cancel a class that you were planning to attend. If for some reason the class is cancelled at our discretion, a refund will be made. Teachers often choose whether to hold a class depending on the number of persons enrolled. One thing that we want to point out is that perfume quite often aggravates allergies with some of our customers making it difficult to complete the tasks required for class. It would be good if we didn't wear perfume to class.

We are ready for the changing seasons and the new schedule. We look forward to having everyone including young people take our classes. Call soon to be sure you are not closed out of the classes you want.

Yours in stitches,

Sara



Needle Knowledge from the Service Corner

The small piece of equipment that has a sharp point, an eye, a scarf, and a guide for the thread is many times the most neglected item on your sewing machine. This little object is the least expensive part of your machine but can inflict extensive damage to your stitch plate, hook, bobbin case, and your fabric. It can cut a groove in a metal stitch plate or put deep nicks in your hook and bobbin case. It also can cause the top thread to shred and break. The damage it causes is many times the cost of this little item called a needle.

Why is it possible for a needle do all of this damage? First of all, the clearance between the needle and the tip of the hook is as thin as a piece of paper. Next, the hole in the stitch plate is very small and then the bobbin case fits in the center of the hook which further complicates the issue. This set up and tolerances leave little room for error **so any deflection of the needle or incorrect settings can drive it into any of these parts.**

How can these problems be prevented? After making sure your machine is serviced properly we can examine other ways to prevent the needle from damaging your machine and fabric. The first thing is to make sure that you are **using the recommended needle for your machine.** All needles are not built to the same specifications. The scarf and other parts of the needle can be designed differently. Therefore it is critical to use the correct needle for your specific machine. For example, **all Viking machines require Schmetz needles.** You must select the correct size and type of needle to use. This is dependent on the type of fabric you will be sewing. For example if you are sewing on denim you should use a heavier needle such as a jeans needle. Heavy fabric can deflect a light or flexible needle and cause problems.

The next most common problem is pushing and pulling fabric as it moves through the machine. This pushing and pulling will cause the needle to deflect thus damaging parts. The machine will feed the fabric "in time" with the movement of the needle if you allow it to do its job.

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The one thing to remember is to **replace needles after a minimum of 8 hours of sewing** and if the needle ever hits the stitch plate or any other part then that needle should be discarded immediately. If you ever hear a pecking sound as the needle penetrates the fabric you can almost be positive that you have a blunt needle.

By following these simple guidelines you can have trouble-free sewing with minimal damage to the critical components on your machine.

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?

Free EQ5 Class at H&C

If you have ever been curious about the quilt designing software EQ5 (Electric Quilt version 5.0), then we have a great deal for you! On Thursday, June 9th from 1 to 3pm, you can join Cheryl Keith's EQ5 class and decide if EQ5 is right for you! At the end of the class you will receive a coupon for \$15 (price of the class) towards the purchase of your own copy of EQ5! This coupon may be used at either H&C or VSSQ!

Viking Babies Need New Homes!

Due to an overwhelming response to the new Husqvarna Viking Designer SE, we have a few previously owned Designer 1's, #1+'s, a 1070 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!

Attention History Buffs!

In September, Joan Grove will start another morning class of the popular Underground Railroad Series using the book by Eleanor Burns. If you are interested in this fascinating series of historical blocks, please call or stop by and ask to have your name put on the list. This "no obligation reservation" will insure that you have a place in the class when we set dates and times.

Viking Software Classes at VSSQ

3D Embroidery Studio

Our 3D Embroidery Studio classes focus on learning the basic skills needed to make your embroidery projects easy to accomplish. Even if you're a computer novice, you'll find this software fun and easy to use. The morning class will focus on basic skills, building from month to month on what's been learned before. The afternoon class will expand on basic skills and is designed for those who want to take the software to the next level and be more challenged.

