

CORNERSTONE QUILTS

NEWSLETTER

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February, March, April, May 2010

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Dear Friends,

It's hard not to notice the huge piles of snow everywhere you turn. We have several of those snow piles in our parking lot which has caused us shortages in parking spaces. For the attendees of our all day classes and groups we have valet parking (Kevin). Just pull up to the back and we'll unload your sewing machines and Kevin or I will park your car across the street. It's been a tough winter on all of us but look at the bright side; spring is just around the corner.

We have added some new classes and some of them don't have dates set yet, but please call the shop and let us know that you're interested and we'll contact you when we do have the class scheduled.

Also on the calendar is our Long Arm Open House. This is an opportunity for you to come in and try all the long arm machines, get pricing and see what your purchasing options are. Two new machines we have are the 26" Tin Lizzie and the Tin Lizzie Sit Down machine and table.

I'm working on some patterns for my intermediate to advanced piecing group. One thing that continues to fascinate me about quilters is their constant desire to do more and learn more. Most of the quilters I know get a great sense of excitement over the "next" project even as they are working on the current one. It's an adventure for me to search for that next quilt or technique that I want to share. I love it when the quilters bring ideas to me that they've seen other places. It's the experiments and adventures in creating that keep it just as exciting for me as I hope it is for you.

There is going to be a challenge put in front of our machine embroidery artists – watch for that, it's going to be great fun.

We added DMC floss in all colors and Isocord Polyester in over 100 colors. We have a section in the newsletter called "Thread Talk" which gives you more details on our thread. We're considering adding a block of the month project for those of you who do hand embroidery – let us know what you think.

We always welcome your ideas and input; after all, it's your store too!!!

May God bless you. He has certainly blessed me.

Lee

STORE HOURS

MONDAY through FRIDAY 10:00 – 5:30 SATURDAY 10:00 - 4:00

NEW Block of the Month Club – *There's still time to sign up!!*

“Civil War Tribute Block of the Month 2010”

Honoring the upcoming 150-year anniversary of the American Civil War

Create a reproduction quilt that recalls the drama of this significant era. The Civil War Tribute Collection by Judie Rothermel (Marcus Brothers Fabrics) encompasses the historical accuracy and current appeal for which Judie is well known. The finished quilt is 100x112 so it will fit any size bed. There are 11 different blocks and whether you are a beginner or have been piecing for years, you will enjoy making this quilt.

Monthly kit will include the following.

- * Detailed cutting and piecing instructions to make the blocks needed
- * Generous cuts of fabric to make the block sections each month.
- * Historical notes about key battles in the Civil War
- * Fabric swatch chart

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW. The first kit will be available January 2010. Call the shop and sign up. The price is \$24.00 per month. We can do **auto-payments with a major credit card.**



Stitchers Garden Block of the Month Club - meets the first Thursday of every month from 10:30 – 5:00. The finished quilt is 85” x 93”.

The goal of “Stitcher's Garden” is to teach you how to use all those different sewing feet that came with your machine. It doesn't matter what kind of machine you own, this program is for **ANY machine and anyone** regardless of your experience. **You do not have to own these feet to make this quilt.** These are only suggestions, you can pick and choose how to make your quilt.

Some of the different feet you will learn to use are: Pintuck, Chenille, Piping, ¼ inch, Guide attachment, Fringe – Taylor tack, Open toe, Candlewicking, Free motion, Edge, Circular embroidery attachment, Free motion Couching, Couching, Cording, and Button.

How it works:

You pre-register and pay \$40.00 which includes your background fabric of 5 yards. The monthly fee of \$13.00 will include your appliqué fabric and pattern. In month #12 you will receive three additional designs, these are completed by utilizing techniques learned in previous months. In addition, this offers you an opportunity to use left-over fabrics from previous months. You will also receive four blocks that use the embroidery side of your sewing machine (if you have one). Otherwise the blocks are all created the traditional way. *Host: Lee Plisch*



No Sew Until You Quilt It! Workshop

by Ann Holmes

June 3 and 4, 10:30 - 4:30

Ann Holmes is a stained glass artist who has turned her knowledge into making quilts. She has been using this technique since 2002. Ann uses a turned under edge applique for part of her technique.

