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### August – September 2010 Newsletter



Aaahh ..... August, the beginning of the State Fair and the month students go back to school !!! The State Fair begins on August 6th, We will have a booth in the Toyota Exhibition Hall and will have the help of two Janome educators. We are sponsoring the adult Showcase of Fashion Review on August 15, with Robert presenting the awards. We will have a display about our store in the Family Arts Building and with the assistance of the Janome Educators, we will be presenting two demonstrations daily at 12:00 noon and at 6:00 pm. We are providing machines in the 4-H Expo Hall for sewing activities sponsored by 4-H. We will be presenting a new Janome sewing machine to the top winner of the 4-H clothing construction competition.

The “With Love, Again” exhibition at the Sullivan Munce Cultural Center in Zionsville, which we are sponsoring, will continue until the end of August. Every two years, members of the regional Charm Club display their unique, hand-made quilts in a special exhibition. We have a new Horizon on display at the exhibition, so stop to see the quilts, if you get a chance. The exhibition began June 25 and will end on August 28. For more information, visit their website at: <http://www.sullivanmunce.org>

We will also have a booth at the American Sewing Guild Expo here in Indianapolis on August 27-28. We will be teaching a class at the Expo which will focus on creative uses of the feet that come with the new Horizon machine.

### Superior Threads



For those of you who have not yet visited our Indy store, we have a full line of Superior threads, including Bottom Line, King Tut, Rainbows, Brights, Ricky Tim’s Razzle Dazzle, Alex Anderson’s Masterpiece, Metallics, Glitter Holograms, Halo, So Fine, Nature Colors, Sunburst, Nite Lite, and Poly-yarn serger thread, just to name a few.

### Class Changes

We are adding new software classes and beginning sewing classes due to the number of requests we have received since our store opening. We have moved the “Party With Patrick” classes to the last Monday of the month due to availability of the designs, and are adding new beginning sewing classes.

## **Sew Vac Central Welcomes Mary Buvia**

We consider ourselves quite fortunate to have Mary Buvia, a nationally known quilter, teaching new classes for us beginning in September. She has been quilting for 18 years, machine quilting for 11 years, and has taught machine quilting and appliqué for 10 years. Her original quilts have won over 30 awards in major competitions. She was recently featured in *Quilt Life* magazine and many of her quilts have won national awards. She will be teaching beginning free-motion machine quilting classes and a monthly advanced design free motion quilting class. Her classes are popular, so sign up early! Her classes are limited to ten students.

### **Free Motion Machine Quilting:**

This is a two-part class designed for the beginning quilter or persons with some free-motion quilting experience. Everyone will benefit from the 8-page informative hand-out which is provided, which has a feather quilting design included. An easy, five-step approach will be taught, which is helpful for understanding this quilting technique. There will be a complete discussion on the use of threads, needles, batting, and fabric preparation. The class is conducted in two, 4-hour sessions to be conducted one week apart, with a total of 8 hours of instruction. Minimum of 4 students. Class fee ... \$80

Class is offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday afternoons of the month, 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

**Class Supply List:** sewing machine in good working order; quilting or darning foot that has a circular shape and allows fabric to move when presser foot is in the down position; dropped feed dogs (some machines may have a plate to cover the feed dogs); straight stitch, single hole throat plate is recommended; new size 12 topstitch or metallic needle; scissors; flat-head straight pins; good quality thread; one “sandwich” (fabric, batting, fabric) approximate size 22” x 36” or larger with Hobbs 80/20 batting recommended; use light-colored, solid (plain) fabric in the sandwich so that stitches may easily be seen; Machingers Quilters Gloves; pencil and paper for note-taking;

### **Monthly, Advanced Design, Free Motion Machine Quilting**

This is a monthly, 4-hour class, designed for the quilter with some free-motion quilting experience. The Free Motion Machine Quilting Class is a pre-requisite. A two-page handout is provided noting lots of tips and tricks for quilters. The class includes a complete discussion of marking aids for designs, blocking techniques, and reference materials. A beautiful quilting design is provided and will be stitched in class. Many styles of background quilting will be provided, as well as their stitching techniques. Minimum of 4 students. Class fee ... \$45

**Class Supply List:** sewing machine in good working order; quilting or darning foot that has a circular shape and allows fabric to move when presser foot is in the down position; dropped feed dogs (some machines may have a plate to cover the feed dogs); straight stitch, single hole throat plate is recommended; new size 12 topstitch or metallic needle; scissors; flat-head straight pins; good quality thread; one “sandwich” (fabric, batting, fabric) approximate size 20” x 20” and one sandwich approximate size 22” x 22” with Hobbs 80/20 batting recommended; use light-colored, solid (plain) fabric in the sandwich so that stitches may easily be seen; Machingers Quilters Gloves; pencil and paper for note-taking;

## **Embroidery Essentials**

We will be having afternoon and evening groups of “Embroidery Essentials,” on the second Monday of the month at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. This class will include learning about topics and tips related to machine embroidery and use of decorative stitches. Participants may also share the sewing and embroidery projects that they have been making. Hand-outs and demonstrations will be included in the class. Agendas will be sent monthly to everyone on our email list so that you will know what topic will be covered. Class fee ... \$5

## **Serger Saturday**

On August 7, we will be starting new classes for those of you wanting to learn more about using a serger and doing more projects with your serger. "Serger Saturday" will be held the first Saturday of each month, beginning in August. Each class will involve using your own serger to make a unique project from a provided kit. August's serger project is making Christmas stockings. Class fee ... \$20

## **Software Made Simple**

This is a new class offered to those of you who want to improve your skills using Janome software. This class will be held the third Saturday of the month, 9 am – 11:30 am. Examples of software used in the classes includes Easy Design and Easy Edit from Digitizer Pro version 3, and Digitizer Jr., along with Customizer 11000 for those of you who still have Windows XP on your computer. An agenda will be sent out each month, to those on our email list, so that you know what topic will be covered. Class fee ... \$25.

