

February News From Needles & Pins

Frederick: At The Crossroads Of The Civil War

We are delighted to announce the unveiling of our quilt commemorating Frederick's role in the Civil War.

Frederick: At The Crossroads Of The Civil War was designed and created by Joanne Langan at our request. This beautiful wall quilt showcases the clustered spires of Frederick along with several famous landmarks, a quote from Lincoln's speech at the Frederick train depot in 1862, a signpost giving distances to regional battlefields and both national and state flags.

An eleven month class making this quilt begins this month and will be

held on the 2nd Sunday, 1-3 pm, each month (except where holidays will require changes). All patterns and instruction are included in the price of \$220 (breaks down to \$20 a month). As anyone who has taken a class with Joanne can tell you, she is an excellent teacher, so this class should be a delightful experience — and you can only take it here! What a special way to create an heirloom during the 150th anniversary of this pivotal event in our national history.



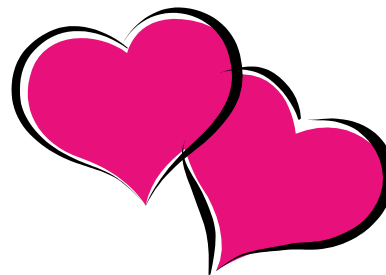
We have many of the fabrics used in the quilt available for those taking the class. Call us or email today to reserve your place and make your own history this year. **Free embellishment kit to first five participants!**

Please Be Our Valentine!

Shop with us on one or more special days in February and you can choose a heart and win something fun!

We'll put our hearts out on the counter on these days:

- ***Sunday, Feb. 5th***
- ***Tuesday, Feb. 14th***
- ***Saturday, Feb. 18th (Creative Saturday)***
- ***Monday, Feb. 20***



It's Winter!

The weather changes quickly! Please call before traveling any distance if the weather forecast is iffy.

**Sewing
Machine
Service This
Month:
Monday,
February 27**

Please Call To
Make An
Appointment

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February Creative Saturday Scheduled For the 18th



We'll hope for good weather and no date changes in our Creative Saturday schedule this month!

Join us for Melissa Brockway's demo on the popular **Bow Tucks Purse**—a great beginner bag for anyone who hasn't ventured into making purses.

We'll be showing the

February **Table Runner of the Month** from Pieced Tree Patterns - an appropriate design for "I Love To Sew" month! We think you'll like it a lot.

By the time this month's special Saturday rolls around, we'll be just a month away from Spring – no matter what the weather looks like! So,

let's urge it along with some ideas for fun projects for decorating and gifts. We'll also offer tips on mitered borders this month.

This will be one of four *Please Be Our Valentine* days in February, so be sure to visit with us, choose a heart and see what gift is coming your way!

T-Shirt Quilt Demo Coming Up

Is a t-shirt quilt on your "to do" list this year? Join Lori Bates for a demo on planning your quilt, preparing your shirts, making your top and quilting options on **Sunday, February 19th at 1 pm.**

Lori makes t-shirt and

other commemorative quilts on commission and has a great deal of experience with this particular type of project. Bring your questions and prepare to take notes!

The cost of the demo is \$10 and seating is limited. **Please make your**

reservation by calling us as soon as possible. Your non-refundable payment is due by **Wednesday, February 15th** in order to hold your place.

Project Patricia

United Methodist Women of Frederick are in need of used bath towels for their upcoming sewing day for Project Patricia. This effort produces washable sanitary napkins for distribution to women throughout Africa.

The February White Sales are approaching, so if you are considering replacing some of the towels in your home, this is the perfect time to recycle the old ones! You can drop off clean towels with us (please wash and

dry with NO fabric softener in the washer or dryer) throughout the month of February.

Just in case you wondered, Johnson & Johnson first produced disposable pads in the US in 1897.



