

Sewing Boutique News

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Gail Dodson
A Creativity Spa Day
May 6

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Celebrating Service
July 13 - August 8
2015

*Imagination
Rejuvenation*

JOIN US FOR
A CREATIVITY
SPA DAY!



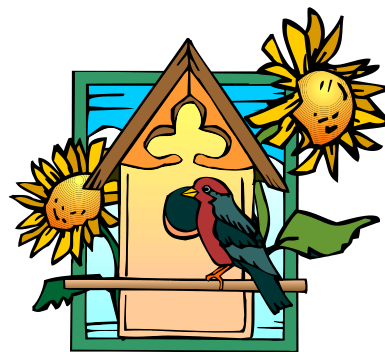
Notes from Vera

It is so good to see youngsters on the street with only a t-shirt. My blood must be a lot thinner because I still need a jacket but that is youth for you!

Barb told me today her tulips were up which is another sign that Spring is ALMOST here. We are all ready for “new lives” to begin, new green grass, new spring flowers, and perhaps some new spring clothes. And best of all, a new fresh attitude as we welcome a new season.

I’m starting a new Hoop Sister quilt and the first class will be soon. “Sewn Seeds” is this one and it certainly is a beauty. The colors are so fresh, vibrant and clean looking. How could turquoise, purple, lime, cantaloupe, yellow and watermelon pink not produce something superb? This is an embroidered applique quilt with exquisite quilting all a part of each block. Check our web page for a picture of “Sewn Seeds”.

A beginning quilting class will be starting soon. This class is for wanna-be quilters as you will learn the very basics



of cutting, seaming and pressing. We will be making a small wall hanging or table topper using various basic blocks. After this class, you should feel comfortable moving onto one of our more complicated quilts.

We are having company at the Sewing Boutique. On May 6, we will be hosting a Viking Event Specialist so mark your calendar and join us for a fun day with sewing friends.

Joyce has worked hard to find a date and time for all our classes and she is to be applauded for handling this juggling act. Please look over our class schedule and join us. I just heard today of someone who is retired and has NO hobbies which is something I can’t begin to fath-

A Creativity Spa Day with Event Specialist, Gail Dodson

Imagination Rejuvenation is the title given by Viking to this Creativity Spa Day to be presented by Viking Event Specialist, Gail Dodson on Wednesday, May 6 at the Sewing Boutique in Hoopeston. Come experience the best and newest of what Husqvarna Viking sewing and embroidery machines have to offer. Play with the latest machine technology like applique stitches and the latest accessories.

There are 3 Make It—Take It Projects you will be creating through out the day. Due to limited space, we will

need to do some sharing of machines.

This is open to those who don’t own a Viking machine as well as those who do. It is a wonderful opportunity to test drive one of these lovely machines and see what it has to offer.

The event will begin at 9:00 and end at 4:30 with an hour break for lunch at a restaurant of your choice in the Hoopeston area.

The registration fee is 45.00 . Space is limited so call today to reserve your spot.
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What's New at the Boutique?

Notions Using the new **Bobbin Buddies** is a very convenient way to clip the matching bobbin to the thread spool so you are ready to go when you need that thread. Wishing you had a small scissors to carry in your purse for those away from home snipping jobs. The little **3" Super Shears** with silicone safety cover fits easily into your purse and is super small, super sharp and super safe. **It's All That Screwdriver** is a handy little screwdriver about 3 inches long and has 6 interchangeable bits in one easy place. It is quick to change and has a no slip cushion grip that makes it easy to carry and store.

Fabric— We have some new **Sandscapes Strips** from Northcott Fabrics. The package contains forty 2 1/2" strips in varying shades of blue. The precut strips save you a lot of cutting.