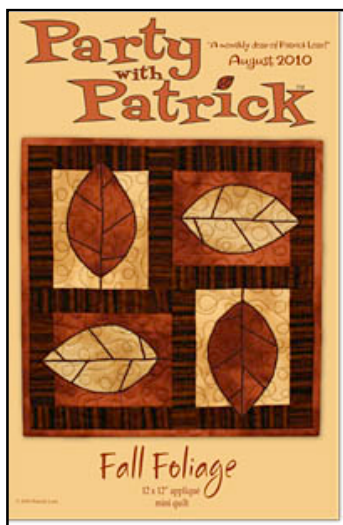
## **Beginning Sewing Classes**

We have recently received many requests for beginning sewing classes. Starting in September, we will begin offering a series of six-part, two-hour sewing classes for beginners. You will need to bring your own sewing machine, but if you do not have a sewing machine, we can provide one. There will be two different times available, an evening class at 6:00 pm and a Saturday class at 10 am. Class fee ... \$20 per session

## **Hoop Sisters, Block of the Month, Crazy Compass**

For those of you who participated in the Crazy Compass Hoop Sisters Block of the Month, we will be having a free class to show you the techniques for joining the blocks recommended by Hoop Sisters, as well as other "Quilt As You Go" techniques. The class is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, at 10 am – 11:30 am.

## **Party With Patrick**



Party with Patrick is a monthly activity created by Patrick Lose and features a monthly celebration of quilting and camaraderie! Patrick Lose is a prolific designer. He is probably most well known for his very successful and long-running collections of fabric from Timeless Treasures, Robert Kaufman Fabrics, and Moda which include his trademark marbled solids which are trendsetters in the industry. Every month, there's a new quilted project, which can be finished quickly, along with recipes related to the project. July's project was "Christmas in July," which featured a 12" x 12" appliquéd mini-quilt, and August's project has a fall theme. We will be offering the Party with Patrick the last Monday of each month, both as an afternoon session and an evening session. The "Party with Patrick" activity includes a kit to make the project and related recipes. We will have samples available for each project in our store if you want to see them. Class fee ... \$20

**Calendar, at a Glance:**

- Sat., Aug 7 ..... Serger Saturday, 10 am – 1 pm, \$20 class fee includes kit
- Mon., Aug 9 ..... Embroidery Essentials, 2 pm & 6 pm, fee \$5
- Sat., Aug 21 ..... Software Made Simple, 9 am, class fee \$25
- Mon., Aug 30 ..... Party with Patrick, 2 pm and 6 pm, \$20 class fee includes kit
- Sat., Sept 4 ..... Serger Saturday, 10 am – 1 pm, \$20 class fee includes kit
- Mon., Sept 6 ..... Store closed in observance of Labor Day
- Sat., Sept 11 ..... Free class for the previous Hoop Sister’s BOM, 10 am  
Beginning Free-Motion Quilting Class w/ Mary Buvia, Pt 1, 12:30 pm, \$80 class fee
- Mon., Sept 13 ..... Embroidery Essentials, 2 pm & 6 pm, \$5 class fee
- Tues., Sept 14 ..... Beginning Sewing, Part 1, 6 pm, \$20 class fee
- Sat., Sept 18 ..... Beginning Sewing, Part 1, 9 am, \$20 class fee  
Beginning Free-Motion Quilting Class w/ Mary Buvia, Pt 2, 12:30 pm
- Sat., Sept 25 ..... Software Made Simple, 9 am, class fee \$25  
Advanced Design Free Motion Quilting w/ Mary Buvia, 12:30 pm, \$45 class fee
- Mon., Sept 27 ..... Party with Patrick, 2 pm and 6 pm, \$20 class fee includes kit

**\*\*\* All classes require pre-registration, with most having a limited class size of 10.**

**August**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 State Fair Begins	7 10 am Serger Saturday
8	9 2 pm & 6 pm Embroidery Essentials	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 9 am Software Made Simple
22 State Fair Ends	23	24	25	26	27 American Sewing Guild Expo in Indy	28 American Sewing Guild Expo in Indy
29	30 2 pm & 6 pm Party With Patrick	31				

## September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 10 am Sergers Saturday
5	6 Labor Day Store Closed	7	8	9	10	11 10 am Hoop Sisters Block Joining Class 12:30 pm Class w/ Mary Buvia, Pt 1
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26	27 2 pm & 6 pm Party With Patrick	28	29	30		

## October (Tentative)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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