

Stitchin' News



What's in store at *Always In Stitches*

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Beach-bound visitors need this roomy bag

Headed to the beach this summer? Make a sassy tote with rope handles to carry your sunscreen, towel, book, sunglasses and snacks with room to spare for your needle craft project.



Get all the details and instructions for Big Canvas Beach Tote listed under Outdoor in the Project Index at Sew4Home.com.

While you're on the site, check out the very cool Let's Go Sew event we're bringing to Noblesville Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

\$5 off yarn



Fab Freebie Friday June 10

Use the promo code on our website home page June 10 to get \$5 off online yarn purchases of \$50 or more
Shipping is free



Down on the Farm captures Hoosier home-iness

Down on the Farm is our entry for this year's Row By Row Experience, which starts June 21 in quilt shops all over the United States and Canada – including the shops that will be part of our Shipshewana Bus Trip on July 15. (Trip details on page 4.)

Shops were asked to envision what they think of when they hear the words "Home Sweet Home." We love how Ruth Middleton captured the sweet home-iness of an Indiana barnyard in the row she designed for Always In Stitches. Aren't those little sheep darling?

There are all kinds of things to like about Row By Row. If you haven't experienced it in the past, start this year.

Each participating shop creates a pattern for a row. You get one for free just by walking in the door and asking. A fabric line is designated for Row By Row so colors and prints are complementary from one row to the next, though designs are very diverse.

Each participating shop also offers a prize that's given to the first person who brings in a completed quilt – not just the quilt top – that uses at least eight of this year's rows. Our prize is grand, filled with fat quarters, patterns, notions and fun.



There's lots of time to experience Row By Row; it continues through Sept. 6. How many quilt shops can you visit in those 15 weeks?

Row By Row on Facebook

Track rows nationwide at *Rowed Warriors Gallery 2016*
Track Indiana rows on *Indiana Row By Row Experience*



"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us." Psalm 90:17

♪ Sum-mer-time ♪ and the knittin' is easy

Rising temperatures are no reason to put away your knitting. Though the Big Aran sweater or a queen-sized afghan may not be the ideal summertime project, there are many lightweight and small ones for your knitting pleasure.

Looking for a challenge? Summer is a great time for knitting lace. There are hundreds of lace patterns to choose from at all skill levels. Find a complex circular shawl to work on or keep it simple with a light, lacy scarf. Looking for vacation knitting? Think small projects that are portable like socks, mittens and hats. You will be ready when the weather changes and get a jump on gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

If you want to knit a sweater, choose a spring or summer weight yarn. Cotton, linen, silk and many blends are available. A wool sweater for fall is not out of the picture if you don't mind knitting in a lighter weight yarn such as fingering or sport weight. It will take longer to knit but you won't be sorry when you see the drape you can achieve with a finer gauge fabric.

Want to explore patterns and yarns? Stop in. We will help you find something to keep your needles moving no matter the season or what you like to knit.

Sharon Rakow

Make a 9 Patch in Beginning Quilt Project

Wanna-be quilters, here's the class for you. Learn the process and techniques to quilting as you make a 9 Patch that can be used as a wall hanging, table topper or crib quilt. Veteran quilter Kathy Zook will lead you step by step as she offers sage tips and easy techniques that she's learned over time. The class is 12:30-4:00 June 15. The fee is \$30 plus supplies.

Click, visit or call to register.



We're hosting a Pillowcase Party

The Indianapolis chapter of Ryan's Case for Smiles (formerly ConKerr Cancer) invites anyone interested in helping make pillowcases to a Pillowcase Party, 4:30-7:30 June 21 at Always In Stitches. Colorful, kid-friendly pillowcases will be made for patients at Riley and Peyton Manning childrens hospitals. For more information, contact Darlene Burkes, (317) 437-4569 or indydarsmiles@gmail.com



Will you win the 1600 Race?

Boogity, boogity, boogity. Let's go racing. While NASCAR drivers are fueling Brickyard fever, you can race to make a complete 1600 quilt top, from 10:30-1 July 23. Piecing instructions provided as you race. It's so easy, you'll be done faster than you'll believe. Join us when the green flag drops to see if you can win, take home a prize, or have the most fun. Click, visit or call to register. \$15 to register.

