

Sewing Boutique News

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Dates to Remember

**Viking Educator
Gail Nelson
Thursday, June 19**

**Row by Row
Shop Hop July 1 - September 2**

**Illiana Shop Hop
24 Days of fun in 2014
July 14 - August 9
2014**

EMBROIDERY CLUB

July

Tuesday, July 15 -
1:00

Wednesday, July 16 -
9:00 or 1:00

Thursday, July 17 -
1:00 or 5:30

Friday, July 18 -
9:00 or 1:00



Notes from Vera

By the time you are reading this, it will be June already and I am sure it wasn't very long ago we were dealing with snow. At the Sewing Boutique today, someone mentioned that Winter just drags and Spring is almost over already. Guess we perceive the "same 24 hour day" differently when we can inhale warm fresh air and view all the beautiful flowers and green plants.

Joyce reminded me that it was time for the Newsletter and I must say I haven't given the next three months much thought. I am just too busy trying to stay on course with what's going on NOW! On second thought, I guess I have been thinking about it without realizing it.

For instance, we are having a Viking Sewing Event on Thursday, June 19 with Viking Educator, Gail Nelson coming to do the program.

I am planning another Hoop sisters Mystery Quilt. (You don't know what it is going to look like, or it wouldn't be a mystery, but I do so I will be able to guide you in fabric selections) It can be done as a 5" block and makes a finished 36" X 48" small quilt for a wall hanging or it can be



Summer vacations

done as an 8" block and makes a finished 57" x 72" quilt.

Then there is the Illiana Shop Hop **24 Days of Fun in 2014** this summer from July 14 to August 9. We can't forget this great event.

And then, we have something new for us. We are participating in the Row by Row Shop Hop in Illinois and 25 other states. Check out the article on page 2 for details.

Joyce and I were in Pittsburgh at the International Quilt Market a couple of weeks ago. We saw lots of people, did lots of walking, saw lots of new beautiful fabrics, listened to lots of new ideas and did lots of planning for future projects. Stay tuned and keep hugging your sewing machine!!

Viking Educator, Gail Nelson Presents Secrets of Success through AfterMarkets

We are excited to have Viking Educator, Gail Nelson coming to our shop on Thursday, June 19 to present the **Secrets of Success through AfterMarkets** event. In this lecture/demo, you'll gain valuable insight into how the correct Husqvarna Viking accessories and Inspira stabilizers and needles will enhance your sewing experience. You will learn the proper use of stabilizers in combination with needles, thread and various fabrics and see the beautiful and

inspiring Trunk Show samples personally crafted by Gail. She will also show us some highlights of the new 6D software. The event will be at the Sewing Boutique from 1:30 to 4:30. Registration for this exciting event is \$20. However, when you come to the event you will receive a \$20 coupon to spend in our store.

Call us today and reserve your spot.

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A New Kind of Shop Hop—Row by Row

How about this - a shop hop type event with no fees, no passports and all summer to play? Simply visit any of the participating shops and receive a free pattern for a row in a quilt. Combine your rows in any way to create a unique quilt that represents the fun you had traveling throughout the summer. This shop hop runs from July 1 to September 2.

If you create a quilt using at least 8 different rows and are the first to bring it into a participating shop you will win a stack of 25 fat quarters (6 1/4 yards of fabric!) And if you have used that shop's row in your quilt, you will win an additional prize.

Each participating shop has the opportunity to create a fabric photo license plate with their state, the name of their shop, and a logo that depicts their shop on it. These will be available to purchase at all of the participating stores around the country. Each one is unique. Collect a bunch to create fun projects, sewing studio wall art or even a fun backing for your quilt.



Each area has their own Facebook page. Like the page from the areas you visit to see pics of the rows, shop displays, winning quilts and fabric plate projects.

The Sewing Boutique will be participating in this shop hop. Check the website www.rowbyrowexperience.com. Click on the state you will be traveling to see a listing of participating shops.

SERGER CLUB

June

Friday, June 13 - 1:00 or 5:30
Wednesday, June 18— 1:00
Friday, June 20 9:00 or 1:00

August

Wednesday, August 20 - 9:00 or 1:00
Thursday, August 21 - 1:00 or 5:30
Friday, August 22 - 9:00 or 1:00



KEEP AMERICA SEWING CLUB

June

Wednesday, June 4 - 9:00
Thursday, June 5— 1:00 or 5:30
Friday, June 6 - 9:00 or 1:00

July

Tuesday, July 1 - 9:00
Wednesday, July 2 - 9:00 or 1:00
Thursday, July 3 - 1:00 or 5:30

August

Wednesday, August 6 - 9:00
Thursday, August 7 - 1:00 or 5:30
Friday, August 8 - 9:00 or 1:00

WHAT'S NEW AT THE BOUTIQUE?

