Dear Sew Much Fun! Customers,

Attention all you software owners or those of you who want to know what the BERNINA software can do! Elva Mungai, BERNINA educator, is coming to Sew Much Fun! on Friday, January 27th, to teach a class on the BERNINA software and Cutwork Software.

We are pleased to announce that Sew Much Fun! will be hosting a “Fun with Sulky Blendables” a Sulky Sew Exciting Seminar on Saturday, February 4th from 10 to 12:30 and 2 to 4:30. The Sulky “Sew Exciting” seminar, a 2.5 hour program will be presented by Nancy Sapin, National Educator for Sulky of America, a well-known decorative thread manufacturer. Nancy will be bringing beautiful finished samples of creative techniques for closer inspection.

Sew Much Fun! will be vending at the “Reach Out” quilt show run by the Charlotte Quilt Guild. Come visit us at our booth on Friday, 3/9, 9 to 5 and Saturday, 3/10, 9 to 5, at a new location—Metrolina Tradeshow Expo, 7100 Statesville Road, Charlotte, NC. This new location has much more space than in years past. It will be on one level and has close parking, good lighting, clean restrooms, and on-site food concessions.

Our “Simply Charming Giveaway” program is over, but if you weren’t able to collect all the charms, come see what we have available at only $5 per charm. These also make great gifts for your quilting buddies.

Please let us know if there are classes you would like to see in the future. Our teachers love what they do and want you to love taking their classes! Remember, if you see a class you want to take, but the scheduled time isn’t good, you can create your own class by getting 4 or more sewing friends together. The teacher will coordinate the classroom, your schedule, and her schedule to help make the class happen for you!

Hope to see you often at Sew Much Fun!

Drusilla and the Sew Much Fun! Staff
My BERNINA Classes

New Owner Classes—the machine is just the beginning!

At Sew Much Fun! we want you to get the most from your BERNINA sewing machine purchase. Through superior education we can give you the BEST opportunity to express your creativity with your BERNINA. Realizing the amount of time spent in classes is limited for many sewers, BERNINA has developed a new class format so that you can learn the most about your machine in the shortest amount of time. We think BERNINA has done a great job with these classes! Note: Some exercises apply only to models equipped with certain features.

All machine & serger classes are included with your machine purchase from Sew Much Fun! If you own an older BERNINA and would like private lessons, we have teachers available at reasonable fees. If your machine was not purchased from Sew Much Fun! you will need to talk with Drusilla about taking new owner classes. There will be a small kit fee for supplies.

My BERNINA Sewing Machine Classes

Class One—Basic Operation—All BERNINA & Bernette models. Designed for all BERNINA sewing machines including Bernette models, this class is a must for new owners. Learn what you need to know about the basic operation of your new machine in this informative, fun class. Topics covered: sewing machine needles; thread; presser feet; securing stitches; turning corners; zigzag stitch; blind hem; triple straight stitch; vari-overlock stitch; stretch stitch; gathering over cord; manual buttonholes automatic buttonholes; and attaching buttons;

Saturday, 1/14, 10 to 4  Wednesday, 2/15, 10 to 4  Saturday, 3/10, 10 to 4

Class Two—Stitch Fun—all BERNINA models except 1008. Explore the decorative stitches and creative functions of your BERNINA sewing machine while learning embellishments for almost any type of project; this class is designed for all computerized BERNINA sewing machines. Topics covered: decorative stitching; securing function; temporary altered memory; satin stitching; altering stitches; pattern functions; mirror image; balance; balance bonus; memory/combi mode; alphabets; memory buttonhole; continuous reverse/backstepping; free-motion stitch; BERNINA stitch regulator; double needle stitching; wing needle stitching; and bobbinplay.

Monday, 1/23, 10 to 4  Friday, 2/24, 10 to 4  Saturday, 3/31, 10 to 4

Class Three—Creative Options—artista 640, 730, and 8-series machines. This class examines the distinctive features and functions that make these models unique and useful additions to your sewing rooms. Topics covered: setup program; stitch collage; long stitch; tapering stitches; multi-directional stitching; free-form directional stitching; all-over directional stitching; trailing tulip vines; and monograms.