She is from Asheville, NC, and will be doing a 2-day Workshop at Cornerstone Quilts. The project for the Workshop is a sunflower in your choice of colors. The two samples pictured here are hanging in the store. A sample of the sunflower project will be in the store the end of March. The cost is \$90.00 for both days. Bonnie has already learned this technique from Ann and LOVES it! Bonnie's made several wall hangings using Ann's technique, including the one above, depicting one of her dogs. (The pictures above do NOT do the wall hangings justice! Ask to see them in “real-life” when you're in the store.)



ONGOING CLUBS JOIN ANYTIME!

NEW! SMALL HOOP Machine Embroidery Club – March 19, and April 19 from 10:30 - 4:00. Make fun projects and learn about stabilizers, needles, and different techniques using your embroidery machine. March 19 will be our first club day. Besides making a project, we will be discussing what YOU want to learn/do in club. For example, doing embroidery on towels, fleece, T-shirt fabric, etc. The projects/techniques will be based on a hoop size of 4" x 4". **If you have a machine that came with larger hoops, you are welcome to come! Just bring your small hoop(s) with you. It is VERY important for you to call the store to sign up AND to let us know what kind of embroidery machine you have so I can be prepared for the machine you have. All are welcome. A supply list will be posted on the Cornerstone Quilts' website when we get closer to club time.** (Watch for the link on the Home Page.) \$25.00 fee.

Host: Carrie Williams

NEW! Bloomin' Flowers Block of the Month Club – Starts in June A 6-month machine embroidery color challenge quilt – pattern from the stitch connection. Once a month you will receive a CD with the designs for that month and 6 fat quarters in your desired color scheme. You may choose your fat quarters or we will choose them for you. Just let us know what color palette you have chosen. The fun thing about this quilt is no two quilts will look the same.

NEW! Season's Greetings Block of the Month Club – Starts in June A 6-month BOM machine embroidery or traditional machine appliqué quilt. Pattern from the Stitch Connection – fabric will be included in this Christmas quilt.

Gerties 30's Club - meets the first Saturday of every month at 9:30. From 9:30 to 10:00 we have breakfast pizza, fruit and muffins. Starting around 10:00 we have a special program put on by some of our members. This group focuses on the people, fabrics and special times of the 1920's through the 1940's. The Great Depression had such an enormous impact on the textile industry that fabric manufacturers of today have entire lines of reproduction fabrics from the 30's. It's an interesting and fun group and I urge you to join. Margaret has the program in March and K.C. in April. K.C. wants everyone to bring a large crochet hook to her program and she won't tell us why..... We will also be learning to hand piece and hand quilt. I'm also kicking around the idea of a 30's block of the month quilt. The fee is \$5.00 per month and includes continental breakfast and a pattern. *Host: Lee Plisch*

Civil War Love Letters – meets the first Saturday of every month, from noon – 1:30. This group of very nice ladies meets at noon on the first Saturday of every month. This lovely group of ladies would like to change their name to Civil Disobedient Women of today. What does that tell you about this group? This is a very fun group that enjoys the fabrics and stories of the 1800's. We are in the process of making the blocks from the book "Civil War Love Letters" by Rosemary Youngs. Some are making the 6" and some the 4.5". There are 121 blocks total and you can make all or part of them. I had to raise the price to \$10.00 to include pizza and the patterns for 10 blocks per month. *Host: Lee Plisch*

Hand Appliqué Club. Now on Thursdays! February 18, March 18, April 15 from 6:00 – 8:00. Bonnie will have a hand appliqué ideas ready for us, OR bring your own project to work on. You are welcome to come even if you prefer cross-stitching, hand embroidery, or any other kind of hand stitching...just bring your project and enjoy everyone's company! Supplies for hand appliqué will be at the store. Please bring your own supplies for cross-stitching, etc. If you'd like to sign up or have questions, please contact the store. \$5.00 fee. *Host: Bonnie Morton*

Machine Embroidery Club – February 23, 24 and 27; March 23, 24 and 27; April 20, 21 and 24, from 10:30 - 4:00. We always have a different and fun project every month. February embroidery club; bring a sweatshirt. No hoodies or pockets please. We will learn how to transition the sweatshirt into a jacket and prepare for embroidery club for March. We will also make a spring pillowcase so bring your spring thread colors and fabric scraps if you have some. Be sure to call the store to sign up AND to let us know what kind of embroidery machine you have. All are welcome. \$25.00 fee.