June sizzlers in the machine department

0% financing for 48 months on machines \$3,000 or more

June 1-7 and June 29-July 12



25% off Janome accessories
All of June

We're sew-cial



Find quilting inspiration at our Handi Quilter classes

If you do your own quilting --- or would like to learn – you'll want to be part of these exciting classes that Handi Quilter Educator Harriet Carpanini will bring to the shop Sept. 8-10. Participants will expand their quilting skills and find inspiration for designs.

Each class is \$30, or you can buy the six-class pack for \$150, which is like getting one free.

STEPPING STONES TO QUILTING YOUR FIRST QUILT

10-1:00 SEPT. 8

This overview class is for everyone – whether you've never quilted and want to learn or if you already quilt. It covers the step-by-step quilting process, from selecting a design to the first quilting stitches. You will learn how to resize and apply designs, choose batting and backings, baste quilt tops, and all about threads, needles and tension. Take it, and you will be on your way to finishing your quilts!



FREE MOTION QUILTING FUN

2-5:00 SEPT. 8

Quilters everywhere *love* the excitement and fun of free motion quilting – and it's easier than you think! Create flowing designs by connecting simple design elements with continuous lines, traveling across the quilt or filling in a specific area. Learn how drawing and muscle memory contribute to beautiful free motion quilting, and how you can create stunning designs without being a natural artist.

3 Bs – BACKGROUNDS, BORDERS AND BLOCKS

10-1:00 SEPT. 9

Blocks, backgrounds, sashings and borders are the basic components of every pieced quilt top, and there are tricks to quilting them differently while creating a cohesive overall look. Learn how to select and adapt designs to complement each area, and how to accomplish the quilting efficiently and easily. Tried-and-true fillers and go-to designs will be featured.

CREATIVE TEXTURES AND FILLS

2-5:00 SEPT. 9

Meandering is the easiest and most common filler for background space, but there are limitless creative design elements to use instead. Come expand your design portfolio by learning the stitch path of a wide variety of creative filler designs. Learn which designs best lend themselves to micro quilting, and how to use micro handles for best results.

RULER MANIA

10-1:00 SEPT. 10

If you want precision and consistency in your quilting designs, you will love using design rulers and templates. These handy tools assist in accurately placing designs and precisely stitching them out. Learn to handle rulers and templates safely with the ruler base and how to achieve accuracy with the markings. The wide variety of Handi Quilter rulers will inspire you to new design heights.

INTRODUCTION TO THE HQ PRO-STITCHER

2-5:00 SEPT. 10

HQ Pro-Stitcher is an intuitive computer-guided quilting system designed especially for use with Handi Quilter longarm quilting machines. User-friendly and simple to operate, the step-by-step process for each function is easy to master and fun to do. Whether you're considering a quilting business or simply want to finish your own quilts, come see the elegant and precise quilting you can accomplish with an HQ Pro-Stitcher.

Make it your summer of fun needlecrafting

CROCHET

ANITA CROCHETS

Every Tuesday, 2-4:00 · Every Thursday, 5:30-7:30 · \$10

Bring a project to start, trouble shoot or finish at this hands-on class for all skill levels.

CROSS-STITCH

NEEDLE NUTS

Every Thursday · 4-7:30 · Free · Join in any week

Be ready to laugh and learn with this group of cross-stitch lovers. They've discovered the joy of cross-stitching and fellowship.

FIBER EVENTS OUTSIDE THE SHOP

HOOSIER HILLS FIBER FESTIVAL

June 3-4 · Johnson County Fairgrounds, Franklin

Spinning, weaving, rug hooking, crocheting, knitting, felting. Yarn, roving and fleece. Fiber art tools, workshops. www.HoosierHillsFiberFestival.com

QUILT SHOW

June 10-11 · 11-8:00 · Lawrence United Methodist Church, 5200 N. Shadeland · Free

Vintage and modern quilts in the sanctuary. Strawberry festival and BBQ in outdoor tent. www.lawrenceumc.com

CELEBRATION 2016

July 14-16 · Quilters Hall of Fame, Marion

Induction of Carolyn Mazloomi. Quilt shows, lectures, workshops, vendor mall. www.quiltershalloffame.net

FUN FOR ALL NEEDLE CRAFTERS

PILLOWCASE PARTY

June 21 · 4:30-7:30 · Free · Reservations appreciated

Make soft, kid-friendly pillowcases that will be given by Ryan's Case for Smiles to Riley and Peyton Manning Children's Hospital patients. Sewing skills not necessary to help.