Friday, 3/16, 10 to 4

My BERNINA Embroidery Classes—Embroidery Machine Basics

Learn the ins and outs of your BERNINA or Deco embroidery machine. From the basics of hooping to customizing designs and Endless Embroidery, you’ll discover all you need to get the most from your embroidery system. Topics covered: stabilizers, needle and thread; hooping; templates/placement; file formats; tension; accessing designs; stitching a design; customizing designs; combining designs; lettering; stitch density; saving & deleting designs; free arm embroidery; multi-hoping; mega hoop; jumbo hoop; endless embroidery. $10 Supply Fee

—Please bring your manual to all classes—Aurora owners MUST bring laptop with software loaded. Bernina software owners are welcome to bring their laptops to use in class (software must be installed prior to class).

Saturday, 2/11, 10 to 4

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We limit the number of students per class so that you can get the most out of your experience. Please sign up early because our classes fill quickly and if you need to cancel, please let us know so someone else gets a chance to come. Thanks for helping us help you!!!
All About ME! (Machine Embroidery)

All About ME! is an in-store, virtual education event that includes a 30-45 minute embroidery presentation by a knowledgeable BERNINA educator. NEW for 2012—bring you machine and stay to make the project! We will meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month. $15 per class ($30 if machine not purchased from Sew Much Fun!) which includes a CD covering the class information. If you can't make the class, but want the CD, sign up and let us know you won't be able to attend and we will burn you a CD. This is for all embroidery machine owners—not just BERNINA brands.

Saturday, January 21st, 10 to 4—Make It Snappy!—You can stitch up a great little carryall in a snap—and just in time to get organized for the new year! The carry all features four "Snap Happy" pockets to organize your sewing supplies. Or you could use it for travel items or even your electronic gadgets. We will also create a wallet that is just right for holding your camera or cell phone. In the class we will learn techniques for embroidering over pet screening to create see-through pockets. We will also review embroidery techniques on netting or tulle.

Saturday, February 18th, 10 to 4—Don't Sweat It—Need a little something to keep you warm? Join us as we create a fun jacket that will do just that. We will discuss sweatshirts and fleece and how to embroider successfully on these fabrics. We will also talk about stabilizers and products that will make your garment or project look great.

Saturday, March 17th, 10 to 4—Simple Home—The Baby Room and More—In this class we will focus on an adorable ruffled pillow and wall hanging that will be perfect for anyone—not just the new baby. We will discuss gathering techniques as well as discuss how to choose the proper stabilizer for your designs.

BERNINA Club

Sew Much Fun! is excited to offer this class where you will have fun exploring new patterns and techniques. Each class will be on the 4th Saturday of each month and will include a Power Point presentation and a CD with all instructions. NEW for 2012—bring your machine and work on the project! If you can't make the class, but want the CD, sign up and let us know you won't attend and we will burn you a CD. $15 if machine purchased at Sew Much Fun! - $30 if purchased elsewhere.

Saturday, January 28th, 10 to 4—A Tisket a Tasket—Create a Sewing Basket—Begin the sewing year with this customized and useful sewing basket. Keep your sewing supplies organized at home and when you sew on the go. Incorporate your favorite sewing notions and tools into your custom basket.

Saturday, February 25th, 10 to 4—What's Your Cargo?—Shop hands-free and look stylish with this cross-body bag. Several zipper pockets will keep everything secure and organized while the embellished areas will give you a one-of-a-kind accessory.

Saturday, March 24th, 10 to 4—Simple Home Kitchen—A pound of fabric, 2 cups of thread and a pinch of imagination...Refresh your home with Sweetwater's Simple Home ideas for the kitchen. You'll be enchanted by the look of these vintage-inspired accessories created with modern day techniques.

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Software Sampler—Open for all Embroiderers!

Sew Much Fun! is hosting a virtual software presentation by a BERNINA Educator. Each month will include a software lesson with instructions for the various levels of BERNINA Embroidery Software. You will also receive instructions for using your new software knowledge to create a project and have an opportunity to try your hand at a number of embroidery and embellishment techniques. Each session is $15 if software was purchased from Sew Much Fun! ($30 each if software was purchased elsewhere). You will also be able to take home the design because it will be in its’ final form on the CD you will receive. If you can’t make the class, but want the CD, sign up and let us know you won’t be able to attend and we will burn you a CD. NEW for 2012—bring your computer to practice the lesson after the presentation. These classes will be the 4th Monday of each month.

If you have been wondering about the software and want to come sit in on the demonstration, please come as our guest! We do ask you to sign up so we can arrange the classroom appropriately.

January—Digitizing Logos—Review the digitizing process of creating embroidery designs from graphics. Digitize the Version 6 Logo for a Notebook Cover and CD case to hold your 2012 CDs & Printed Software Lessons.

