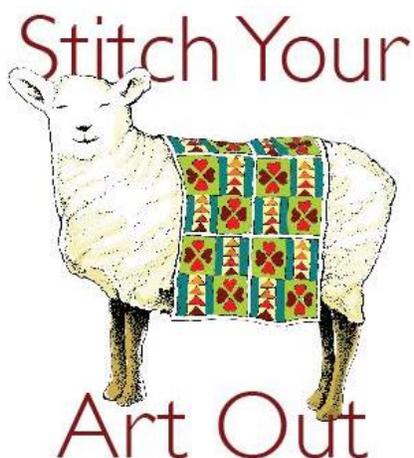


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Hello

What a year. We've all reassessed many things, we've slowed, and our society has changed, probably forever. So it's perhaps not surprising that this newsletter is going to be a little different from the usual one.

Somehow, with everything that's gone on, it seems better to keep the summer low key.

We're resuming classes, but they will be fewer, will be offered online via Zoom (with the exception of one that's outdoors).

We need to test out whether this Zoom scheme works for crafting, so please be patient as we try this whole thing out.

Because we don't want to gather, the usual anniversary sale in June will be online rather than in store, and will last throughout the summer, since it takes a while to photograph and put things online.

I'll have a special "sale" section on the online store, and will add to it over the next month or so. After you buy, you may choose either

curbside pickup or mailing. Whatever works better for you! Any specials that are online are also available to see in the store, so you can always make an appointment.

By the way, it's been 17 wonderful years for the shop!

I hope that we'll all continue to spend the summer quietly nurturing our minds, our bodies, and our hearts.



No More "Busy Signal"

It used to be that when I took trash out, ran up to the Post Office, or powdered my nose, I "took the phone off the hook."

Apparently, I'm old fashioned. With a contract renewal of my internet service (which is now *MORE! FASTER! BETTER!*) I can no

longer get a busy-signal option. I was told that the phone could either ring if I was on the line, or it would have an "out of service" message (which is horrifying for a business that is very much *in* service).

So if you call, and the phone **rings for a long time**, that means I'm on the phone with someone else. Try again in a few minutes. If the **answering machine** picks up, that means I'm out, or powdering my nose. Leave a message, and I'll return your call!

Note: I may end up getting another voice mail for when I'm on the line, but as of this writing, it hasn't happened. I'll keep you up to date on these exciting developments!

Appointments are Awesome! And Have Prize-Winning Potential!

There's some new stuff here, so please keep reading!

I'm planning to continue the shopping-by-appointment approach at least through the fall,

as the students return and increase the risk in our area. Let me give you some more information about how things are working.

First, I've had any number of people come in who say that they feel safer at Stitch Your Art Out than any other store they go to. That makes me happy. Safety first!

Next, retail is by its nature unpredictable. People might not come in for hours, and then, suddenly four or five come in at once. I don't want you to have to stand outside in a line, waiting for your turn. That's no fun.

Most of all, appointments have created a wonderful pace for all of us. They've allowed all of you to get my 100 percent attention on your questions, or for matching up fabrics and yarns. Everyone is being taken care of with ease. I've loved feeling truly present with all of you.

Everyone who has come in has been enthusiastic about this new way of being. I hope that you make an appointment to see for yourself just how nice it is.

And to give you motivation, here's a

17th-Anniversary prize drawing!

If you schedule an appointment any time from now on in **June, July or and August**, you will be entered into a random prize drawing to win one of five \$25 gift certificates (one in June and two each in July or August) to the store!

You can schedule any number of ways:

- Go online under "Calendar"
- call me at 814-238-4151
- text me at 856-759-3420

I'm more than happy to schedule a time *before or after* my "core hours" of 10:30-3:00.

Note that I'm usually in the shop all day, 6 days a week, but if I have one of my own appointments, it will be outside of the core hours, or if I go away, I'll be keeping just these core hours with my helpers.

If you call and the answering machine picks up, please leave a message! (And remember that if the phone rings and doesn't pick up, this means I'm on the phone with someone else.)

I've just added a Thursday-evening shopping block for those who work during the day and are not big on calling or who feel shy about setting up another time.