Designs - Kimberbell Designs has two new embroidery CD's - **A Kimberbell Summer, Vol 1 - At the Beach & A Kimberbell Summer, Vol 2 - In the Garden.**

Some of the designs included in At The Beach are flip flops, ice cream cone, sunglasses and a couple of boats. The In My Garden includes a lady bug, watermelon, cherries and flowers. We have several new designs from Inspira for those special little projects that you do. **My Sewing Room** has 20 sewing related designs that fit the 5 x 7 hoop. **Sew Sweet** features 20 very cute little animals that fit the 5 x 7 hoop. If you are wanting to do a quick little Easter project check out **Easter Friends**. It also has 20 designs that fit the 5 x 7 hoop. If you need a shower gift for someone the **Kitchen Art** designs would work well on a towel or apron. There are 20 designs that fit the 5 x 7 hoop

New Employee

Our longtime employee and friend, Jayne Conrad has chosen to retire from the Sewing Boutique. We are sorry to see her go but wish her well in her retirement.

We are excited that Sue Janssen has accepted our invitation to come on board and work for us. As a Viking machine and Software owner, Sue can draw on her experience to answer your questions. Welcome to our team, Sue.

EMBROIDERY CLUB

May
 Tuesday, May 19 - 1:00
 Wednesday, May 20 9:00 or 1:00
 Thursday, May 21 - 1:00 or 5:00
 Friday, May 22 - 1:00

KEEP AMERICA SEWING CLUB

April
 Wednesday, April 1 - 9:00 or 1:00
 Thursday, April 2— 9:00 or 1:00

May
 Thursday, May 7— 9:00 or 1:00
 Friday, May 8 - 9:00 or 1:00

June
 Wednesday, June 3 - 9:00
 Thursday, June 4 - 1:00 or 5:00
 Friday, June 5 - 9:00 or 1:00

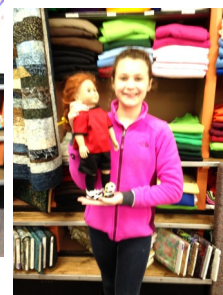
SOFTWARE CLUB

6D Stitch Editor Plus –In this lesson you will create a design from pieces of an existing design in the Samples folder. You will edit out 2 pieces, then make one a cutwork design. Take those elements to **Embroidery Extra** where you will use the Encore function. Then go back to **Stitch Editor Plus** to add a basting line for the cutwork needle stabilizer. Class fee: 15.00 Monday, April 6 1:00 Joyce

6D Design Creator—Pretty Paisleys You will learn what type of picture is best to use for a background while digitizing these pretty paisleys. You will adjust the picture as needed before placing stitches and then add different fills and motifs to make your paisley truly special. Class fee: 15.00 Monday, May 4 1:00 Joyce

6D Quilt Block Wizard –Creative Options for Personalizing your Quilting - The Quilt Block Wizard in **6D Embroidery Extra** gives us many creative options for quilting our quilts, working with custom block sizes and shapes. It is also the way to make a perfect background for your embroidery. Also custom applique shapes are a nice option with **6D Stitch Editor Plus**. Class fee: 15.00 Monday, June 1 1:00 Joyce

KIDS CLASS These girls had fun creating a soccer outfit for their 18" dolls. From left to right we have Hallie Stott, Stephanie Sterrenberg, Kaylee Clark, Kaitlyn Bergstadt, and Brea Boyer. Be sure and check out our other offerings for Spring and Summer.



Classes for Spring and Summer

QUILT CLASSES

Sewn Seeds—A Hoop Sister Quilt This class will meet EVERY OTHER month (5 class sessions). A unique twist to this quilt is using wool batting in the blocks. Wool batting is soooooo light but it makes the quilting really pop. It requires an embroidery machine that will handle a 200 x 200 hoop for a queen size quilt or 150 x 150 hoop for the wall hanging size. If interested, talk to Vera and she can determine the size block your machine can do. Class fee: 75.00 Designs and supplies are extra Tuesday, April 21 1:00 Vera

Beginning Quilting Learn the very basics in this class as you make a small quilt using some of the basic blocks so you can move on to the beautiful, more involved quilts. You will have a choice of colors and fabrics. Class fee: 45.00 Supplies are extra. Thursday, April 9, 30 & May 28 5:00 Vera

