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Sew Many Thoughts

It is hard to believe that we are coming up on the 22nd anniversary of **Sew Complete**. It is an understatement to say how much we appreciate every one of our loyal customers. We will be celebrating our anniversary throughout the month of June. Come in often to sign up for our drawing and while you are here, check out our anniversary specials—we will be offering various anniversary specials at different times throughout the month!

Speaking of specials, we have been able to reduce the price on some of our current machine models—effective immediately. Also, we currently have a few close-out models and a couple of used machines at awesome prices. If you have an embroidery machine, you will want to check out our embroidery design USB sticks, CD's and cards on close-out! Buy 1 get 50% off, buy 2 get 55% off and buy 3 or more and get 60% off the original price!

We just received a whole new collection of beautiful **Timeless Treasures** cotton SOHO solid colored fabrics. Our JHB button rack also sports a variety of new buttons and we have some new patterns and books.

Our summer class schedule includes a lot of great projects—some of the classes are series classes—but in many cases, we are offering the option to sign up for these classes on a one day only basis. Classes for the summer are listed in this newsletter, but more will be offered as the summer goes on. Please check under the “Classes” heading on our website often to see new classes being offered. We are very excited about the classes our teachers are offering this summer. They should appeal to every skill level and age group.



Good quality machines for every skill level to meet anyone's needs!

Our congratulations go to Val Dehnke, the winner of the 22nd annual **WWIB/Sew Complete** “Warmth From Wisconsin” quilt contest. Alice Weickelt took second place and Ginny Severson third. All of the quilts received are wonderful and have been given to those in need in Mexico. Over the years, hundreds of quilts entered in these contests have been hand-delivered to some very deserving people in Mexico. Watch for the official start of the 23rd annual “Warmth From Wisconsin” contest this coming fall. We will continue to receive quilt entries that will ultimately be sent to Mexico, and will add a category to our contest so that we will receive quilts that will be given to new moms locally through the APPLE Pregnancy Care Center, Inc. of Eau Claire. The rules for the “Mexico” part of the contest will remain similar to what they have been. Rules for the APPLE part of the contest will be available this coming fall.

Enjoy the summer and take time to relax with your sewing!

Happy Sewing
Jamie

Event Schedule

Sew Complete—22nd anniversary celebration:

Throughout the month of June, we will be celebrating our 22nd anniversary.

- There will be special sales on various items at different times throughout the month, such as thread, notions, fabric, patterns, books...come in often to check out the specials.
- Drawing for door prizes—put your name in for the drawing each time you come in.
- Gift certificate with the purchase of a machine—effective immediately and valid through June 30, 2012.
- Snacks and coffee available most days in June.

Please watch our website as we add in special events and additional classes throughout the summer.

We will be closed:

Saturday, May 26-Monday, May 28, 2012 for Memorial Weekend

Wednesday, July 4, 2012 for Independence Day

Saturday, September 1-Monday, September 3 for Labor Day Weekend (Please note that September Club meetings will be Tuesday September 4, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Saturday, September 8 at 10 a.m.)

Schedule of Classes and Workshops

Quilt Classes:

Finishing the Quilt: Many of us have that quilt where the top is finished—or not, and we need help getting motivated to complete it. Do I need sashing between these blocks? What kind of borders should it have? What would be a good backing? Need help with some binding options? This is a discussion plus hands-on class. You will be able to work on your quilt and or practice techniques. Thursdays, May 10 and 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$24 Pat

Quilt Journal Club: Learn new, unusual, and innovative techniques—explore your creativity, share ideas and enjoy companionship while creating small art quilts. Tuesdays, May 15, June 19, July 17 and August 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$48 Carol

One Line at a Time Machine Quilting Designs Made Easy...: In this machine quilting class, we will explore an alternative to stippling/meandering for all-over quilting. Create beautiful machine quilting with almost no marking using Charlotte War Andersen's design techniques to add texture and dimension to your quilt. Tuesday, May 22, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$12 Arda

Fab Five Quilt: Using the book from Abby Lane Quilts, make a "Fun, Fast & Flirty" throw size quilt, which can be seasonal, or use whatever coordinating fabrics you like. Tuesday, June 12, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost: \$14 Jesse

Simple 9 Patch: Good for beginners as well as more experienced quilters--use scraps or purchase coordinating yardage. Techniques include rotary cutting, joining pieces with a 1/4" seam, working with different layouts, and seaming blocks together. This is perfect for those who wish to create a traditional quilt. Tuesdays, June 12 & 19, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$24 Pat

Happy Jacks: Kim Schaefer's new book, "Skippy Quilts" includes many

fabulous bed runners, table toppers & wall hangings. The "Happy Jacks" quilt has brightly colored appliquéd jacks scattered over a pieced background, creating visual contrast for this contemporary folk art quilt. Mondays, June 18 & 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$24 Meg

Quality Quilting: This group is taking a break from class in May and June. In July and August, the topic will be paper piecing basics. Techniques included will be basic paper piecing, foundation piecing and English paper piecing. Fridays, July 6 & August 3, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$24 Carol

General Sewing, Serging & Embroidery Technique Classes:

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. You may bring items you already own and refresh them with embroidery (i.e. towels, shirts, T-shirts, pillowcases, sweatshirts). Tuesdays, May 8, 15 & 22, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$36 Jesse

Beyond the Basics: 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 10, June 14 and July 12, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$36 for all three sessions or \$15 per time. Jesse

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. Cost: \$12 each time Jesse

Saturday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. We will use the pattern "The Errand

Runner" from "This & That". It is a small pieced purse.

