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Sew Many Thoughts

Hurray— **Sew Complete** is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year! While we are celebrating in many ways throughout the year, we are considering the month of June as our official anniversary. During this month, we will have drawings, refreshments and interesting “specials” on various inventory items which may change from day to day. So come in and check it out, often. On many of the days, we will have quick “make and take” items available for you to try out some new techniques. We will also hold an embroidery “try before you buy” session on Thursday, June 10 at 5 p.m.; and a serger “try before you buy” session on Thursday, June 24 at 5 p.m. There is no cost for either of these “try before you buy” events, but you do need to pre-register.

What’s new at **Sew Complete**? We now have the **Brother Entrepreneur™ PR-650**, which is an embroidery machine designed for starting a home-based or small embroidery business. Additionally, we have added in some new models of household machines. We have brought in some beautiful new pieces of fabric, and are always keeping our eyes open for new notions, books and patterns.

You will be very pleased with our schedule of classes, workshops and events for the May through August season, for which you will find the descriptions and times in this newsletter. The instructors have done a fabulous job of coming up with a great mix of sewing, quilting, serging and embroidery classes to satisfy all skill levels. Sewing is known to be one of the great stress relievers. It is rewarding to create or re-style a garment, item for the home, gift or quilt. When sewers learn together in classes, it is just plain fun—and it is really neat to see how many ways some



Happy 20th Anniversary Sew Complete

things can be done! Think about getting a group of friends together to take a class.

In January, we held our 20th annual “Warmth from Wisconsin” quilt contest with **WWIB** radio. The grand prize winner this year is Sandra Hartwig, and she received a **Brother Innov-is 80** sewing machine, provided by **WWIB**. Congratulations to all of our winners and many thanks to everyone who participated this year—all of the quilts were absolutely beautiful. Over the years, with so much help from many people, hundreds of quilts have been distributed to a very impoverished group of people living in a rural area near Monterey Mexico.

We will be open our regular hours—Monday through Friday 9-6 and Saturday 9-4, throughout most of the summer and are offering evening classes as usual. We will be **closed** May 29-31, July 3-5, and September 4-6, for the summer holiday weekends.

One last note—in all of your purchase decisions, please consider supporting your local stores. Your local stores are here to provide you with good service and we support the community.

*Sew Creatively
Jamie*

Sewing Club

This club is open to anyone who owns a Bernina, Pfaff or Brother sewing machine, overlocker or embroidery machine. Anyone who purchased one of these machines at **Sew Complete** is automatically a member for one year free. Members get an everyday 10% discount on non-sale merchandise except machines, software and furniture. If you bought your machine here, your renewal fee after one year is \$40 per year.

Club usually meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and the first Saturday at 10 a.m., with no meeting in January or July. We demonstrate and describe many techniques and projects which go beyond the basic sewing and machine lessons. We will feature new notions and remind you of “forgotten tools”. This is also a time for Club members to share their ideas and show-and-tell.

This year, we are featuring a special machine sewing foot or accessory, as well as a general notion each month. Additionally, we have brief service tips provided by Lee. The challenge for the year is “re-design, re-purpose, recycle and re-use”. **May:** Saturday, May 1, at 10 a.m.; and Tuesday, May 4, at 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. We are featuring non-stick feet (good for sewing on vinyl, oil cloth and any sticky fabric.) We will also consider a few appliqué techniques. Jamie is the coordinator.

June: Tuesday, June 1, at 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.; and Saturday, June 5, at 10 a.m. **We will “kick-off” our 20th anniversary celebration.** Couching is the theme of the month. Carol will coordinate this month.

August: We are delighted to welcome guest presenter Jeri Lijewski. Jeri likes to discover or invent easy techniques to create unique sewn projects. She is going to share some of these techniques and project ideas with us. Tuesday, August 3, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.; and Saturday, August 7 at 10 a.m.

Schedule of Classes and Workshops

Quilt Classes:

Block of the Month: Featuring 2 separate sections for different skill levels. In this season, both groups will continue working with Eleanor Burns **Victory Quilts**. Many skills, such as accurate cutting, piecing and pressing (and more) will be learned or reviewed while creating the various blocks for the quilt. It is suggested that those who need to learn basic quilting skills join the Monday group—May 3, June, 7, July 12 & August 2, 1-4 p.m. Those with intermediate to advanced skills should join the Friday group—May 7, June 4, July 9 & August 6, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$48 Carol

EQ6 Basics: This is for owners of EQ6 software. You will design blocks and quilts while learning and or reviewing the basics of the EQ6 software. Bring your computer and join the fun! Thursdays, May 6, 13 & 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$36 Carol

