

“A family committed to being someone you can trust for your sewing and vacuum needs.”



# Sewing Solutions

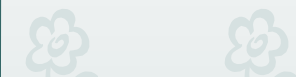
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Summer Newsletter

July-Sept. 2017



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M, T, W, Fri, 8:30-5:30  
Thurs. 8:30-7:00, Sat. 9-2



Our store will be closed Tues., July 4th.

Hello,

Greetings from the Martin family in Cessna. We have lots of good things to tell you. And we hope that you will find something to inspire you on in your creative sewing journey.

The beginner classes would work great for a daughter or grand daughter interested in sewing. We ask that they be at least 9 yrs. old. We are also starting a new Block of the Month featuring Eleanor Burns Underground Railroad Sampler Book. This quilt truly tells the story of The Underground Railroad, an interesting chapter of our history.

And the 2017 Row by Row Shop Hop is now underway. The theme this year is On the Go. You may collect patterns at participating shops all summer from June 21 - Sept. 5. We are offering a class on our row if you would like some help with appliqué. Our row is pictured to the left.



We also want to announce the plans for The Country Roads Shop Hop this fall. The kickoff date is **Sat, August 5**, and our store hours will be **9-4**. This is the 1st day that passports can be purchased. If you pick up passports for yourself and friends on that day, we'll get you each a free 2017 Shop Hop Tote. The shop hop dates are Oct. 18-21. There will be 9 participating shops as follows: 4 Seasons in Grantsville, MD, Sew Special in Uniontown, Quilt Patch in Mt. Pleasant, Sewing Box in Somerset, Schraders and Quilt Peddler in Johnstown, Creative Fabrics in Ebensburg, Connie's Collectibles in Duncansville, and ourselves. Bring a friend and join in on the fun of prizes, refreshments, and lots of fabric!

Also note that Business 220, north of Fisher's Country Store will be closed for construction for up to 2 months this summer. If you are coming from the north, just get off I-99 at the Cessna exit.

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## Christmas in July Sale

July 10-31

Destiny  
\$400 Visa Rebate +  
\$1,200 of Extras =  
\$1,600 Savings



Special  
Christmas or Starter  
Bundles with ALL  
Embroidery Machines  
Up to \$1,200 Value!

25% OFF All  
In-stock Embroidery  
Designs\*

20% OFF Seasonal  
Fabric Section\*  
100 Bolts of Fall & Christmas

\*Cannot be combined with other discounts. July 10-31 only.

## Calendar of Events

July 4	Closed
July 7	Basic Sewing Top End
July 8	Hooper's Club
July 11	Design Positioning
July 12	Teddy Row by Row
July 17	Sit & Sew
July 19	Half Apron
July 21	Cover & Chain Stitch
July 25	Embroidery Basics
July 26	Computer Basics
July 27	Charity Sewing
July 29	IQ Designer
Aug. 1	Childhood Wonders (A)
Aug. 2	Basic Sewing
Aug. 3	Shattered Crystals (A)
Aug. 5	Passport Kickoff 9-4
Aug. 8	Childhood Wonders (B)
Aug. 9	Applique & Quilting
Aug. 11	Fabric Presentation
Aug. 11	Trunk Show
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Aug. 12	Hooper's Club
Aug. 15	Serger Basics
Aug. 16	Embroidery Basics
Aug. 16	Placemats
Aug. 17	Shattered Crystals (B)
Aug. 18	FTCU Basics
Aug. 22	Childhood Wonders (C)
Aug. 23	Design Positioning
Aug. 23	Sit & Sew
Aug. 24	Shattered Crystals (C)
Aug. 28	Baby Lock Dealer
-30	Training
Aug. 31	Charity Sewing
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## Beginner Workshops

### Half Apron Class

Start out your sewing experience with this quick little apron. Learn some sewing lingo and how to use a rotary cutter and the gathering and stretch stitches on your sewing machine.



Wed. July 19 9:30-12:30  
Teacher: Lisa Martin Fee: \$12

### Easy Placemats

There really is not much to this placemat, which makes it a perfect gift or a quick little touch for your own home. Set the theme with a big print fabric. And, learn how to "quilt-as-you-go", and then use the backing for a fold and sew binding.



Wed. Aug. 16 5-8 PM  
Teacher: Michelle Martin Fee: \$12

### Riviera Handbag Class

This sturdy handbag is loaded with pockets. It also features a recessed top zipper which really isn't that hard to do. It is another purse from Pink Sand Beach Designs with easy-to-follow colored directions. It measures 16½" wide x 9½" tall x 4" deep.



Tues., Sept. 19, 26 12-4  
Skill Level: Intermediate Fee: \$25  
2 Workshops Teacher: Michelle Martin

### Teddy on the Go Row by Row Class

This class is definitely a skill builder for machine applique. You can choose whether you want a kit that has the shapes already cut out and the fusible web on the back or whether you want to make the appliques from scratch.