Books—

Animal Parade by Cheri Leffler, features 10 adorable applique' quilt patterns for babies. It shows you how to combine simple piecing with whimsical applique. Joan Hinds has created 20 sewing patterns for the 18" doll in her new book **Doll Costume Dress Up**. Some of the outfits included are a cowgirl, Cinderella, Mermaid, a Jester, and Nurse in scrubs. A couple of books to get you in the mood for Christmas are **Christmas Pure & Simple** by Nancy Halvorson with Art to Heart and **Holidays at Home** from Patch Abilities, Inc. Also the newest edition of the **Quilters Travel Companion 2014—2016** has arrived at the shop. This is a must if you travel.

Patterns

Suzn Quilts has a cute quilt as you go pattern **A Pretty Table** that includes directions for a table runner and placemats. Both have the look of a pretty package tied up with a bow. **Roses** and **3D Flower Quilt** are two of the patterns put out by the DIY Fabric Flowers and Art company that brings you the most lush, elegant, yet easy to make flowers on the market. Come check them out.

Embroidery Designs

Moroccan Décor is a new embroidery design pack from Husqvarna Viking. It contains 40 designs for the 200 x 200 and 180 x 130 hoop sizes. Lunch Box Quilts has created a new Recipe Towel collection called **French Cuisine**. It includes 6 designs and 3 100% cotton towels. Recipes included are Quiche Lorraine, Strawberry Crepes, Trout Amandine, Chocolate Soufflé, Rosemary Baguettes, and French Onion Soup.

In - R - Form is a superior batting alternative by Inspira used to add dimension when used in handbags, crafts and quilts. It is easy to stitch even with multiple layers.

The Zippy Bag class showing us the bags they made.

Picture on the left: left to right Audrey Kaeb, Lucy Lugo, Joanna Walder, Abby Walder, and Kristen Walder.

Picture on the right: left to right Hope Watts, Rebecca Carlson, Katie Lister and Elizabeth Samet.

Classes for Summer

QUILTS

2014 Mystery Quilt from Hoop Sisters - We will have a couple class sessions to cover new techniques. Otherwise, you will be working on this on your own at home. If this appeals to you, be sure and contact me BEFORE June 27 for the special price on the embroidery designs. Class fee: \$30 Tuesday, July 22 and August 5 1:00 or 5:30 Vera

T Shirt Quilt Putting T shirts together into a quilt is a wonderful way to make those memories more permanent. Thus it is time to offer another T Shirt quilt class. I ask that you bring the T shirts as they are and we will do the cutting in class. Class fee: \$30 Monday, July 14 9:00 Joyce

Reindeer Wall Hanging This wall hanging features two reindeer dashing across the night sky. The applique' pieces are done with the fusible technique. Lots of wonderful hints are included to make your project quick and fun to do. There are also great hints for quilting. The wall hanging measures 42" x 32 1/2 Class fee: \$45 Wednesday, July 9, July 23 & August 6 1:00 Barb

MISCELLANEOUS

Tropical Capris There is still time to make some new capris for summer. This pattern included 2 lengths and 6 different hem treatments. The elastic waist and casual fit make these capris a fast and fun addition to your summer wardrobe. You will trace your pattern onto pattern ease for easy fitting. Class fee: \$30 Saturday, June 21 9:00 Joyce

18" Doll Clothes Class It is time to make another outfit for that 18" doll in our life. We are never too old to play with dolls. Class fee: \$15 Kit fee will depend on the fabric chosen for the outfit. Monday, June 9 1:00 Joyce

KIDS CLASSES

Kids Sewing Camp Level I This is best for the new or inexperienced sewer. You will make 2 brown paper ornaments, 2 cards, a face pillow and a pair of elastic waist shorts. Preferable age is 8 or above. Kit fee: \$6 plus pattern and fabric for shorts. Class fee: \$60 9:00 to 4:00 Monday & Tuesday, June 16 & 17 Joyce/Janet

Kids Sewing Camp Level II The prerequisite for this class is Level I or the discretion of the teacher. We review the basics and complete several projects—a cat or dog wall hanging, a small purse, and a top or shirt. Preferable age is 8 or older. Kit fee: \$6 plus pattern and fabric for top Class fee: \$60 9:00 to 4:00 Monday, & Tuesday, June 23 & 24 Joyce/Janet