Journal Quilts: Various techniques of fabric embellishment and manipulation will be explored while creating 8 1/2" x 11" quilts. (This is somewhat like "quilt scrapbooking".) We will not be using a specific pattern. Individuals will be guided through the process of the techniques, but each person will use their own ideas to create their own unique quilts. Tuesdays, May 18, June 15, July 20 & August 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$48 Carol

Convergence Quilt: Ricky Tim's "convergence" quilts are "Mysterious, Magical, Easy, and Fun". You'll never look at fabric the same way, once you create one of Ricky's "convergence" quilts. Such simple steps! Such magical results! Once the quilt top is finished, options for appliqué will be explored. Any skill level welcome. Thursdays, June 3, 10 & 17, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$36 Carol

One Line at a Time—Clamshell-Based Patterns: The Clamshell pattern has a long tradition in the quilting world as a

background fill design. The shape repetition is very basic—half circles placed end to end to create scallops, arranged in staggered rows. This is one of the alternatives found in Charlotte War Andersen's book, **One Line at a Time**, to stippling or meandering for all-over quilting with almost no marking. This is a special design technique to add texture and dimension to your quilt. Wednesday, July 7, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$12 Arda

Caveman Quilt: Learn how to cut and sew gentle curves without a ruler or template, while making a small artistic wall quilt. Learn or perfect your free-motion skills. This is for all skill levels. (No pattern or book.) Thursdays, July 8 & 15, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$24 Carol

Scrap Quilts: Don't know what to do with all those scraps you have been saving from quilt making? Turn them into "scrap quilts". There are so many ideas! The Log Cabin block is a traditional pattern and lends itself to scraps. Or, if you enjoy foundation piecing it is great for creating a "Strip Scrap Quilt" or a "Spider Web" scrap quilt using a muslin base. Thursdays, July 22 & 29, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$24 Pat

Fun to Quilt Pot Holders: Make two Christmas potholders from the book **101 Fun-to-Quilt Pot Holders**. You will not only get a head start on the gift-making for the holidays, but you will learn how to piece using templates, quilt by stitching in the ditch, and how to apply a binding. A mini quilt from start to finish! Tuesday, August 10, 10 a.m.– 3 p.m. Cost: \$20 Jeri

Piping Hot Macaroni: Using Susan Cleveland's techniques and her book **Piping Hot Curves** you will find this project quite easy and if you take your time, you're sure to make a nice piece. Learn how to pipe and piece large outside curves and smaller inside curves to create a wall size quilt. Wednesday, August 11, Noon-4 p.m. Cost: \$16 Kay

General Sewing, Serging & Embroidery Technique Classes:

Fabric Covered Clothesline Tote: Create a one-of-a-kind tote using cotton clothesline and torn or cut fabric strips. You will learn a shortcut way to make a lined coiled bag that is sturdy and attention grabbing. Bring a bag lunch. Thursday, May 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: \$20 Jeri

Youth Sewing (for the young and young at heart): This series of classes is great for those who are just learning to sew or want to brush up on their sewing skills while completing projects which are fun to make, as well as useful. We are offering 4 different projects throughout the season. Jesse

1. **Bag With Inside Pocket:** Monday, June 14, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$12
2. **Wallet & Grommet Purse:** Monday, July 12, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$12
3. **Notebook Cover:** Monday, August 9, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$12
4. **Sweatshirt Makeover:** Monday, August 23, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$12

Machine Embroidery Basics: Maybe you are fairly new at embroidery, or perhaps you need a refresher course on the basics. These classes will help you determine appropriate stabilizers, thread and embroidery design properties for a variety of fabrics. Items to be embroidered in this series will include a variety of towels, denim shirt, knit t-shirt, pillow case and sweatshirt. Tuesdays, June 15, 22 & 29, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$36 Jesse

Textured Tote: Try this great technique with a fun, easy project! Experience the thrill of creating texture on fabric using **Texture Magic™**, which when sewn to fabric and steamed with an iron will shrink fabric approximately 30% in all directions. Use the textured fabric you create to make this lovely tote from "Patterns by Annie". An eyeglass case and mini bag are included with the pattern. Monday, July 19, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$12 Jesse

Classes and Workshops, Continued

Machine Appliqué: Create designs on clothing or towels using fusible interfacing and your machine's zigzag stitch, blanket stitch, or the free motion "scribble" stitch. You can follow a pattern diagram or create your own; even "fussy cut" a special fabric. If you would like, bring a small sample or project to try your skill. Monday, August 9, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$12 Pat

Beyond the Basics Club: Creative projects and sample pieces are made throughout the season. We will explore many possibilities to use the special features on machines with decorative stitches, memory sequencing capabilities, special functions and embroidery (optional). Thursdays, May 13, June 10, July 8 & August 12, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$48 Carol and Jesse