Want to come in other times? Again, just let me know, and I'll be there for you.

So far it's been easy to get a same-day shopping appointment. If the online calendar is full, please call, and I'll likely get you in. I left space open in the afternoon specifically so that I could fit in same-day appointments.

Top 10 Things You Can Do During an Appointment at the Shop

1. Browse to get inspired, and buy nothing. I know you'll be back.
2. Pick out one skein of embroidery floss.
3. Ask for advice on a quilting or knitting project--without buying anything to go with said projects. You'll be back when your project is finished.
4. Pick out fabric or yarn for a project without my help.
5. Pick out fabric or yarn for a project with my help.
6. Show me something you've finished.
7. If you're new in town, come in to see what's in the shop! I'd love to meet you and show you around.
8. A visitor passing through? Click for a time, and come on in!
9. Pick out a quilt binding.
10. Look at samples and projects to see what's new.

I'll be delighted to see you. I'd love to have a **full dance card** every single day!

Summer Holidays

I'll be closed on Saturday, July 4, and Monday, September 7, for Independence Day and Labor Day. I'll be OPEN on Friday, July 3.

Social Media

Here's where to follow Stitch Your Art Out. Websites:

www.stitchyourartout.com and www.reallyclear.com.

Facebook: [Stitch Your Art Out](#) and [Really Clear](#).

Instagram: [Stitchyourartout](#) and [reallyclear](#).

And my favorite of all—please come by in person!

Quilter's Trek



Each year, there's a national "shop hop," where quilters travel to different shops, pick up a pattern and kit that the shop designed, and make a quilt for prizes. This year is a bit different, in that shops are allowed to sell their kits online. We're participating! Either make an appointment to come pick up yours (or just to get the pattern at no charge), or feel free to buy it online! For the free pattern, the rules are that customers must pick up in the shop (and for me, that means with an appointment). For the kits, we will sell either online or as a curbside pickup.



Pesky Class Policies

The price of the class does *not* include supplies unless otherwise noted. Payment in full is expected at signup. Cancellation will result in shop credit only; we are unable to give refunds. Sorry, no cancellation once the class is 7 days away. For all quilting classes, you'll need basic sewing supplies—machine, scissors, pins, rotary cutter, etc. For knitting and crochet classes, you'll the needles and hooks, plus the usual notions, such as scissors, stitch markers, and so forth. Keep in mind that we are having classes on Zoom, or away from the shop, so be prepared with everything you need. The best method for that is to read the pattern and make sure everything on the supply list is at your house.

Now let's get to the fun stuff!

Where color inspires creativity!

KNITTING CLASSES

All Done in August

You have a half-done hat, a sleeveless sweater, a snarled scarf, mysterious mittens. Let's get these things done! Eleanor will help you get everything unstuck so you can keep knitting and feel that satisfaction of completion. She'll do this class outdoors, so please reserve the other Sundays in August for rain dates.

Price: \$38

Supplies: Bring your UFOs, and their patterns, plus all the usual knitting supplies. Also bring a chair

so that you can sit comfortably and can move away from other people if they get too close!

Date and Time: Sundays, August 2 and 16, from 1-4 p.m. (You'll attend both sessions.) You'll meet at Tudek Park, where there is shade and restrooms. If you have never been there, or you don't know what Eleanor looks like, let us know, and we will help you out! (Tip: She will be the one who's knitting!)

Teacher: Eleanor Martin

Cabling 101



Learn to cable, and make this pretty cabled hat as a bonus! It's all so easy and wearable! We'll also be talking about how to cable without a cable needle, and other cabling patterns. Make the ribbing of the hat pattern before the first class. This class will be held on Zoom.

Price: \$38.

Supplies: Really Clear [Cabling 101](#) pattern, one skein of worsted-

weight yarn (we love Rios), two 16" circular needles, one that's size 6 or 7 and one that's size 8. Cynthia will also send you handouts for other cabling ideas!

Date and Time: Tuesdays, Aug. 4 and 11, from 6-9 p.m.

