

Sewing Boutique News

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December 2013

Dates to Remember

***Football Widows
Sale & Open House
January 1
12 to 4***

***Viking Educator
April
Date to be announced***

***Illiana Shop Hop
July 14 - August 9
2014***



Notes from Vera

I am taking a mid-afternoon break and savoring my daily slice of wonderful fruitcake and a freshly brewed cup of coffee. Christmas is almost here ...the house is decorated, the beds are all ready for the holiday guests, and Christmas Dinner is planned and I am counting the days until I get to hug my two little grandsons that I don't get to see anywhere nearly as frequently as I want.

We have so many blessings to be thankful for as we bid 2013 farewell. Joyce is becoming quite proficient in wheeling that walker around and her new knee is going to soon be pain free. Our year at the Sewing Boutique offered us the opportunity to meet and become friends with many new sewing enthusiasts. One of my greatest joys is seeing someone "tackle and master" a new technique.

I have been spending a lot of my time working on my new projects for January. I am doing the Hoop Sisters 2014 quilt, Jacobean Journey. I will have a few blocks for you to see on January 1. However those doing this quilt will be able to pick their own colors of fabric and threads.

AT the September Open House, I had



a sample of the Hoop Sisters Bag and many of those attending expressed a desire to do the bag so I hope to have it done by our January 1 Football Widows Open House. This does use embroidered blocks.

My third project will be a quilt (or wall hanging or bed runner or table runner) using the circular attachment and our beautiful decorative stitches on our Vikings. There is no embroidery involved here only stitches.

We will be doing inventory the last week of December and will have lots of cottons on clearance as we have to make room for all the new fabrics arriving daily. You can check out these "going out the front door" cottons when you come see us on January 1st.

Meanwhile, keep hugging that machine. Vera

Football Widows Sale & Open House

We will be having our annual Football Widows Sale and Open House on January 1 from 12:00 to 4:00. At this time if you register for any new classes you get 10% off all your class fees. What a good way to begin the new year.

At this time we will also be clearing out lots of our cottons to make way for those new ones we purchased at Quilt

Market.

And as a special treat Vera will have some of her special Fruitcake that she makes every year for you all to sample. That is worth the trip itself!!

We are looking forward to seeing you on NEW YEARS DAY.

SERGER CLUB

**February
Wednesday, February 19
9:00 or 1:00
Thursday, February 20
1:00 or 5:30
Friday, February 21
9:00 or 1:00**

*Our Thanks to all who made our
33rd Anniversary Sale
a great success.*

The winner of the 140M sewing machine

Blanche Swedlund

The winners of the five \$33 gift certificates

Sarita Desai

Blanche Swedlund

*Lynn Stone
ilyn Maul*

*Mar-
Linda*

Lawson

NEW MEMBER CLASSES FOR 6D PREMIER SOFTWARE

Lesson 1 Includes 6D Configure and 6D Explorer Plug In Class fee: \$10 (\$20 if purchased elsewhere) Monday, January 27 1:00 or 5:30

Lesson 2 Includes 6D Embroidery menu overview, 6D Embroidery Functions, & 6D Card Shop Class fee: \$10 (\$20 if purchased elsewhere) Monday, February 24 1:00 or 5:30

Lesson 3 Includes 6D Stitch Editor Plus, a Review of 6D Explorer Plug In Class fee: \$10 (\$20 if purchased elsewhere) Monday, March 24 1:00 or 5:30

SOFTWARE CLUB

Let It Snow In this exercise you will design wonderful unique snowflakes and other creative designs using **5D Embroidery Extra** with Encore. Class fee: \$15 Monday, January 6 1:00 or 5:30

Put Monograms on the Map You will be using **5D Embroidery Extra** to quickly create many monograms with the Express Monogram Wizard. You will learn to adjust alignment, spacing, and font style. We may also create and alter a specialized font. Class fee: \$15 Monday, February 3 1:00 or 5:30

Something Old & Something New You will be utilizing the creative functions in **5D Stitch Editor Plus** to transform an existing embroidery into something new and exciting. Class fee: \$15 Monday, March 3 1:00 or 5:30

What's New at the Sewing Boutique?