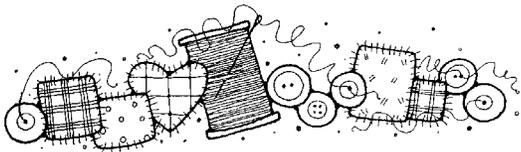
3D Adventure

Our 3D Adventure classes work with the 3D Professional software suite. The class lessons are structured to match what the majority of the group that attends wants to learn. From Cross Stitcher, Stitch Editor, Picture Stitch or even Digitizing, there is certainly something for everyone. We try to tailor the lessons to focus on both the skills necessary to work this more advanced software while at the same time relating ideas for the type of projects that can be done with what we create.

For anyone not receiving our monthly e-mail class announcements, please ask the store to include you in the "software group" or e-mail Sue at: bready@charter.net to be added to the group. The e-mail announcements will outline the focus of the upcoming lessons.

Software Classes at H&C

Cheryl Keith's software classes will be suspended for the summer months and will resume in September. Anyone wishing to, may join Sue Bready's software classes at VSSQ during June, July & August. See the VSSQ class schedule for times and dates.



Gift Registry Available

More often than not your family wants to know what kind of gifts you wish to have for special occasions. Therefore, we have a gift registry for you to fill out so that you can suggest to your family to just shop at H&C and VSSQ for the perfect gift! Come in and sign up for the items you want today!

Martha Pullen School Continues to be a Big Hit!

The Sew Beautiful Martha Pullen Heirloom Sewing Four Day School was again a success in March 2005. Connie Palmer and Peggy Dilbone instructed and inspired sixteen enthusiastic students sewing on the Husqvarna Viking Designer SE machines and the Husqvarna Viking Huskylock 936 sergers. They were able to complete the projects in three days and spent the fourth day learning from lecture-demos given by Connie, Peggy and our own Cheryl Keith.

We have been fortunate enough to be able to book Connie and Peggy for March of 2006 to hold another Four Day School. We are ready to start taking names and deposits to hold your place. Call or come in to VSSQ soon so that you won't be left out!

Sew-cial Circle of Sisterhood (formerly Sisterhood of Purple)

We have a new name but we will be working on the same great type of projects that we have enjoyed in the past! Join Jeffie McManus and Lynn Parker as they guide you in a different project each month. To date, the group has made sweatshirt jackets, tote bags, gift bags, table runners and more. If you are an advanced or intermediate sewer and would like to learn some new techniques and more about the many features on your sewing machine, then this group is for you! There will be no meeting in July.



Calling All Kids!

Sewing is fun for people of all ages! Let your kids find out how much fun in July, when H&C has their Sewing Camp for Kids and VSSQ has their Kid's "Sew Camp"! Different skill and age (8 to 14) appropriate projects will be executed each day. Projects will also be enjoyable for either girls or boys!! Sign up early though as space is limited!

Preferred Customer Sale Coming in May!

**Special 6 & 12 month financing will
be available May 5th - 31st.**

Watch your e-mail or check our website for details!

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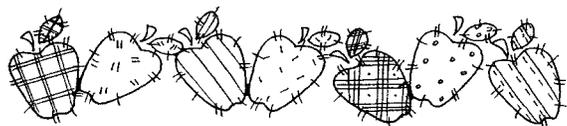
Dates to Remember

June 10 - 12 - Landrum Quilt Show; Landrum, SC

June 14 - 17 - Boone in June; Boone, NC

July 13, 14, 15 & 16 - Carolina Shop Hop 2005

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Check Out Our Website!

Thanks to the input of many and the web design talents of Ms. Katherine Dobrenen, the web-site for the Shops of Heirlooms and Comforts is continually refreshed and updated! You'll always find new information about the latest happenings at both of our locations. Some of the areas are still under construction, but you can always check out our "Week's Special" and other promotions. Class schedules can even be viewed with their latest updates! You can e-mail us via the links on the site if you have any suggestions or questions for us and can even sign up for our weekly e-mails. The address is - <http://www.heirloomsandcomforts.net>.

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.

Newsletter Format

For your convenience, H#C classes are printed on the blue insert and VSSQ classes are printed on the white insert.

Watch for Postcards and Weekly E-mails for Future Specials, Events and Coupons!!

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.