Hosts: Lee Plisch, Carrie Williams

MORE ONGOING CLUBS **JOIN ANYTIME!**

Long Arm Users Group (formerly called the Grand Quilters User Group) – meets the first Tuesday of every month, 3:00 – 5:00 and from 6:00 – 8:00. If you have a long arm quilting machine or are thinking about purchasing one, you are welcome to come to this club. Share ideas, techniques, tips, helpful hints and “show’ n’ tell” with other Long Arm users. *Host: Lee Plisch*

Jenny Haskins Club - Here's your chance to enjoy “everything Jenny” every month. February 9, February 13, March 16, March 20, April 13, April 17, from 10:30 - 4:00. Bring your embroidery machines and work on your Jenny Haskins projects. If you'd like to sign up or have questions, please contact Lee. *Host: Lee Plisch*

CLASSES

NEW!! Crazy Quilt – May 10, 3:00 - 8:00 Come learn how to crazy quilt with us. Start collecting your scraps of velvet, cotton, wool and silk. Also you need little bits of ribbon, lace and doodads. FREE Class! *Instructor: Lee Plisch*

NEW!! Canyon Dance – May 3, 3:-00 – 8:00 Two 4 hour classes. Canyon Dance using curved piecing. You will need the pattern and the curved canyon templates and fabric. FREE class. Class fee is free if these items are purchased at the shop. *Instructor: Lee Plisch*

NEW!! PE-Design Classes- March 9, April 30, 10:30 – 3:30. These classes are for people who own or are thinking about purchasing PE-Design Software Package. Bring your computer, if possible. Please let us know when you sign up if you can't bring a computer. (We may have an extra one you can borrow for class.) You are welcome to come with or without a computer. This class is free if you purchased your PE-Design Software from Cornerstone Quilts. If you purchased your PE-Design Software elsewhere, there is a \$45.00 fee. *Instructor: Carrie Williams*

STARTING A NEW GROUP 4D Software Training - March 11, March 18, April 15, April 29, from 10:30 – 3:30. These classes are for people who own the PFAFF (or Viking) 4D Suite OR the PFAFF (or Viking) 4D Embroidery Extra. Bring your computer, if possible. Please let us know when you sign up if you can't bring a computer. (We may have an extra one you can borrow for class.) You are welcome to come with or without a computer. This class is free if you purchased your 4D Software from Cornerstone Quilts. If you purchased your 4D Software elsewhere, there is a \$45.00 fee. *Instructor: Carrie Williams*

Beginning Computer #1 – March 12, from 10:30 – 3:30. Learning basic computer skills can make your “computing life” a lot easier. We'll cover setting up your computer, creating and saving files, creating folders (and finding them later) and more.. Bring your computer, if possible. This class is for Windows XP®, Windows Vista®, and Window 7® Operating Systems. Fee: \$45.00 *Instructor: Carrie Williams*

Beginning Computer #2 – March 25, from 10:30 – 3:30. This class focuses on the internet, including using different search engines, opening new windows, opening new tabs, etc. Bring your computer, if possible. This class is for Windows XP®, Windows Vista®, and Window 7® Operating Systems.. Fee: \$45.00 *Instructor: Carrie Williams*

Beginning Computer #3 – April 23, from 10:30 – 3:00. This time we'll cover downloading and saving files from the internet, unzipping files, saving them to your computer and more. NOTE: If you don't have an unzipping program, I have permission from a software company to install their program on an unlimited number of computers free. I'll give you the details in class. Bring your computer, if possible. This class is for Windows XP®, Windows Vista®, and Window 7® Operating Systems. Fee: \$45.00 *Instructor: Carrie Williams*

Owner's Manual - March 31, April 14, 10:30 – 3:30. Learn all about your machine...from the basics to helpful tips and tricks. The class is free if you purchased your machine from Cornerstone Quilts. *Instructor: Bonnie Morton*

LONG ARM QUILTING OPEN HOUSE

APRIL 8th and 9th 10:30 - 5:30

APRIL 10th 10:30 - 4:00

WE'LL HAVE LOTS OF MACHINES SET UP FOR YOU TO SEE AND/OR TEST-DRIVE.



TINLIZZIE18LS

The TinLizzie18LS is the flag ship machine of our company! The famous Lizzie Stitch, 5-year warranty, oil reservoir, built-in bobbin winder, largest capacity bobbin, flexible lamp, needle up/down, laser light, pantographs, and ergonomic handles all make the TinLizzie18LS your best choice when considering a long arm quilter. With the 18" open area, all the included features, and the highest quality, no other company can match our product for the same price.