Wed., July 12 12-4 Fee: \$12  
Skill Level: Intermediate Teacher: Michelle Martin

### Professional Hooper's Club

This club is all about learning more on your embroidery machine, and how much fun machine embroidery really can be. Because of limited seating, please let us know when it suits you to come.

Sat., July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 7 2-4 PM

## *Underground Railroad Block of the Month*

The Underground Railroad story is a dramatic chapter in our nation's history. Quilts were often hung to "air out" as a sign or code. In this sampler quilt designed by Eleanor Burns each block has special meaning. The 16th block is the story printed out on fabric. If you would like a sampler quilt without the story, you can make a 15 block rectangular quilt. This is a 6 month program in which you will get all of the fabrics for the quilt top and the nice book that goes with it.

Teacher: Theresa Leppert 2nd Thurs. of the month starting Sept. 14

10-1 Daytime OR 5-8 Evening

Skill Level: Confident Beginner that wants to learn new techniques

Commitment Fee: \$75 Remaining 5 Sessions Fee: \$25 each



## *Shattered Crystals Quilt Class*

It all starts with a gorgeous panel of brilliant aurora borealis (northern lights). This panel is printed digitally which allows them to use many more colors than traditional printing. For the quilt, the panel is simply cut into strips with frames added, then cut into squares and sewn back up together.

Thurs., Aug. 3, 17, 24 10-1 PM

3 Workshops Teacher: Theresa Leppert

Skill Level: Beginner Class Fee: \$25 Kit Cost: \$35.99



## *Childhood Wonders Wallhanging Class*

These darling children stitch out so cute. After stitching out these designs from Amazing Designs, we used the applique feature built in to the machine to create a frame around them. And then using the Destiny, we created stippling outside the frame. This would be an excellent class for Destiny owners to learn more about the easy stippling and applique features on your machine.

3 Workshops Tues., Aug. 1, 8, 22 12-4

Teacher: Michelle Martin Skill Level: Intermediate Fee: \$89

The class fee includes the \$79 Childhood Wonders Design Pack



## *Machine Embroidered Tri-fold Wallet Class*

We think wallets made in the hoop are lots of fun. There are 4 different hoop sizes for the tri-fold wallet. And the larger sizes have a pocket for a checkbook. But they all include fully lined zippered pockets and slots for credit cards.

Tues., Sept. 12 5-8

Teacher: Michelle Martin Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Fee: \$25 We will include the designs for 1 hoop size in the class fee.



6"x10" hoop

8"x 12" hoop

## **Project Class Rules**

1. To sign-up for a class, you need to pay the class fee at least one week ahead. To be refunded, please let us know the week ahead as well.
2. If there is not enough students for a class, we will refund your money.
3. You will need to pick up a supply list at our store for these classes.
4. We will give you 10% off the class supplies that you purchase from us.
5. The project classes are not limited to Baby Lock owners, everyone is welcome to join us.

## Calendar of Events cont.

Sept. 6	Binding
Sept. 9	Hooper's Club
Sept. 12	Tri-fold Wallet
Sept. 13	FTCU Digitizing
Sept. 14	Underground Railroad
Sept. 16	Basic Sewing
Sept. 19	Riviera Handbag (A)
Sept. 20	Embroidery Basics
Sept. 20	Sit & Sew
Sept. 21	Charity Sewing
Sept. 26	Riviera Handbag (B)
Oct. 3	Basic Sewing
Oct. 4	Design Positioning
Oct. 4	Applique & Quilting
Oct. 7	Hooper's Club
Oct. 12	Underground Railroad
Oct. 18-21	Country Roads Shop Hop

### Sit and Sew Sessions

These sessions are intended for those of you who took a class at our store, and maybe weren't able to finish the project in class. Or to those who would like to socialize with other sewers. The fee is \$10.

Mon. July 17, 5-8 PM

Wed. Aug. 23, 5-8 PM

Wed. Sept. 20, 5-8 PM

### Charity Quilt Sewing Club

This is an open sew that you can come and go as it suits, but we would appreciate if you let us know your plans, so that we can plan seating.

July 27, Aug. 31, Sept. 21  
11-8

Supervisor: Theresa Leppert

## Mastery Class Schedule

These classes are free to all who have purchased a machine from us. And you may come as often as you wish. Just call at least one day ahead to reserve your seat. When you come to class, please bring your machine and its accessories. If possible, please bring a laptop with your software loaded and power cord and mouse for the software classes.