You may not all have seen the new items we offered in the 12 Days of Christmas Sale so I will share some of them with you now.

Seam -Fix seam ripper—we found this neat little seam ripper that not only takes out stitches but it's unique cap grabs and easily removes loose threads.

Sewing Essentials Accessory Kit—this pretty little bag has a divided tray in the top zippered layer that could be used for feet and bobbins and the bottom zippered area has space for larger tools like cutters, pins, scissors etc. Come check it out.

Sqwedge Ruler—This is a wedge ruler with a squared edge and can be used to make all kinds of exciting new projects.

Mini Embroidery Scissors—Hoop Sisters has come out with a wonderful mini scissors that can trim closer because it has thinner blades. It is perfect for applique.

Green Jumbo Wonder Clips—These are the big brother to the wonderful little red clips that came out last year. These have a greater holding capacity, seam allowance markings, and a wider opening. Wonderful when binding quilts.

University of Illinois Bag kit and Grilling Out Kit—If you are a University of IL fan or know someone that is, you ought to check out these two kits we have. The bag kit includes a U of I print fabric and pattern to make up a 10" by 12" nice looking handbag. The grilling out kit includes fabric and pattern for making an apron, a mitt and a hot pad out of a U of I print fabric.

Baby Quilt Panels - One with a bunny motif and another with Noah's Ark. Each have coordinating fabrics to go with when creating your quilt.

EMBROIDERY CLUB

January

Tuesday, January 21 - 1:00

Wednesday, January 22— 9:00 or 1:00

Thursday, January 23 - 1:00 or 5:30

Friday, January 24 - 1:00

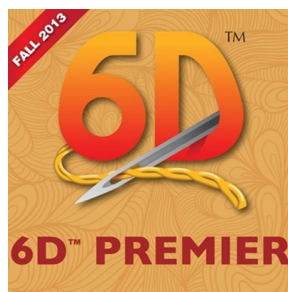
March

Tuesday, March 18 - 1:00

Wednesday, March 19 - 9:00 or 1:00

Thursday, March 20 - 1:00 or 5:30

Friday, March 21 - 1:00



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it takes you*

Classes For the Winter Months

QUILT CLASSES

NEW Jacobean Journey - This Hoop Sisters 2014 Quilt uses only 4 fabrics and 4 different threads. You will be doing about 10 blocks a month to do the **main** body of the quilt. These blocks require the 200 x 200 hoop or the 200 x 260 hoop. I will meet with you individually prior to the first class to plan your fabrics and threads. This class will meet the last Wed. of every month for nine months beginning Wed., Jan. 29 Class fee: \$135 1:00 or 5:30 Vera

NEW Circles Quilt - This will involve using the Circular Attachment that works with the following Viking machines— Designer Diamond Series, Designer Ruby Series, Designer Topaz Series, Opal Series and Sapphire Series. This will involve a background fabric and several coordinating scraps (or from your stash) and we will embellish with various threads and decorative stitches. Once you learn the technique, you can make as many blocks as you want. Class fee: \$45 Tuesday, February 11, 25 and March 11 1:00 or 5:30 Vera

NEW Merry Christmas Sampler Quilt— This Merry Christmas Sampler wall hang or throw measures 56 1/2" x 64 1/2" and is put together in 12 easy steps just in time for the 2014 Christmas season. It is a mixture of piecing and applique in pretty red and green prints. Come join the fun as we meet the last Thursday of the month for the next 12 months. Class fee: \$15 a session or \$180 for all 12. Thursday, January 30 1:00 or 5:30 Joyce

T Shirt Quilt -It seems these never go out of style and there are always those boxes of T shirts waiting to be made into a useful quilt. Thus it is time for another class. I ask that you bring the T shirts as they are and we will do the cutting in class. Class fee: \$30 Friday, January 17 9 to 4 Joyce