Take a close look at the GrandQuilter from Pfaff. At first, you'll see an extraordinary quilting machine with lots of great features. Look closer and you'll see much more: no other quilting machine on the market sews faster or has a larger sewing area for your projects! These are the kind of features that make all the difference when you are quilting.



SHIRLEY STITCHER II

"Your Wise Computerized Quilting Companion." This self-contained, robotic controlled system is easy to hook up and makes placing quilt patterns on your quilt a simple task. With the Shirley Stitcher II you can choose patterns from the handheld touch screen control and place the block anywhere you want. Built-in patterns are available for immediate use with the capability of adding more and supplementing with Quilt CAD.



ANSLEY 26

This new machine has a 26" x 8" opening for quilters who want a larger quilting area. Twenty inch and sixteen inch blocks on point can now be stitched without rolling the quilt. Now you have all the same great features and benefits of the TinLizzie18LS with no size limitations!



QUEENQUILTER
EIGHTEEN

The original sit-down quilter!

The Queen Quilter 18 introduces the "Queen Stitch" feature, which is a stitch regulator that actually slows the needle to idle automatically if the machine stops moving. Enjoy other features such as

- the auto needle positioner
- large bobbin capacity
- separate bobbin winder

AND MORE!

March 1 – March 31 ONLY!

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE SALE!

Buy a Brother Quattro or Duetta and get a Brother Innov-is 40 FREE!!



Quattro

- Full 10-inch space to the right of the needle
- 5-inch height from sewing bed to top of machine arm
- 23.75-inch long sewing bed (with embroidery arm attached)
- Full-spectrum LEDs which mimic natural daylight
- New jumbo 12-inch x 8-inch embroidery hoop
- New 8-inch x 8-inch square quilting hoop
- Built in large designs for the jumbo 12-inch x 8-inch hoop
- 601 built-in embroidery designs
- 40 new built-in Vintage designs
- 10 new built-in Japanese designs
- 30 new built-in initial designs
- Almost 10-inches of full-spectrum surround™ lighting around the needle
- Adjustable LED lighting in five settings
- InnovEye™ Technology for precise needle placement
- On-screen InnovEye™ adjustment using sensor positioning sticker
- New Print and Stitch Technology for 3D art
- Built-in Up-close™ Viewer



Duetta
Do it All. Do it Better.

- Automatic Height Adjuster™ (AHA) feature
- Pivoting Function
- Back-to-Beginning Key
- 134 Built-in Embroidery Designs including Disney characters
- My Custom Stitch™ Feature
- Large 12" x 7" Embroidery Area
- 3 Free-Motion Quilting Feet Included
- Dual USB Ports
- Built-in Embroidery Card Slot
- Super bright LED work lights
- USB Hub Capability
- USB Mouse Included
- Extra-large Quilting Extension Table
- Automatic Thread Cutter
- Resume Function
- Large LCD Screen with Tutorials and Troubleshooting Help Menus
- Maximum Sewing/Embroidery Speeds of up to 1,000 Stitches per Minute
- Screen Lock Key



Brother Limited Edition *Project Runway* Innov-is 40

- 40 built-in stitches, including 5 one-step auto-size buttonhole styles
- Stitch selection via dial and LCD
- 7-point feed dogs
- Free-motion stitching
- Start/Stop button...sew without a foot pedal
- Built-in automatic needle threading system
- Lightweight and portable
- Super wide stitch selection...stitches up to 7mm wide

COUPON

*Bring this coupon in to the store and receive
30% off any ONE regularly priced
item**

Month of March 2010 only

*Excludes sewing machines, thimbles, and Cherrywood fabric

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Month of May 2010 only

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SEW CRAZY SALE!

May 28 10:00 – 5:30

May 29 10:00 – 4:00

Long Arm Quilting Open House

Thursday, April 8 from 10:00 - 5:30

Friday, April 9 from 10:00 - 5:30

Saturday April 10 from 10:00 - 4:00

**We'll have several long arm quilting machines set up
ready for you to see and/or to "test drive."**

March 1 – March 31 ONLY

**BUY ONE MACHINE, GET ANOTHER
ONE FREE!**

See inside or visit the store for details!