Monday, January 23rd, 6 to 9

February—Embroider Texture—Digitize designs for needle punching, ribbon work and couching. Create beautiful modern designs applicable to a variety of projects. Automate the Needle Punch process and Embellish scarves, pillows, bags, journal cover, etc.

Monday, February 27th, 6 to 9

March—Lettering Workshop—Build your lettering skills and explore new techniques. Use True Type fonts to customize your projects. Lettering techniques covered will include a variety of fill effects. Outlining, echo, and appliqué.

Monday, March 26th, 6 to 9

I got a sewing machine for my husband. Good trade, huh?”

Machine Repair

Sew Much Fun! uses Certified BERNINA technicians. We will work on a first come, first served basis and try very hard to be as quick as possible. Please understand that if a part has to be ordered, the Sew Much Fun! staff has no control over when the part will be delivered. We understand how hard it is for you to be without your Bernina! Do you want fast or fixed? Now working on “ALL BRANDS” of machines.

NOTE: Please include only your power cord, foot control, #1 foot, bobbin case and a bobbin. If you are having your embroidery unit checked, please include a hoop and an embroidery foot. If you own a BSR, bring this so we get make sure it is up to date. Also, if your machine came with a hard case, bring your machine in the case. You will be asked to take your rolling suitcases home as we don’t have the space. Thanks!
Sew Much Fun! Extra Classes

T-Shirt Quilt
Sunday, 3/4, 1 to 6
Ever wondered how to use all of those old t-shirts? You can’t keep wearing them but don’t want to part with them. How about turning them into a quilt? This class will arm you with the basics and show you how to customize your quilt layouts to get a truly unique quilt that makes a wonderful gift and clean out those old boxes of t-shirts!
Class Fee: $35  Instructor: Traci

“One yard of fabric, like one cookie, is never enough!”

Circle Rag Quilt
Sunday, 2/19, 1 to 6
Anyone, but especially a baby, will love to cuddle with this quilt! (One of my students made this for her cat!) The quilt is put together like a raggedy quilt, but using circles results in the cathedral window look. No batting is in the quilt! During a 5 hour class you will complete at least two rows so that you will have the knowledge of how to finish your quilt when you get home.
Class Fee: $35  Instructor: Drusilla Munnell

In the Hoop Jelly Roll Quilt
Sunday, 2/5, 1:30 to 5:30
Using your embroidery machine to piece a quilt is fun, easy, and exact! This design CD has your machine do the quilting, too! All the piecing for one quilt block is done in the hoop. Join Traci to see how fun and easy this method of quilting is.
Class Fee: $35  Instructor: Traci

Exploding Pineapples
Sunday, 1/29, 1 to 6
Start with a fabric square and keep on adding more squares until your pineapple explodes in wonderful variations of color. With no fabric waste, no matching points and no strange angles to cut, it is sew much fun to sew!
Class Fee: $25  Instructor: Drusilla

Mail Sack Bag
Tuesday, 1/31, 6 to 9
Not to worry, you will not be putting this bag in the shopping cart & forgetting it’s there. This bag is great for ‘hands free’ shopping, put it over your shoulder & forget it’s there! It’s that comfortable.
Class Fee: $30  Instructor: Jean

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Simple Scoop Valance

Thursday, 1/5, 10 to 2

Have you checked out the prices of custom valances lately? We don't have to pay those prices. We can make our own Simple Scoop Valance with short jabot-style returns. And the beauty of this valance is that you don't need any special hardware to hang this valance, it can be hung on push points!

Class Fee: $50     Instructor: Jean Keenan

Miss Priss Purse

Sunday, 1/15, 1 to 6

This purse has flirty ruffles and an adjustable handle. Just pull on one side for a shoulder bag; pull on both sides for a handbag. You'll love making the ruffles using texture magic!

Class Fee: $30     Instructor: Jan

E-Reader Cover

Tuesday, 1/24, 6 to 9

I've finally done it! I've given up traveling with several hard cover books & succumbed to tossing an E-Readers in my purse. So to keep it save, I have used the Tech Pocket & Portfolio pattern # 904 by INDYGO JUNCTION to make a cover. If you don't have an e-reader, there are two other styles of cases you can make for your tech pieces to keep them safe & sound. Kwik Sew pattern #3924 is also a good e-reader pattern to use for this class.

Class Fee: $25     Instructor: Jean

Jelly Roll Purse

Sunday, 3/11, 1 to 6

Ever wonder what to do with those cute jelly rolls, why not make a purse. Learn to make prairie points for a great decorative effect out of a jelly roll strip! This is an original pattern that is only available and supplied with this class.