Tag Along Tote Every young girl needs this Tag Along Tote to carry her cell phone or iPod or a dash of cash or any other treasure she has when she is ready to

go to the mall, the fair or wherever it is she wants to go. The finished size of this little bag is 7" x 8" x 12" and features a handle so you can put it over your shoulder. Class fee: \$15 Tuesday, July 8 8:30 or 1:30 Barb and Joyce

Capris and T Shirt In this class you will make a pair of capris with elastic waist and then create a coordinating T shirt with an applique on the shirt out of the same fabric as the capris. You will need to pick out your fabric ahead of time and let us know your T shirt size so we can order them in. All T shirts will be white. Class fee: \$30 Monday, July 21 or Tuesday, July 29 9:00 to 4:30 Joyce and Barb

SOFTWARE CLASSES

Quilt Design Creator— 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, July 31 Joyce

6D Premier Lesson 5 - Includes 6D Sketch, 6D Cross Stitcher and 6D Photo Stitch. Class fee: \$10 (\$20 if purchased elsewhere) Monday, June 30 9:00 or 1:00 Joyce

SOFTWARE CLUB Embossing and Stamping & Changing Stitches to Objects -You will create an embroidery with the Express Design Wizard in **5D Embroidery Extra** and change stitches to objects in **5D Stitch Editor Plus**. Class fee: \$15 Monday, June 2 9:00 or 1:00 Joyce

6D Embroidery Extra Quick Font Wizard -The Quick Font Wizard allows you to change True Type and some Open Type fonts into stitches for use with your embroidery machine or in the software. We will be using **6D Embroidery Extra** for this lesson. Class fee: \$15 Monday, July 7 9:00 or 1:00 Joyce

6D Express Design Wizard We will be using the Express Design Wizard in **6D Embroidery Extra and 6D Design Creator** to create our own design from a background image. We will be exploring several options and discussing reasons why you may choose one way over the other. Class fee: \$15 Monday, August 4 9:00 or 1:00

Project Days -Need to finish up some project or do some classes you missed? Joyce has set aside three days for this.- Wednesday, June 11 at 1:00, Monday, July 28 at 9:00 and Monday, August 25 at 1:00

Finish It Classes These are classes to finish up projects from Vera's classes. She has set aside three days for this - Friday, June 13 at 9:00, Thursday, July 31 at 9:00 and Wednesday, August 13 at 1:00

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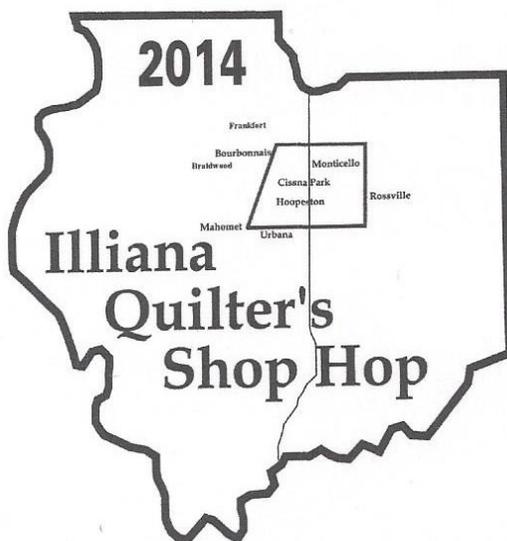
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24 DAYS OF FUN IN 2014

July 14th - August 9th

Regular Store Hours (local time)



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Illiana Quilter's Shop Hop

We have a new format and two additional shops for this year's Shop Hop. Our Shop Hop will last for 24 days from July 14 through August 9. Our two new shops are Top Shelf Quilts at Frankfort, IL and Countryside Village Gifts at Braidwood, IL. The 24 days will provide you with time to plan several little excursions to visit all the shops.

Passports remain the same at \$5. This entitles you to visit each location during the Shop Hop and register for individual door prizes, enjoy 15% off regular priced fabric of 1/2 yard cuts or more and have your passport validated. Completed passports should be turned in to the last shop visited no later than 6:00 PM on Saturday, August 9th.

Individuals with completed passports are eligible for the Grand Prize drawing for the **new Stella Sky Lamp** as well as the nine second prizes of a \$25 gift certificate, one from each of the 9 participating shops. The drawing will be held on Monday, August 11 and the winners will be notified.

Our theme this year is **24 Days of Fun in 2014**. Each shop will create a project of their choice from the book **Six Halves Make a Whole** and may use any fabrics of their choice.