

# Scraps

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## The Shops of Heirlooms & Comforts

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### Sara's Scraps

#### **To our Quilting and Sewing Friends:**

Time does fly by! Here we are at the end/beginning of the year again. 2006!! Oh, my. Not long ago we were worried about Y2K. Now we are almost six years later.

Looking back over 2005 we can see quite a lot of sadness and quite a lot of joy. How proud we are of our customers and their responses to the call for help for those who were victims of nature's wrath. The money and the quilts helped to provide comfort for those less fortunate than we. Also, since our last newsletter we have new associates: Hazel Penick has joined us at Heirlooms and Comforts as an assistant to Bobby and me and as a sales associate. Hazel, a quilter with excellent computer skills, comes to us after years of experience in Customer Service in industry. Bobby also has Elizabeth Bowman helping him with bookkeeping chores. Come in to meet Hazel soon, and don't be surprised if you see her or me with Elizabeth's precious little one Grayson in our arms as we try to exercise our grand-mothering skills with him.

What promises we have for the year 2006: none less awe-inspiring than a new grandchild; none more fun than a new class schedule for quilters and sewers. Check out the offerings of classes at each shop and remember to take advantage of the skills of the various teachers who use our facilities. It is very important for you to register early and pay your tuition at that time so that we are well-prepared for the correct number of participants at each class. If you don't officially register, we may not be ready for you when class time comes. This applies to all classes. Teachers and staff rely on the computer list for necessary arrangements for each class. Look over the list for early-in-the-year classes and rush your registration for those. Another good review is to read through our Class Policies section with the class schedule.

A re-organization of Thimbleberries Club for 2006 has occurred at H&C. Now there are two leaders. Look for the article on the next page about Thimbleberries.

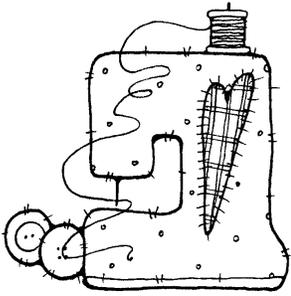
In this quarter of the year we have Viking Convention and Quilt Market coming up. Six or so of the staff will be going to each of these conventions to learn more about what is available for assisting you to make outstanding projects. Even before those meeting dates, we are receiving products that we have ordered through our great sales reps who call on us—and we have an outstanding group of really knowledgeable salesmen and saleswomen. Coming our way are great new Hoffman prints and Batiks; RJR and Jinny Beyer prints; Northcott lines; Moda collections; South Seas groups; Benartex collections; fresh, cute fabrics for children's clothing; Laurel Burch mythical horses---I can't remember them all. Look us over often because things change frequently in our inventories.

Be well and see us often. Our contact with you is very important to us as we value your friendship very much.

Yours in stitches,

*Sara*

## **Keeping Your Machine Clean Between Service Calls** **from the** **Service Corner**



In our previous tips from the Service Corner we have covered maintenance schedules, tension problems, needle knowledge, and thread breakage. Now let's look at

some of the routine maintenance tips that you can perform on your sewing machine and serger between your routine service visits.

The first item is lubrication. If you own a Husqvarna Viking sewing machine then you can forget this step because H-V sewing machines never need oiling. If you own another brand of sewing machine refer to your owner's manual for specific instructions on frequency and oiling points. For sergers all brands require oiling and this is very critical because of the amount of lint generated in this process. A general rule of thumb is to oil after every project. The owner's manual is a good guide here also.

Do you realize how much lint is generated in the sewing process? It would surprise you to see how packed machines can become. To clean all the lint out of a machine requires a qualified service technician to remove the covers to reach all the nooks and crevices. However there are some areas that the consumer can clean that will help keep her machine running smoothly between regular maintenance. Of course the first step is to refer to the owner's manual; but if it is lacking specific steps here are a couple of suggestions. If your machine has a drop-in system the bobbin and probably the bobbin case can be removed. Once removed you can wipe off and clean the bobbin case. However, the most important cleaning point is under the bobbin case in the hook area. Thoroughly clean out any lint that has accumulated. You can use a q-tip, or if you have a mini attachment for your vacuum cleaner you can use it to remove the excess lint. CAUTION: never use compressed air to blow into this area; it can blow lint into bearings and gears and cause additional problems. Another cleaning point is between the feed dog teeth. Lint can pack in here and I have actually seen it so bad that it can raise the stitch plate out of the machine. For front loading bobbins remove the bobbin case to clean and wipe out or vacuum out excess lint.

On some machines the hook can be removed easily, but I would suggest following the user manual guidelines. For sergers it is best to use a vacuum with a mini attachment to clean out lint.

If you have any questions or need more information please come in either shop for assistance.

Happy Sewing!  
Bobby

## **Thimbleberries Club 2006**

If you enjoy Lynette Jensen's Thimbleberries fabrics and quilt patterns, then you just have to join one of our Thimbleberries 2006 groups!!

On the first Thursday of each month in Central from 9:30am to noon and on the third Friday and Saturday mornings from 10:30am to 1:30pm in Greenville you will find your fellow Thimbleberries fanatics getting together to create Lynette's featured 2006 quilt project, "Vintage Stitches" and much more!