Class Fee: $40 (includes original pattern)     Instructor: Jan

Spring Leaves Quilt or Table Runner

Tuesdays, 3/13 and 3/27, 6 to 9

In this two-part class we will be getting ready for spring by making a table runner or small wall hanging. We will use Laura Wasilowski's Spring Leaves Pattern (available @ SMF). Gather up your scraps, batiks work great for this project and your fusible web and come and play with us. Sorry, I do not have Laura's singing voice so musical entertainment will be provided by the radio but fun will still be had by all.

Class Fee: $50 (2 classes)     Instructor: Jean
Beginning Quilting
Tuesdays, 6 to 8:30, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

Always wanted to quilt but did not know where to begin? We have the class for you! Come and learn all about rotary cutting & rulers, so you can strip piece, make half-square & quarter square triangles while making a small wall hanging or table runner. There will be four, 2 1/2 hour sessions in this class.
Class Fee: $100 per session (4 classes)
Instructor: Jean

Quick Start
Beginning Quilting

Saturday, 1/7, 10 to 4:30
Saturday, 3/3, 10 to 4:30

Come to our 1 day primer on quilting. We will spend the day learning about rotary cutters & rulers, while making half-square, quarter square triangles and strip piecing. We will put our blocks together for a small wall hanging or table runner. Pack a bag lunch & drink to get the most out of your day!
Class Fee: $55  Instructor: Jean

Machine Quilting
Tuesday, 3/6, 6 to 9

Machine quilting is fun & easy. It's like 'doodling' with your sewing machine!
In this 3 hour class we will have an introduction to MACHINE QUILTING. We will do STITCHING-IN-THE-DITCH and GRID QUILTING using our walking foot and also make samples of different free motion quilt designs while learning about free motion techniques.
Class Fee: $40  Instructor: Jean

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Learning to Sew
Thursdays, 1/5, 2/2, 3/1, 6 to 9

In this one session class get the basics to get you started sewing. Learn machine operation, variety of straight stitch seams and overcasting seam edges. Bring your machine from home or test drive one of our wonderful Bernina classroom machines. You will leave class with confidence and ready to start your first project. Teens are welcomed in this class.
Class Fee: $30 per class
Instructors: Jean

Learning to Sew Continued
Thursdays 6 to 8:30
1/12, 1/19, 1/26
2/9, 2/16, 2/23
3/8, 3/15, 3/22

This class is for all levels of sewers. Beginners- start your first project. Advanced beginners- continue to learn new techniques. And for you well advanced sewers get help on projects, or just come for an evening of sewing. Prerequisite: Learning to Sew or teacher approval
Class Fee: $75 for the month (3 classes).
Instructors: Jean

Kids Learn to Sew

Thursdays, 3:30 to 5:30
1/5, 2/2, 3/1

We will introduce sewing basics and learn how to read patterns while making different sewing projects and gifts. We will be using Kwik Start & Kwik Sew Learning to Sew Patterns. Patterns and supplies are not included in the cost of class & will vary according to each project. Each student will work at their own pace.
Class Fee: $20 for one class
Instructor: Jean

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**Kids Learn to Quilt**  
*Mondays, 1/16, 2/20, 3/19, 3:30 to 5:30*  
Kids have you ever wanted to make a quilt like Mom or Grandma? Here is your chance! In this class we will learn the basics of piecing as we create this 9 block quilt. Each month we will piece 1-2 blocks of the quilt and learn new skills and before you know it you will have made your very own quilt.  

Class Fee: $25 per month (some fabric included)  
Instructors: Jean and Traci

**Doll Club**  
*Mondays, 2/6, 3/5, 3:30 to 5:30*  
In this class we will make doll clothes each month that will fit your 18" doll. Outfits may include dresses, matching tops and pants, pajamas and accessory items. You will be able to create a fun new wardrobe for your favorite doll.  

Class Fee: $25 per month (includes kit)  
Instructors: Jean and Traci

**Under the Veranda—BOM**  
*Sundays, 1/8, 1/22, 2/26, 3/25, 2 to 5*  
Come join me for "Under the Veranda" six month "Block of the Month". Designed by Amanda Murphy this beautiful quilt is on display at Sew Much Fun. Our first meeting will be to pick your fabric and get your INSTRUCTIONS for the first block. To make this even more fun each month there will be a "Project" to make from the leftover block fabric. Some "Projects" may require just a little extra fabric to finish it. I have had the best time making my blocks and projects so please join me on Sunday afternoon from January to June. If you have ever taken one of my classes, you know we will have Sew Much Fun!!!  