Teacher: Cynthia Mazzant

Knitting 101



Want to learn how to knit? Or need a refresher after many years of neglecting your knitting? Take our beginning-knitting course. You'll learn how to cast on, knit, and purl, and you'll make a scarf.

Price: \$38

Supplies: Knitting 101 Easy Looped Scarf pattern, one skein of Malabrigo Rios or Cascade 220, and size 8 knitting needles. Make an appointment to pick out your supplies before class. If you live far from State College, give us a call, and we'll help you out!

Date and Time: Wednesdays, July 8 and 22, 3-5 p.m. (You'll attend both sessions.)

Teacher: Cynthia Spencer

Really Clear Year



As you may know, Cynthia designs knitting patterns. They tend to be small, or easy projects (with the exception of a sweater or two here and there!). This class provides you with an interesting adventure into learning new things while you find any part of the pattern that isn't "really clear." We had a bit of an interruption for Really Clear Year in 2020. But we'll start fresh! If you'd like to join in, please sign up for the Zoom class.

Price: \$45

Supplies: Each month will be a different project (and as always, they're not designed yet!). Cynthia will send out a note before each class, outlining the project and the supplies needed, at least a week ahead of time.

Date and Time: Wednesdays, August 26, Sept. 30, Oct. 21, and Dec. 9, with your choice of either 9-11 a.m., or 6-8 p.m.

Teacher: Cynthia Spencer

Sweater of your Choice



As the name of the class says, choose any sweater you wish! Learn to knit a sweater with no experience, start a new one with previous experience, or keep working on one from a previous class! It's your choice!

Price: \$55.

Supplies: Talk to Cynthia before class about your pattern and yarn. Regardless of which sweater pattern you're using, please buy Cynthia's [book on Ravelry](#), *The Sweater with the Best Fit Ever*, which will help take you through measuring and guide you for fitting whatever sweater you're making.

Date and Time: If you live near the shop, please make an appointment before the class starts to be measured (if you haven't already done this in another sweater class), and to pick out your yarn. If you are out of town, Cynthia will set up a separate Zoom time to do this. Classes will be held Thursdays,

Sept. 3, Oct. 8, Nov. 19, and Jan. 7, with your choice of 9-11 a.m. or 6-8 p.m.

Teacher: Cynthia Spencer

Washcloth Club



Knitted washcloths are wonderful. You not only can play with stitch patterns in a low-risk situation, and you can make the most *wonderful* presents! (Just add a bar of special soap and a ribbon.) If you know how to cast on, knit, and purl, you're ready for this class!

Price: \$38

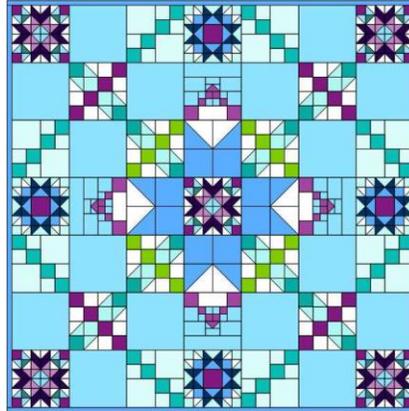
Supplies: Each class we will have a different washcloth pattern. (The teacher will send you an email with the specifics before each class.) In addition, you'll need some Ultra Pima cotton. You might want to choose a couple of coordinating skeins.

Date and Time: Tuesdays, June 30, July 14, and Aug. 18, all from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Teacher: Cindy Decker-Raynak

QUILTING CLASSES

Block of the Month



Block of the Month begins each January, but if you'd like to join in to make this stunning blue, green, and purple batik quilt, we can cut more packets! Approximately each month, you'll receive another packet, complete with fabrics and directions. (You'll need to do the cutting and sewing at home.)

This is a project handout, not a class that will walk you through how to make the quilt. Please **give us a call** (or send a text to 856-759-3420) if you'd like to join in! We'll get you caught up in a jiffy. You can get the packets mailed (we will add postage), or can do curbside pickup, or can make an appointment to pick up. Price: \$150 (the cost is for the pattern plus fabrics for the quilt top, not including the border).