NEW! Vintage Memories BOM Begins This Month

Joyce Nichols will begin a new Block Of The Month in February called "Vintage Memories" for those with intermediate level or better piecing skills. If you've taken a beginning piecing class, this project will continue your skill development. If you are an experienced piecer, we think you'll enjoy the variety in these blocks. You can choose either a planned or scrappy look; set your blocks as suggested or choose a different set-

ting.

Each month, Joyce will demo the block at 1 pm. After her demo and Q&A, anyone who wishes to stay and actually work on their block(s) here can do so until 4 pm. This allows flexibility for all participants. Block information for cutting will be provided in advance for those who want to have their fabrics ready to sew.

This is not a good copy of the photo. You can

stop by and see the pattern front or go to www.checkerdist.com and search for Vintage Memories if you'd like to see each of the nine different blocks.

The class will take place on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 1 pm through November. The cost is \$220, including patterns and 40 hours of class time. We need a minimum of 6 people to take the class and can have a maximum of 11.



Begin The Month With A Great Shopping Bag Project

Kick off February with a quick Sunday afternoon project that will give you a collapsible shopping bag to use everywhere you go.

Join us to make Terry Atkinson's **Stand 'n Stow Bag** from 1-4 pm on

Sunday, February 5th.

If you purchase your pattern, fabrics and Peltex from us, your class is **FREE**. Otherwise, the class is \$25. You'll need to bring your sewing machine with your **walking foot** or **even feed**.



Pillowcase In A Tube Class

Friday, February 24th

Two Options:

9am—11 am

1-3 pm

\$10.00

Bring Your Machine or Use Ours

Call to Reserve Your Seat

February Coupon—It's I Love To Sew Month!

Tell us why you love to sew. We'll give you **25% off one yard of fabric** and possibly use your note in a future newsletter! (Please include your first name at the end)

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NEW! Models To Keep You Thinking & Sewing



Our goal is to always give you ideas and projects to think about, so models are a key part of that effort.

We have a new quilt from Kim Diehl's book, **Simple Comforts**, (our fourth from that book) that makes great use of the scrap bin! Note the combination of Bear's Paw and Log Cabin

blocks.

One of several new baby quilts is this star quilt from the pattern **Baby Elegance**.

Two new pieces now at the quilter will be up in February; both show off panels and bright,



fun colors.

Also new this month:

- Bags
- Baby clothes
- Runners
- I Pad Cover
- Aprons

Please share news of this class with anyone you know who wants to begin sewing!

Get To Know Your Sewing Machine!

Beginning sewers (or anyone who has been away from the machine for a long time) who need help navigating their sewing machines are welcome here! We often hear from wannabe stitchers who have been given a machine but don't know where to

begin. Our individual *Get To Know Your Machine* sessions can solve the mysteries. Learn to thread the machine, wind a bobbin, basic features. Learn to sew a seam, basic terminology.

Classes are 2 hours long and for individuals or two

people working on one machine. Your machine must be in good working order and you must have a manual for the machine. (We can help you find one if you don't have one.) \$30 per person. **February dates: Sunday Feb 12 and 19 from 11 am to 5 pm.**

Table Runner Of The Month Program Gives You A Stash Of Gifts

Our good friend Elizabeth suggested it, and it makes sense: make a runner a month and develop

a stash of great gifts for housewarmings, birthdays, anniversaries, holidays.

So, we're off and running with patterns from Pieced Tree Patterns. Each is a small card, \$3.50 each. Easy to make; use up

that stash or go for something new.

January's runner is **Nine Patch Star**. (14 1/2" x 34 1/2") It takes just one and one-eighths yards of fabric for the top, including binding.



Quilts Of Valor Project Continues

Customers asked us to continue the Quilts of Valor project for veterans at Charlotte Hall, and we are happy to oblige.

While you can drop off quilts at any time for delivery to Charlotte Hall, we're setting two big event days this year: **Saturday, May 19th Creative Saturday** and **Satur-**

day, October 20th Creative Saturday. Anyone delivering a quilt up to and on each date will be eligible for winning a sewing machine.