Class Fee: $30 per class or pay $150 at one time for all 6 classes and receive a discount—Pattern included in fee.  
Instructor: Alma

**Blue Jean Blanket**  
*Sunday, 2/12, 1:30 to 5:30*  
Wish you could do something with the Blue Jeans your kids, husband or yourself have stopped wearing????? Make them into a blanket that you can use at the beach or on grass.  

Class Fee: $35  
Instructor: Alma

**Girls Night Out**  
*3rd Friday of Each Month—5 to 9  1/20, 2/17, 3/16*  
We have had many requests to have some time available for Sew Much Fun! customers to get together just to sew, catch up with sewing buddies, and make new friends. Here is your time! To add to the fun (and because we will be meeting during the dinner hour and who skips meals?), please plan on bringing a potluck dish to share (whatever you want—if we all bring desserts, I don’t think anyone will complain!). Sew Much Fun! will provide the paper products and beverage.  

We are having a great time—come join us!  
Registration is a must—$5 class fee.
Sulky Seminar “Fun with Sulky Blendables”

Saturday, February 4th, 10 to 12:30 and 2 to 4:30

A fun-filled, 2 1/2 hour program of tips, techniques, step-by-step projects and beautiful samples based on the book, *Fun with Sulky Blendables*. Nancy Sapin, National Educator for Sulky of America will be our presenter. There is a wonderful array of original and exciting projects including quilting, home dec, wearable, free-motion work, corded projects, lots of serger projects, hand work, and some truly amazing Designer Art projects. We will have refreshments, door prizes, and Sew Much Fun! Event specials.

Registration Fee: $20—($15 of Sulky products will be given to the first 20 people in each class to register.)

Moving Beyond the Basics with V6 BERNINA Software

Presented by Elva Mungai, BERNINA Educator

Friday, January 27th, 9 to 11, $25 (each participant received a CD with lessons)

This a hands on class (if you want to bring you laptop) and will include Art Canvas and Photo Paint with the appliqué and lettering options. If you don’t own this fabulous software and want to learn more, sign up for this class and we will subtract the fee of the class to your software purchase that day.

Cut, Stitch, and Create with the CutWork Accessory and Software

Presented by Elva Mungai, BERNINA Educator

Friday, January 27th, 1 to 3, $25 (each participant received a CD with lessons)

This is a hands on class (if you own the software and bring your laptop) and will include cutting and creating appliqué with the CutWork tool, adding stitches to the cut pieces; cutting quilt pieces; adding cut work to an already digitized design. If you don’t own this great software and tool, but want to learn more about it, sign up and we will subtract the cost of the class if you purchase your software that day.
Open Late!!

*Sew Much Fun!* stays open until 8 pm on Thursdays. We understand that many of you only have Saturdays to shop, so this will give you a chance to stop by after work or bring your “significant other” in to show them that Bernina machine you have been dreaming about!

All other weekdays and Saturday we will close at 5 pm.

After Hours by appointment or chance.

Come see us!

We want to thank everyone who receives and reads the emails from *Sew Much Fun!* Being able to communicate once or twice a month means we can offer up-to-date information to serve you better. We hope you have been enjoying the coupon incentives found at the bottom of many of the emails.

Don’t forget our **Birthday Club**—If you are in our store data base (& we have your birthday), you may choose one day during your birthday month and shop till you drop. Our present to you is a **15% discount** on your entire purchase of in stock merchandise (some exclusions apply)!

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**Sew Much Fun! Class Policy**

It is necessary to pre-register for ALL classes. Payment must be made in full to assure your place in class. We need this commitment from you in order for our classes to run as smoothly as possible and so that our teachers can properly prepare for class.

We must make our commitment to teachers one week prior to the start of their class. Therefore, refunds are available when the cancellation is made at least **one week prior to the first class**. There will be a $5 handling fee for cancellations. Please do not ask for exceptions. In the event that a class must be cancelled, individuals will be contacted and given a full refund.

Please feel free to bring your brown bag lunch for all day classes. A refrigerator is available for your use. Also, please silence your cell phone.

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Our teachers work really hard to offer classes they hope you will want to take and enjoy. Please let us know if you have a class you want to see in our stores. We will do what we can to make it happen! Also, you can create your own class! If you can get 4 or more friends together, you can contact any of our teachers and work out a time when you can take the class together. Sounds like a great party to me! We will even open our doors to you on a Sunday afternoon if the teacher agrees.