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

NEW Hoop Sisters Bag -This requires embroidered 5" blocks and uses the 150 x 150 hoop or 240 x 150 hoop. Once the blocks are made, bag construction will take place. We will be using Snails Tails designs but you may select your fabrics and thread colors. Class fee: \$45 Tuesday, February 4, 18 and March 4 1:00 or 5:30 Vera

NEW Sqwedge Block Pillow - You may use the 15 degree or 22.5 degree Sqwedge ruler to create this 16" block that was made into a pillow. The Sqwedge tool is a squared wedge and can be used to create many lovely patterns and blocks. In this class you will learn how to use the Sqwedge tool to make this lovely pillow. Class Fee: \$30 Wed. February 12, 9 to 4. Barb

NEW Swirl Wall Hanging - Enjoy using a new technique as you construct a 26" x 26" wall hanging using our new Swirls pattern. You will be choosing a focus fabric and six different colors to enhance that focus

fabric. In class you will be sewing, cutting, pressing, and repeating that process often. Expect to get some exercise while completing this striking wall hanging. Stop by the shop to see the lovely sample. Class fee: \$30 Friday, March 14 9 to 4 Barb

Clothes for the 18" Doll— We still have those moms and grandmas wanting to make clothes for the 18" dolls of the little girls in their lives. And sometimes we just like to make them for our own dolls. Class fee: \$15 Kit fee depends on the fabric we choose. Monday, January 13, February 10, and March 10 1:00 Joyce

KIDS CLASSES

Mini Snowmen - These cute little snowmen are made from a pair of white crew length socks and some rice. Then you will get to decorate them with a hat, scarf, buttons, vest or cape. This Mama and Papa will make a cute pair to decorate your room. Class fee: \$15 Kit fee: \$12 Monday, January 20 (Martin Luther King's birthday) 9 to 12 or 1 to 4 Janet/Joyce

Zippy Bags -You will make this cute little zippered Humbug Bag just the right size to carry all your little treasures. You will piece and quilt the outer fabric, insert the zipper and sew on the ribbon handle. Finished bag is 7" x 9 1/2". Class fee: \$15 Kit fee: \$12 Monday, February 17 (Presidents Day) 9 to 12 or 1 to 4 Barb/ Joyce

QUILT DESIGN CREATOR SOFTWARE

Create Quilting Embroideries—Experience the innovative "Start a New Block" option in the Design wizard of the **5D Quilt Design Creator**. You will create precise stitching for hexagon shaped blocks and prepare them for quilting in the embroidery hoop, while utilizing all six Wizard options and their different functions. Class fee: \$15 Thursday, February 13 5:30 Joyce

Three for One— You will refine your **5D Quilt Design Creator** skills as you create unique designs for custom quilting. You will learn how to turn a graphic into a quilting design element and then turn that element into borders, corners, and blocks. These can be exported for the automated quilter or as an embroidery design. Class fee: \$15 Thursday, March 13 5:30 Joyce

Project Days—Need to finish up some projects or do some classes you missed? Joyce has set aside three days for this— Tuesday, January 14 at 9:00; Thursday, February 13 at 1:00 and Wednesday, March 12 at 9:00. Class fee is \$15 for half a day and \$30 for all day

Finish It Days - These are classes to finish up projects from Vera's classes. She has set aside three days for this; Wednesday, January 15 at 1:00, Wednesday, February 5 at 1:00 and Tuesday, March 25 at 9:00. Class fee is \$15 for a half day.



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January

Wednesday, January 8 - 9:00
Thursday, January 9—1:00 or 5:30
Friday, January 10 - 9:00 or 1:00

February

Wednesday, February 5 - 9:00
Thursday, February 6 - 1:00 or 5:30
Friday, February 7 - 9:00 or 1:00

March

Wednesday, March 5 - 9:00
Thursday, March 6 - 1:00 or 5:30
Friday, March 7 - 9:00 or 1:00

April

Wednesday, April 2 - 9:00
Thursday, April 3 - 1:00 or 5:30
Friday, April 4 - 9:00 or 1:00