Serger Club: Participants will have hands-on experience with many serger techniques and using different threads with the serger while completing fun and useful projects. Thursdays, May 20, June 17 & August 19, 1-4 p.m. or 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$36 Jamie

Bernina Computer Club: This club is for owners of **V.5 & V.6 Designer Plus** and **Editor Plus** embroidery software. We will explore and review many of the features of the software through exercises and projects. Wednesdays, May 19, June 16, July 21 & August 18, 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$48 Staff

Open Sewing Club: This is a chance for people to get together to work on their choice of embroidery, design software, general sewing, serging, fitting, etc. You bring whatever you wish to work on each time. Wednesdays, May 19, June 16, July 21 & August 18, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 Sewing Consultants available to help

Pfaff 4D Computer Club: This club is for owners of **4D Creative Suite, 4D Embroidery Extra** and **4D Embroi-**

ery software. We will explore many of the features of the software through exercises and projects from very basic to more intricate. Mondays: June 7 & August 2, & Tuesday, July 6, 9:30 a.m.-Noon Cost: \$36 Meg

Open Sewing Club: This is a chance for people to get together to work on their choice of embroidery, design software, stitching out designs worked through in Computer Club, etc. You bring whatever you wish to work on each time. Everyone shares ideas and advice. Mondays, June 7 & August 2, and Tuesday, July 6, 1-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 Meg will be available to offer help

"Back to School Coupon"
Books—In Stock Only
Buy 3 at regular price
Get 4th (equal or lesser value)
At 50% off
August 1-31, 2010
Not valid with any other offer

"Firecracker Deal Thread Coupon"
Thread—In Stock, no special orders
Buy 4 spools
Get 5th (equal or lesser value) Free!
July 1-31, 2010
Not valid with any other offer

20th Anniversary Celebration!

Special pricing on various items throughout the month. Check often to see what the specials are!

Sign up for the drawing each time you stop in!

Small projects available to make and take Refreshments provided, most days.

June 2010

"May Days/Pattern Days"
 Buy 3 regularly priced in-stock patterns
 (Club Discounts Apply)
 Get 4th at 15% off
May 1-31, 2010

Basic Machine Lessons

These lessons are free of charge to those who purchase their machines at **Sew Complete**. You need to make a reservation for your lessons at least 36 business hours prior to the scheduled class, in order that we can be sure to have enough kits for all in attendance. Bring to class your machine, cord, foot control and accessories which were packed with the machine. Please enjoy using your machine as soon as you take it home! Don't wait for a lesson to try it out!

Bernina Artista Lessons:

Tuesdays, June 8, 22, 29 & July 6 1 p.m.

Pfaff Creative Vision Lessons:

Mondays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28 5:30 p.m.

Brother Quattro/Duetta Lessons:

Fridays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28 1 p.m.

Mondays, August 9, 16, 23 & 30 5:30 p.m.

Other Bernina, Brother, Pfaff Models:

Mondays, May 17 & 24 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, June 23 & 30 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays, July 15 & 22 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays, August 21 & 28 9:30 a.m.

Brother Embroidery NV1500 & Down:

Monday, May 10 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 27 9:30 a.m.

Serger Lessons:

Thursdays, June 3 & 10 9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, August 24 & 31 5:30 p.m.

Coverstitch Lesson:

Thursday, June 24 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 18, 5:30 p.m.

If you are uncertain as to which lessons pertain to the product you purchased, please call or stop in.

Try Before You Buy

Embroidery: Have you thought about owning a machine that does embroidery in a hoop? This is a chance at hands-on experience to see what some of the current machines can do. This will be held **Thursday, June 10, at 5 p.m.**

Serger: This is your chance to come in and see what the newer sergers are like. You will have hands-on experience while completing a small project. This will be held **Thursday, June 24 at 5 p.m.**

There is no charge for either session, but you need to make a reservation!

Class Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

	Class Name	Day/Time	Cost
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

When you take a class at **Sew Complete**, you get a 10% discount on materials and notions you purchase at the shop for class. In the case where kits are provided, we have figured this discount into the cost of kits. You may bring your machine for the “hands-on” classes. However, if this is not possible, or if you wish to try one of our Bernina or Pfaff or Brother models, you may arrange ahead for the use of one of our machines. Should you choose to bring your own machine, be sure it is properly tuned up and in good working condition!

Please bring basic sewing supplies to all “hands-on” classes: Shears, seam gauge, pins thread, needles, appropriate sewing machine presser feet, fabric markers, and in some cases you will need special equipment. You will be informed of the specific supplies needed for the particular classes for which you register. Classes will be limited in size on a first come, first served basis. Your prepayment guarantees your place in class and must be in by 5 days prior to class. We reserve the right to cancel or postpone class due to insufficient enrollment, in which case you will receive a full refund or credit.

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