Wednesday, June 13, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The project this month is "Lollipop Bag" using a pattern by T. Atkinson, "These fun little bags stand up on a hidden contrast bottom." Fill it with sewing supplies, overnight items, etc.

Wednesday, July 11, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "Coffee (or other beverage) Crazy" using a pattern from "This & That"--Keep your coffee or other hot beverage hot or your cold beverages cold, longer

Wednesday, August 8, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "Nice & Easy Notes" using a pattern from "This & That", create a cover for your notepad that includes a handy pen holder.

This & That Gang: Using "This & That" patterns, we will get together and create a different project on the 4th Wednesday of each month, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

May 23: "Seeds of Friendship"

June 27: "Coffee Crazy"

July 25: "Birds of a Feather"

August 22: "Nice & Easy Notes"

Cost: \$48 for the series of 4 or \$15 each if signing up for individual sessions. Jesse and Meg

Pfaff Embroidery Software Club: This club is for owners of **5D Pfaff Creative Suite or Embroidery Extra** software. We will explore many of the features of the software through exercises and projects from very basic to more intricate. Mondays, May 7, June 4, July 9 and August 6, 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$48 Meg

Bernina Computer Club: This club is for owners of **V.6 Designer Plus** or **Editor Plus** embroidery software. We will explore and review many of the features of the software through exercises and projects. Wednesdays, May 16, June 20, July 18 and August 15, 9:30 p.m. or Thursdays, May 17, June 21, July 19 and August 16, 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$48 Jesse

10 Minute Blocks Quilt: Using the pattern or book from Suzanne McNeill, create fast inset center blocks with a simple three seam technique. This entire quilt can be pieced in a single morning. It's a great way to use up leftover squares. The center square is perfect for showcasing fussy-cut prints, signatures of loved ones, beautiful embroidery or your favorite appliqué. Monday, July 16, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$12 Barb

Tablet Tote: Protect your tablet in style with this padded pouch. You have permission to use the decorative stitches on your machine to embellish the outside, or simply use your favorite fabric. Inside you will find a zippered compartment to hold earphones or a power cord. The handy carrying strap is removable to easily tuck the pad into another larger case. Approximate folded size is 9" wide x 10" tall. If you wish to embellish the tote with machine stitches, you will need to attend both classes. If you wish to make your tote out of your favorite fabrics, you will need to attend just the last session. Dates are Tuesdays, July 17 (embroidery) and July 24 (construction) 1 – 4 p.m. both days. Cost: \$24 for both days, or \$12 per day. Jeri

Open Sewing: This is a chance to come in and work on your choice of embroidery, design software, general sewing, serging, fitting, etc. You bring whatever you wish to work on each time. One or more of our teachers will be here to assist you if you need some advice on a particular project. Mondays, May 7, June 4, July 9 and August 6, 1:30-4 p.m., Wednesdays, May 16, June 20, July 18 and August 15, 1:30-4 p.m. Cost: \$10 per time (sign up ahead)

**June 1-30
Sew Complete's
22nd anniversary**

Machine Lessons

These lessons are free of charge to those who purchase their machines at **Sew Complete**. You need to make your 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 8 and artista Lessons:**
Fridays, June 8, 15, 22 & 29, 9:30 a.m.
- Brother Quattro/Duetta, etc. Lessons:**
Wednesdays, May 9, 16, 23 & 30, 1 p.m.
- Pfaff Creative Current Series Lessons:**
Thursdays, May 24, 31, June 7 & 14, 9:30 a.m.
- Other Bernina, Brother, Pfaff Lessons:**
Tuesdays, May 22 & 29, 5:30 p.m.
Saturdays, June 9 & 23, 9:30 a.m.
Thursdays, July 12 & 19, 1 p.m.
Wednesdays, August 15 & 22, 5:30 p.m.
- Serger Lessons:**
Tuesdays, June 19 & 26, 1 p.m.
- Coverstitch Lesson:**
Tuesday, July 10 1 p.m.

Is there a class you wish to take that is not currently on our schedule—or maybe your work hours conflict with one you want that is on our schedule? Some of our staff has expressed they are willing to try to accommodate this. We would have to have a minimum of 3 students to offer an additional class. (Maybe talk to some of your sewing friends.) Call if you are interested. We will see what we can do.

**August 1-31, 2012
15% off
In Stock
Cotton Fabric**

Sewing Club

This club is open to anyone who owns a Bernina, Brother or Pfaff 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. The renewal fee is currently \$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 special presser feet, books, patterns, new notions and remind you of "forgotten tools". This is also a time for Club members to share their ideas and show-and-tell. Back by overwhelming popular demand, the challenge this year is to each month tackle an unfinished project.

June: Saturday, June 2, at 10 a. m.; and Tuesday, June 5, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Meg is the coordinator for June and we will have a nice variety of projects for summer sewing.

August: Saturday, August 4, at 10 a.m.; and Tuesday, August 7, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Jesse will coordinate the August meetings and we show creative items to make in the late summer and fall.

September: We are thrilled to welcome back guest presenter, Jeri Lijewski, who always comes with unique ideas and ways to do things in a simple, yet professional way. Tuesday, September 4, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Saturday, September 8, at 10 a.m.

**July 1-31, 2012
Thread
20% off
In stock spools**

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. Should you need to cancel your enrollment in a class, you will get a full refund or credit of your class fees provided we are notified of the cancellation at least 5 days prior to that 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.



Pictured at left: Barb Hogue is our guest speaker for our April Club meetings.

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