This year's featured project "Vintage Stitches" is a block of the month style quilt that incorporates a small pre-printed center patch with new block techniques surrounding it. This promises to be easy and will bring out the creativity in many quilters. Members will make two blocks each month, one block for the quilt front and a second block for the quilt back or even a second quilt!

In Greenville, your club leader is Holly Hart Anderson and in Central, Pam Grant your 'block mentor', will lead you through block construction and Joan Grove will be your club/meeting leader. They promise surprises and free extra Thimbleberries projects each month, as well as a new recipe or two. Last but not least, remember that your yearly membership entitles you to a 20% discount on your Thimbleberries purchases any day of the year at H&C and VSSQ! Please come by to see the rich hues of the TB fabrics for 2006 and sign up to be a member of one of the country's most favorite quilt group!

## **Viking Babies Need New Homes!**

Is your dream to own a Husqvarna Viking Designer, but are on a budget that won't quite allow it? How about a previously owned Designer?! We have a few previously owned Designer I's, Designer II's, #1+'s, 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!

## New Semester Begins at Serger University!

Serger University began this past Fall with a bang! Sixteen very enthusiastic students created a need for two sessions of classes!! If you missed out last Fall or have recently purchased your Husqvarna Viking Huskylock Serger, don't worry! Serger 101 will be repeated the end of January and then you too can join the rest of our serger students in our serger project classes.

Sergers are not just for finishing seams anymore! Holly Hart Anderson at VSSQ is taking the mystery out of your Huskylock. You will learn not just how to thread your serger for basic serging, but for all the different applications! Learn the different parts of your serger! Best of all, after attending Serger 101 (a prerequisite for SU project classes), you will be eligible to sign up for Serger University project classes every month! These classes are geared towards the HV Huskylock 936 & 910 owners, but are open to any HV Huskylock owners. Don't miss out on all the fun you can have with your HV serger!



## Martha Pullen Heirloom Sewing School 2006!

Only two more months to wait! Viking Says Sew 'n Quilt is honored once again to sponsor The Sew Beautiful Martha Pullen

Heirloom Sewing Four Day School this coming February 22, 23, 24 & 25. 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. Projects will be different from last year, so if you attended in 2005, you will still want to attend in 2006! 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 at area restaurants.

Don't wait to be included in this great learning opportunity! We are already registering students and taking deposits to hold their places. Call or come in to VSSQ soon and sign up to experience the best four days you'll have this winter!

## New 3-D Embroidery Software Classes with Sue Bready at VSSQ!

Along with the new year, there will be a brand-new round of 3D Studio classes beginning at VSSQ. The once-a-month Saturday morning class is designed for beginners. We will be starting (once again) at the very beginning of the software program. Those students who have been in that class for some time will "graduate" to the advanced class which meets the same day but in the afternoon. The afternoon class will take on lessons which will put all their acquired skills "to the test" and will be more project related.

For 3D Studio owners who can't make a Saturday class, I'm even going to try and hold at least one 3D Studio classes during the week (schedule permitting). Watch the web site and look for an announcement regarding the date.

The 3D Professional class, which meets once-a-month on Thursday evenings, we'll continue to work on 3D Digitizing to create one-of-a-kind, truly original designs! I'll also try and work in a class or two in 3D Stitch Editor!

If you have any special requests or suggestions, they are always welcome. Just e-mail me at [bready@charter.net](mailto:bready@charter.net) (put something about 3D Software in the subject line, please). New last month, I've launched an updated web site which will show samples of what we may be working on for upcoming classes. The address is: <http://webpages.charter.net/sbready>. I'll post samples for upcoming classes as well as project suggestions and things I may be working on (are there really on 24 hours in a day??). Happy New Year!!



## Big Surprises for Fabric Card Holders!!

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!!

**Hurry and fill those cards before Jan. 14, 2006! Something special will be happening on Jan. 16, 2006 for those who have filled cards and redeem them between Jan. 16 and Feb. 3, 2006! You are going to be so happy that you filled your card and saved it for this special event!**

## **The Shops of Heirlooms and Comforts**

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## **Dates to Remember!**

**Feb. 22 - 25** - Sew Beautiful Martha Pullen Heirloom Sewing School; VSSQ - Greenville, SC

**Mar. 25** - Quilters of South Carolina Spring Meeting

**Mar. 26 - 31** - Viking Convention 2006;  
Las Vegas, NV

**Apr. 1** - Sue Bready brings back the latest software information from Viking Convention

**Apr. 7 & 8** - Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild Quilt Show; Greenville, SC

**Apr. 25** - Home Dec Sewing Adventure with Chris Smiley; H&C - Central, SC

**May 27** - Notions Commotion with Barbara Moore; VSSQ - Greenville, SC

**Jun. 26 - 28** - Daywear Sewing Adventure with Dianne Day; H&C - Central, SC

**July 14 - 22** - Carolina Shop Hop 2006

**July 2006** - Christmas in July with Barbara Moore

**September 2006** - Software Adventure with Janie Lantz

**October 2006** - Sewing Adventure with Cathy Bansky

**Watch your newsletters & e-mails for details!!**

## **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.

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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.**