



Sew Abbey News

Something New Is coming in October!



Alix Graham-Michelle is Coming to Abbey's



Alix Graham-Michelle has not been to St. Louis in a long time. Her popularity and her talent makes

it extremely difficult to have her come for classes. She has been with the Viking organization a great deal of time. You may remember seeing her on Sue Hausman's show *Keeping America Sewing*. Alix has been a frequent contributor to the Education Club, that we use frequently!

Alix brings substantial talent and experience to her events across the country, and is considered a true artisan. International certifications serve to enhance her natural flair and skill, and her love of sewing has been expressed in widely published leading sewing magazines that feature her work. Her garment creations have been worn by music artists, seen on the

international film screen, as well as interior design showcases and boutiques. Love of teaching and helping others find their passion for sewing at SVP events is what drives Alix to travel extensively to events in the U.S., Canada and South America.

Alix will be at Edwardsville on September 14; at St. Peters on September 15 and the Ballwin Mega Education Center on September 16. Time will be announced. The cost is \$25.95! It is \$6 for lunch and you will receive a \$5 gift certificate! Sign up early! Space is limited!

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Special points of Interest:

- **We do repairs on all brands of sewing machines. Our repairman picks up the machines from each store on certain days. Check with your store for pickup days and the price of the cleaning and service.**

Welcome Back Barbara Moore and Janie Lantz!

Two of our favorite educators are coming to St. Louis!

Barbara Moore and Janie Lantz are coming to Abbey Sewing Centers November 9, 10 and 11 for a three days worth of classes! You may remember Barb from our heirloom



sewing classes! SVP machines and the latest notions and feet are the basics for unleashing Barb's imagination. Her love of sewing includes heirloom,

home décor, quilting and garment sewing. Her Southern accent and great sense of humor makes for an entertaining and fun class! We always have fun when we are working with Barb!

Barb is Martha Pullen, Sulky certified and certified in Pam Damour's Home Dec techniques.

Janie Lantz is our Software guru. She has been an educator for the Husqvarna Viking and Pfaff software since we had 3D! She has been instrumental in writing the manuals, Beta testing, and developed education programs for 3D, 4D, 5D, 6D, Premier+ and now the Premier+2. If you have questions on the software, Janie can help you! She is also a quilter and specializes in the 5D Quilt Creator.



Janie is known for her gentle sense of humor, easy-to-follow instructions, and lively teaching style in seminars for beginner through advanced students. Janie began as an Endorsed Educator in 1994, has made

Television appearances, written trade publication articles, dealer training materials, and produced consumer videos as Sewn By Janie. She is Sulky Certified, Wild Ginger Pattern Software Certified, and has a BA in Classroom Education.

Space will be limited for this event! We will have a great time with Barb and Janie! Sign up early!

Thank you to all the Abbey customers that participated in our on-going charity program "Learn-it-and-Give-it-with-Love."



At the St. Peter's store Karla Herrin event!

News from St. Peter's

We are sad to see Pamela Maes leave us. She was a great inspiration to all of us. Good luck in your future endeavors!

We were very fortunate to have Tammy come in to our store, looking to teach for us. Tammy has a wonderful background in quilting and sewing. She is originally from Washington and has been in the St. Peter's area for a short time. Please make her feel welcome by coming in, introducing yourself and saying "Hi!"

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, we will be hosting Alix Graham-Michele at the St. Peter's store. Alix is a very accomplished seamstress and educator. Call or come in and register for the event. Space is limited! You don't want to miss this!

October 20, 2018, Sunday from 10 am-5 pm, we will be offering a carry on bag class. The cost of the class is \$25, plus supplies. Space is limited!



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Alix Graham-Michelle

Friday, September 14 in Edwardsville
Saturday, September 15 in St. Peters
Sunday, September 16 in Ballwin at the
Mega Education Center
Time and Cost TBA

Loose Threads Quilt Show

Celebrate with Quilts

Saturday, November 3, 9 am—5 pm
Sunday, November 4, 10 am—4 pm
St. Charles Community College
4601 Mid Rivers Mall Dr.

Janie Lantz and Barbara Moore

Friday, November 9, Saturday, November 10
and Sunday, November 11
At the Mega Education Center
Time and cost TBA

Abbey's South County Happenings

Abbey's in South County will be featuring several new classes this month.

For Viking Club on Sept. 6, we will be making "stuffed apples!" You can use these for fall decorations or as pin cushions. They make a great gift for teachers! Come join in the fun.

On Sept. 20, we will be teaching *Stack 'N Whack Wonky 9 patch*. This is a fun and easy class. You will learn a fun way to make a quilt block. And you make a quilt in no time at all! Class size is limited, so sign up early!

Alix Graham-Michele will be at the Mega Education Center on Sunday, Sept. 16.

October 13, Saturday, from 11-3 pm, we will have an Anita Goodesign Express class.

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Did you know?

- Thread comes in various weights and materials. The smaller the number of the thread, the heavier it is. A 12 wt. thread is heavier than a 60 wt. thread. For embroidery we usually work with a 40 wt. thread, either polyester or rayon. You can get a 30 wt. cotton, also. Polyester and rayon have a sheen to them, cotton gives a matte finish. Dress-makers thread is usually a polyester thread and is a 50 wt. The cotton sewing thread is also a 50 wt. thread. Keep in mind that dark colors tend to be a little heavier because to the dye used in preparation. When using a heavier thread, be sure and use a larger needle to prevent shredding and breakage!
- We have some great new products at Abbey's. *Terrial Magic* is a unique liquid fabric stabilizer that binds the fibers of fabric together, magically transforming it into a stable and paper-like material that won't fray when cut. It is on backorder right now, but we should have it soon. Another great product is the Wool Felt Pressing mat from Pam Damour. Because of the dense natural fiber construction, it holds the heat and is like pressing both sides of the fabric at once. This gives you a flatter block when quilting. If you have seen anything new that you would like, please let us know and we will try to get it!
- Grandparents Day is September 9!

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!



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