T-Shirt Quilt



T-shirt quilts are special because they are about memories. We collect t-shirts while traveling on vacation, celebrating at concerts, competing at sporting events, or just to share our personal interests. In this class, you'll learn how to stabilize knit fabric so it's ready for piecing, how to combine logos of different sizes, and how to use cotton fabrics to fill in. You'll end up with the world's most special quilt! The class will be on Zoom.

Price: \$38.

Supplies: This class is on Zoom, so you need to have the following supplies at home: Machine and basic sewing supplies. T-shirts, interfacing. You should own a ruler, rotary cutter, and mat. Other supplies depend on your chosen size and project. On the first night, you'll discuss your project. You'll want to have at least 5 yards of interfacing before the class. You can either buy it from us online for mailing or curbside pickup, or make an appointment and stop by!

Date and Time: Tuesdays, June 30 and July 7, from 6-9 p.m.

Teacher: Cynthia Mazzant

Quilting 101 Table Runner



You have a sewing machine, and you want to learn how to quilt? This is the class for you! The only requirement is that before class, you use the manual of the machine to thread the machine and sew one line of stitching. If you have trouble with this, make an appointment with Cynthia.

Price: \$42

Supplies: This class is on Zoom, so you need to have the following supplies at home: Sewing machine, table-runner pattern (it's available on our website), fabrics as noted in the pattern, high-quality 100% cotton thread to match the project, rotary cutter (we recommend Olfa brand 45mm), cutting mat (we recommend the Creative Grids mat), straight pins, safety pins, table-runner batting (comes in our

kit). We would love it if you would pick up these supplies at Stitch Your Art Out to help support the shop. Please make an appointment to come in and choose!

Date and Time: Wednesdays, July 29, August 5, and August 12, from 4-6 p.m.

Teacher: Cynthia Spencer

New York Beauty



This classic block looks hard, but the paper piecing actually makes it easy. If you've made a few quilting projects, you can do this class! The class will be held on Zoom.

Price: \$38

Supplies: Pattern, and fabric as shown on the pattern. You'll need to have basic sewing supplies and a machine at home.

Date and Time: Tuesdays, August 18 and 25, from 3-5 p.m.

Teacher: Cynthia Spencer

OTHER CREATIVE CLASSES

Cross Stitch 101



Cross stitching is so much fun! During this class, Cynthia will walk you through the basics. By the end of a few hours, you'll be an expert. This class will be held on Zoom.

Price: \$28

Supplies: Your choice of a beginning pattern and floss, Q-Snap frame, cross-stitch needle. We will be putting a number of these up online, or you can make an appointment to come in and see them.

Date and Time: Thursday, Aug. 6, 3-5 p.m.

Creativity

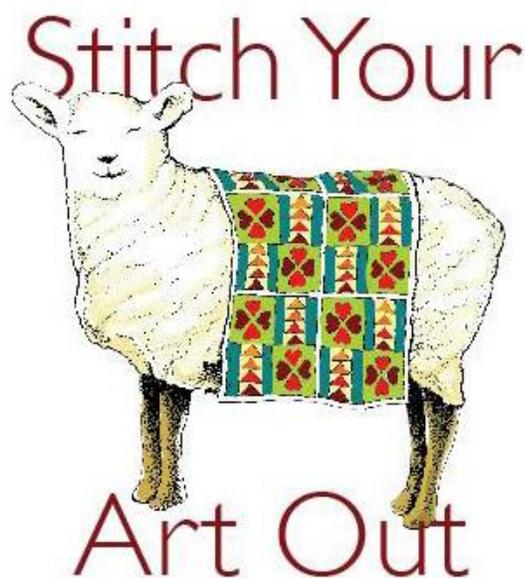
What is creativity? We'll explore that question, and play with creative exercises during the course of this Zoom class. We'll make things based on a prompt, and then show and tell them. The first prompt, which will be due for the first class on Sept. 2, is "Your eye color."

Price: \$38

Supplies: This will be an open-ended class, in any medium you choose—knitting, quilting, painting, or anything!

Date and time: Wednesdays, Sept. 2, Oct. 14, and Dec. 2, all from 6-8 p.m.

Teacher: Cynthia Spencer



I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and that we're part of the fun!

Cynthia