Can we match or exceed the 50+ quilts delivered last year? Let's go for it! We just received another letter of thanks from the administration at Charlotte Hall, and they are



very appreciative of your generosity. There are lots of warm feet and legs under beautiful quilts at the Home this winter!

Remember, quilts should be at least lap size and no larger than about 72" x 90". If you have any questions about the project, please feel free to ask.

Knitting Classes Continue

Here's the updated list of continuing and new knitting classes:

Sat, Feb. 11: Current beginning knitting class at 10 am for finishing scarf. Current socks class at 1 pm for binding socks. **New Class: Learn to Knit Cables begins at 2 pm.** Perfect for those completing beginners

class or any knitter who wants to learn cables. \$35. 2nd and 3rd sessions on Sat, Feb 25: 10 am to 2:30 and Sat, Mar 3: 2:30-4:30. Minimum of 4, max of 6 in class.

New Beginning Knitting Class begins on **Sat, Feb 25: 1-4 pm.** \$25. Minimum of 4, max of 6 in class. 2nd and 3rd ses-

sions: Sat, Mar 3: 1:30-2:30 for check-in; Sat, Mar 24: 10 am to 12 noon.

Learn The Seed Stitch: For new and established knitters. 1 class. Sat, Mar 24: 1-3 pm. \$10. Minimum of 4; max of 6 students.



Cable Hat, Seed Stitch Dishcloth, Sock and Beginner's Scarf sample

February Braid Runner, Stitchery Group & More

It's time to begin a **Braid Runner** for spring! Take a class with us on **Thursday evening, February 9th, 5—9 pm.** \$20 plus pattern and supplies. \$15 for returning Braid Runner class attendees.

Our monthly Stitchery

and Applique Groups got off to a great start in January! Come join us!

Stitchery Group: Sat, Feb 11 at 10 am. \$30 for first 6 months of the year. A great place to get help with embroidery, wool felt stitchery

and more.

Applique Groups: 3rd Friday (Feb. 17) at 10 am and Last Sunday (Feb. 26th) of the month. \$30 for first six months of the year. Beginners welcome!

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Dear Friends,

These photos help me tell the story of a busy start to 2012! Eve Griner won the New Year's Day Shopping Spree and did a super job filling her basket. We had a full house and lots of fun—thanks to everyone who came out to cheer Eve on and catch up with old friends and new fabrics.



Christina, Roberta and Rita came in for our first pillowcase class this year and left with finished cases and a new way to show off fabric! I hope to see more of you in these types of classes as the year progresses—let us know what you'd like to see in class offerings.

Our monthly groups are also off to a nice start. Here's a look at part of the 3rd Friday Applique Group with Joanne Langan. The first Stitchery Group meeting was equally busy and we have the Sunday Applique Group coming up. Join one of these groups and I guarantee that you'll be motivated to keep stitching!

I'm looking forward to seeing you this month. Please come to visit!

Cindy



New Fabrics Make A Bright Splash In Mid-Winter

BE THE FIRST
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Stitch Star
Over \$7,500
in Prizes!



Plume is one of two fabric lines included in Timeless Treasures' 2012 Stitch Star competition.

We have pieces from both the Plume and Crush lines—so let the creative juices flow!

We've used the Plume peacock in the *Sidelights* quilt pattern. It's at the quilter now; look for it in February.

Woven Flannel Plaids from

Marcus Fabrics will be here early in the month—the first of these that we've seen in years! You might think of a rag quilt (woven flannels make the best rag quilts), or a shirt to make or use these alongside Wool Felt and other wools in stitchery projects.

New **Bliss Blenders** are here from Hoffman along with beautiful tone-on-tones in the new bright Suedes from P&B.

We have a fun floral

group from Maywood called **Dandelion Daydream** and **Civil War Journals** from Marcus Fabrics. New children's fabrics include **Ready Go** and **Froggin** from Clothworks and **Knights and Dragons** from Avlyn.

Coming Up: More great children's lines and landscape pieces from Quilting Treasures; a beautiful floral bright floral group from Kona Bay and much more!