Welcome to the North Pole Quilt - Christmas is a special time of year and the North Pole is a magical place. This quilt portrays this happy, colorful, festive village as we can imagine it to be at the North Pole. We will get a lot of practice with applique as we "build" each little house. We will create this quilt a block or two each month for the next 9 months. Class fee: 135.00 for 9 months or 15.00 a session. We will meet the last Monday of each month beginning Mar. 30 1:00 or 5:00 Joyce

T Shirt Quilt Putting T Shirts together into a quilt is a wonderful way to make those memories more permanent. Thus it is time for another T shirt Quilt class. I ask that you bring your T Shirts as they are and we will do the cutting in class. Class fee: 30.00 Thursday, July 30 9:00 Joyce

MISCELLANEOUS

Making a Bed Skirt Nothing makes your new quilt shine more than a bed skirt (dust ruffle) that looks like it goes with the quilt. You really don't have to be limited to the white or off-white that you buy at the store. Class fee: 15.00 Friday, April 24 9:00 Vera

18" Doll Clothes We will be using Joan Hinds new book **Doll Costume Dress Up** book for our patterns. We will be doing the Clown Outfit in April and the Soccer Outfit in May. So all you moms and grandmas and those of you who like to make doll clothes come join our fun class. Class fee: 15.00 Kit fee varies. Monday, April 20 and May 11 Joyce

In My Garden We just received some really cute designs called **In My Garden** from Kimberbell Designs. Barb is in the process of creating a fun little project to use these new designs. She will have her completed project at the store. Class fee: 15.00 Designs and kit are extra. Friday, May 15 9:00 Barb

QUILT DESIGN CREATOR

Using the Design Wizard - 5D Quilt Design Creator can be used to create quilting designs for automated quilters and embroidery machines. We will be using the New Design Wizard Quick Trace a Picture to create a new element design by tracing outlines from a picture. Class fee: 15.00

Friday, April 10 9:00 Joyce

KIDS CLASSES

Stuffed Bunny In this class you will get to make a fun Bunny Rabbit. You will have a choice of white or pink polar-fleece for creating this lovable stuffed bunny with a pretty ribbon accent at his neck. Class fee: 15.00 Kit fee: 15.00 Friday, April 3rd (Good Friday) 8:30 to 12 OR

1:00 to 4:30 Janet and Joyce

Swing Bag This cute little Swing Bag is fun, fast and easy to sew. It has a long skinny strap and two inside pockets. The outside fabric is created by sewing 4 strips of different coordinating fabrics together and is closed with a button and tab. Class fee: 15.00 Kit fee: 15.00 Thursday OR Friday, June

11 or 12 1:00 Janet and Joyce

Matching Top for You and Your Doll—In this class you will be making a matching top for you and your 18" doll. Your pattern and fabric will be around 35.00 depending on what you choose. Class fee: 30.00 Thursday, July 9 OR Monday, July 20 9:00 to 5:00 Janet and Joyce

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: 8.00 plus pattern and fabric for shorts. Class fee: 60.00 Monday and Tuesday, June 29 and 30 9:00 to 4:00 Janet and Joyce

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: 8.00 plus pattern and fabric for top. Class fee: 60.00 Thursday and Friday, July 23 and 24 9:00 to 4:00 Janet and Joyce

Project Days—Need to finish up some projects or do some classes you missed? Joyce has set aside two days for this—Monday, April 13 at 1:00 and Thursday, May 28 at 9:00 Class fee: 15.00 per half day session. Joyce

Finish It Classes—These are classes to finish up projects from Vera's classes. She has set aside two days for this - Wednesday, April 29 at 9:00 and Tuesday, May 12 at 9:00 Vera

SERGER CLUB

April

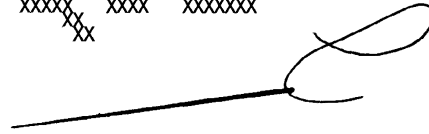
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Thursday, April 16 - 1:00 or 5:00

Friday, April 17— 9:00 or 1:00

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