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March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Intermediate Machine Piecing 3:00 - 5:00 6:00 - 8:00	2 Long Arm User's Group 3:00 - 5:00 6:00 - 8:00	3	4 The Stitcher's Garden All Day	5	6 Gerties 30's Club 9:30 <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> Civil War Love Letters 12:00 - 1:00
7 CLOSED	8 Intermediate Machine Piecing 3:00 - 5:00 6:00 - 8:00	9 NEW PE-Design Class #1 10:30 - 3:30	10	11 STARTING NEW GROUP 4D Embroidery Software Training Class #1 10:30 - 3:30	12 Beginning Computer Class #1 10:00 - 3:30	13
14 CLOSED	15 Intermediate Machine Piecing 3:00 - 5:00 6:00 - 8:00	16 Jenny Haskins Club 10:30 - 4:00	17	18 4D Embroidery Software Training Class #2 10:30 - 3:30 <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> Hand Applique club 6:00 - 8:00	19 NEW Small Hoop Machine Embroidery Club 10:30 - 4:00	20 Jenny Haskins Club 10:30 - 4:00
21 CLOSED	22 Intermediate Machine Piecing 3:00 - 5:00 6:00 - 8:00	23 Machine Embroidery Club 10:30 - 4:00	24 Machine Embroidery Club 10:30 - 4:00	25 Beginning Computer Class #2 10:00 - 3:30	26	27 Machine Embroidery Club 10:30 - 4:00
28 CLOSED	29	30 4D Embroidery Software Training Class #7 10:30 - 3:30	31 Owner's Manual 10:30 - 3:30			

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April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>The Stitcher's Garden</i> All Day	2	3 <i>Gerties 30's Club</i> 9:30 ----- <i>Civil War Love Letters</i> 12:00 - 1:00
4 CLOSED	5	6 <i>Long Arm User's Group</i> 3:00 - 5:00 6:00 - 8:00	7	8	9	10
LONG ARM OPEN HOUSE						
11 CLOSED	12	13 <i>Jenny Haskins Club</i> 10:30 - 4:00	14 <i>Owner's Manual</i> 10:30 - 3:30	15 <i>4D Embroidery Software Training Class #3</i> 10:30 - 3:30 ----- <i>Hand Applique club</i> 6:00 - 8:00	16	17 <i>Jenny Haskins Club</i> 10:30 - 4:00
18 CLOSED	19 <i>Small Hoop Machine Embroidery Club</i> 10:30 - 4:00	20 <i>Machine Embroidery Club</i> 10:30 - 4:00	21 <i>Machine Embroidery Club</i> 10:30 - 4:00	22	23 <i>Beginning Computer Class #3</i> 10:30 - 3:30	24 <i>Machine Embroidery Club</i> 10:30 - 4:00
25 CLOSED	26	27 <i>4D Embroidery Software Training Class #8</i> 10:30 - 3:30	28	29 <i>4D Embroidery Software Training Class #4</i> 10:30 - 3:30	30 <i>PE-Design Class #2</i> 10:30 - 3:30	

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May 2010

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						1 Gerties 30's Club Meeting 9:30 <hr/> Civil War Love Letters 12:00 - 1:00
2 CLOSED	3 Canyon Dance 3:00 - 8:00	4 Grand Quilter User's Group 3:00 - 5:00 6:00 - 8:00	5	6 The Stitcher's Garden All Day	7	8 Let's make a Bag Club 10:30 - 4:00
9 CLOSED	10 Crazy Quilt 3:00 - 8:00	11 Jenny Haskins Club 10:30 - 4:00	12	13 4D Embroidery Software Training Class #5 10:30 - 3:30	14	15 Jenny Haskins Club 10:30 - 4:00
16 CLOSED	17 OPEN SEW 3:00 - 8:00	18 Machine Embroidery Club 10:30 - 4:00	19 Machine Embroidery Club 10:30 - 4:00	20 Owner's Manual 10:30 - 3:30	21 PE-Design Class #2 10:30 - 3:30	22 Machine Embroidery Club 10:30 - 4:00
23 CLOSED	24 Let's Make a Jacket Club 10:30 - 3:30	25 Small Hoop Machine Embroidery Club 10:30 - 4:00	26	27 4D Embroidery Software Training Class #6 10:30 - 3:30 <hr/> Hand Applique Club 6:00 - 8:00	28	29
30	31 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY					

SEW CRAZY PORCH SALE

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