SURPRISE PARTY

June 27 · 2-3:00 · \$12 · Click, visit or call by 5 p.m. June 24 to register

Always fun. Always a surprise. Enjoy a hands-on activity or presentation, light refreshments and a freebie to take home while in the company of like-minded stitchers. This month's theme: Needlefelting.

SHIPSHEWANA BUS TRIP

July 15 · 7 a.m.-10 p.m. · \$59.99 · Click, visit or call to register

A day of fun and fellowship. Tour intricate Quilt Gardens of Elkhart County, wander the interesting shops in Shipshewana, enjoy dinner at Das Essenhaus. Fee includes all of that, plus motorcoach transportation, breakfast snacks and an amazing AIS goodie bag.

KNITTING

KNITTER IN THE SPOTLIGHT: TIN CAN KNITS

In the Yarn Department all month

Simple, well-designed patterns for beginners, as well as lace work for more advanced knitters. Bring in the Tin Can Knits pattern of your choice, get 10 percent off yarn for the project.

OPEN KNIT AND OPEN STITCH

Every Monday, 10:30-12:30 · Every Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30-7:30 · Free

Drop in any session to get uninterrupted stitching time. Instructor on hand to help.

ONLY AT WWW.ALWAYSINSTITCHES1.COM! FAB FREEBIE FRIDAY

June 10 · Get \$5 off yarn purchases of \$50 or more · Shipping is free

Use the promo code on our website home page to cash in on the deal.

FAREWELL TO SHARON! KNITTING MOVIE KNIGHT

June 24 · 5-8:30 · \$10 · Click, visit or call to register

All the favorites are back for this Knit Movie Knight that will also be a chance to wish Sharon Rakow well in her new adventures. Knit your projects, watch a good movie, share pizza and snacks, get a chance to win a prize, and receive 15% off Yarn Department purchases June 24 before 5 p.m. or June 25.

QUILTING AND SEWING

FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS! RIVIERA BAG

June 7 and 14 · 3-5:00 · \$20 plus supplies · Click, visit or call to register

Purses are fun to sew, especially when you're sewing with others. Follow along step by step to make one of the most popular bag patterns from Pink Sand Beach.

BEGINNING QUILT PROJECT

June 15 · 12:30-4 · \$30 · Click, visit or call to register

Get step-by-step, start-to-finish directions and help as you learn quilting techniques. Make a 9 Patch wall hanging or table topper.

FREE MOTION QUILTING

June 15, Aug. 27 or Oct. 8 · 1-3:00 · \$30 plus \$5 kit · Click, visit or call to register

Make your quilt tops pop using basic designs, simple techniques. Susan Cook will have you quilting designs before this class ends that you didn't think you could when you registered.

LONGARM 101

June 20 · 11-Noon · \$25 · Click, visit or call to register

Learn basic operations of the Fusion 24 longarm machine, and then rent time on it to quilt your projects. Class fee pays for your first rental hour. Offered 3rd Monday of each month.

PATCHWORK TABLE RUNNER

June 21 · 5-7:00 · \$5 plus supplies · Click, visit or call to register

Make a table runner each month that celebrates something the following month using Shabby Fabrics patterns and your scraps. Join the class once, once in a while or every month. June runner: Star. July: Watermelon.

ROW BY ROW EXPERIENCE

June 21-Sept. 6

A nationwide (and Canada) do-it-yourself shop hop. Get a free pattern for shop-designed rows at each stop. Prizes and lots of fun along the way.

ALWAYS BEE QUILTING

July 6 · 11-3:00 · Free · Reservations appreciated

Pack up a project, your machine, hoops or handwork and come to the shop to work on it.

HANDI QUILTER QUILTING CLASSES

Sept. 8-10 · 3 hours each, two/day · \$60 each, six for \$150 · Click, visit or call to register

HQ National Educator Harriet Carpanini teaches techniques for all skill levels – first-time quilters to advanced. Each class offers a wealth of topics. Details on page 3.

NEW, MORE CONVENIENT DATE! LET'S GO SEW! SEWING ESCAPE

Sept. 30-Oct. 2 · \$199, includes all needed supplies · Register at www.Sew4Home.com

Make 3 great Sew4Home projects in 3 days while you use brand-new Janome machines. Enjoy conversation and fellowship with like-minded sewists. Everything provided.

**AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS IN OUR CLASSES OR EVENTS,
WE ASK THAT YOU NOT WEAR FRAGRANCES AND THAT YOU STEP OUT OF THE ROOM TO TAKE PHONE CALLS**