Machines & Software	Class	Date	Time
Top End Entry & Mid-level	Basic Sewing	Fri. July 7	9:30-12
Top End Entry & Mid-level		Wed., Aug. 2	9:30-11:30
Top End Entry & Mid-level		Sat., Sept. 16	2-4:30
All Sewing Machines	Appliqué and Quilting	Tues., Oct. 3	5-7
All Sewing Machines	Appliqué and Quilting	Wed., Aug. 9	9:30-12
All Sewing Machines	Appliqué and Quilting	Wed., Oct. 4	5-7:30
Top End Entry & Mid-level	Embroidery Basics	Tues., July 25	9:30-12
Top End Entry & Mid-level		Wed., Aug. 16	9:30-11:30
Top End Entry & Mid-level		Wed., Sept. 20	9:30-12
Top End Entry & Mid-level	Emb. Design Positioning, Stabilizers, Q&A	Wed., Aug. 23	9:30-11:30
Top End Entry & Mid-level	Emb. Design Positioning, Stabilizers, Q&A	Tues., Oct. 4	9:30-11:30
Destiny & Destiny II	IQ Designer	Sat., July 29	2-4:30
Auto Thread Tension Sergers	Serger Basics	Tues., Aug. 15	9:30-11:30
Sergers with Coverstitch	Cover & Chain Stitch	Fri., July 21	9:30-11:30
Floriani Total Control U Software	Lettering, Design Customization, etc.	Fri., Aug. 18	9:30-12
Floriani Total Control U Software	Basic Digitizing	Wed., Sept. 13	9:30-12

### Longarm Quilting Classes

These classes are free to those who bought a longarm from us. They are also available for those wishing to rent our Crown Jewel longarm. The Getting Started class is necessary before taking the Computerized Class.

#### Getting Started, Free-motion

Wed. July 26  
5-7:30 Fee: \$40

#### Computerized Quilting

Mon. Sept. 18  
5-7:30 Fee: \$30

### Let's Conquer Binding Workshop

There is more than one way to bind a quilt. You can choose to do it by hand, by machine, wrapped from the back, etc. So, we plan to discuss these different methods. And then demonstrate and explain how to use some of the helpful tools available. We will then help you bind something of your own with the method that you choose.

Wed. Sept. 6 1-4 PM Fee: \$12

## Used Machines at Great Prices

Our used machines come with a 90 day warranty or longer.

Baby Lock Ellageo Sewing & Embroidery Machine -6"x 10" embroidery field, color screen, USB connectivity, 358 built-in stitches, very good condition and low hours- \$1750

Baby Lock Flourish Mid-line Embroidery Only Machine - 6"x 10" embroidery field, color screen, USB connectivity, good condition, current model - \$1650

Baby Lock Jane, Heavy-duty, straight-stitch only machine - Used only twice, scissor feature, needle stop up/down, pin feed feature for leather work, includes extension table, wide throat space for quilting - \$999

Necchi EX 30 Computerized Sewing Machine - 30 Built-in stitches, includes extension table and walking foot, very good condition - \$595

Elna 744 Coverstitch and Overlock Combination Serger- Easy needle changing feature, stitch selector knob gives a cheater guide for how to set up the machine, runs good, very little use - \$295

Janome Mylock 204D 4-Thread Overlock Serger- good condition-\$189

## Humor for the Day

After much careful research, it had been discovered that the artist Vincent Van Gogh had many relatives. Among them were:

His dizzy aunt...Verti Gogh

The brother who worked at a convenience store...Stopn Gogh

The grandfather from Yugoslavia...U Gogh

The cousin from Illinois Chica Gogh

His magician uncle...Wherediddy Gogh

His Spanish cousin...Amee Gogh

The Spanish cousin's American half brother...Grin Gogh

The nephew who drove a stage coach...Wellsfar Gogh

The bird lover's uncle...Flaming Gogh

His arrogant uncle...E Gogh

An aunt who taught positive thinking...Wayto Gogh

The little bouncy...Poe Gogh

And his niece who travels the country in a van...Winnie Bay-Gogh



This extremely rare, antique sewing machine is an 1874 Elias Howe model. Elias Howe is the accredited inventor of the sewing machine, but they were never mass produced like the Singer machines were.

\$1995 or Best Offer

## New Kit



**A Formal Affair Kit**  
This fashionable quilt of beiges and blacks features the Maven fabric line by Moda. It's simply a log cabin block with a little flair.

Measures 72"x 92"  
\$92.99

**Sale on Baby Lock Sashiko!**  
Only \$1,799 July 1-31

MSRP \$3999



This one-of-a-kind machine exclusively makes a hand-look quilting stitch. You really need to see it to believe it!

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## How is Fabric Made? How Are Batiks Printed?

Our Northcott and Benartex fabric rep, Shirley Mandler from Maryland is planning to give a presentation on the fascinating process of how we get our fabric! You will get to see the process from raw cotton, to the printing and finishing. She will also be showing a trunk show of quilts made from Northcott and Benartex fabric. And, you will get a sneak peak of the future fabrics from these companies and a chance to vote on what you think we should order. There will also be refreshments. Just stop in or call to reserve your seat.



When: Fri. Aug. 11  
Time: 9:30-12 OR 5-7:30  
Where: Our classroom  
How much: \$15 Deposit



Your deposit will be refunded back to you as store credit when you come to the presentation!



**Trunk Show**

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Also Starting Aug. 11, we will have a trunk show of Quilt in a Day (Eleanor Burns) books and patterns; and Kimberbell Embroidery Designs. These products will be on display until Aug. 19 at 10% OFF!