

# SEWING CENTER

OF WESLEY CHAPEL & TAMPA BAY

LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE AND SEW  
DECEMBER 2017

## DECEMBER MERRY CHRISTMAS

SAVE THE DATE  
ANITA GOODesign  
EVENT

ROCKEFELLER CENTER  
CHRISTMAS TREE

THE STORY OF  
ELIZABETH  
KECKLEY

**FREE  
SEWING  
PROJECTS!**

HOLIDAY DRESS &  
LAYERED  
QUILTING WITH  
APPLIQUÉ.

TIPS CORNER SECTION



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I'M DREAMING  
OF A WHITE  
*Christmas*  
❖

BUT IF THE WHITE  
RUNS OUT  
I'LL DRINK  
THE RED



## A BRIEF STORY OF THE ROCKEFELLER CENTER CHRISTMAS TREE!

The Rockefeller Center tree is located at Rockefeller Center, west of Fifth Avenue from 47th through 51st Streets in New York City.

The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree dates back to the Depression Era days. The tallest tree displayed at Rockefeller Center came in 1948 and was a Norway Spruce that measured in at 100 feet tall and hailed from Killingworth, Connecticut. The first tree at Rockefeller Center was placed in 1931. It was a small unadorned tree placed by construction workers at the center of the construction site. Two years later, another tree was placed there, this time with lights. These days, the giant Rockefeller Center tree is laden with over 25,000 Christmas lights.

The trees are now scouted by Erik Pauzé, Head Gardener at Rockefeller Center. Pauzé visits nurseries throughout the tri-state area while keeping his eye out for one-of-a-kind backyard trees. Trees may also be submitted for consideration through Rockefeller Center's web site. Pauzé and his team choose each year's tree based on its heartiness and "Christmas tree shape," as well as its ability to support the heavy ornaments.

Once a tree is selected, a crane supports the tree while it is cut, then moved to a custom telescoping trailer able to transport trees up to 125 feet (38 m) tall, although the width of city streets around Rockefeller Center limits the height of the tree to 100 feet (30 m). Local business Christmas Tree Brooklyn provides support in delivering the tree safely into the city. On its way to Manhattan, the tree is often dressed in giant red bows or banners extending holiday greetings to witnesses. Trucks, barges, and even a transport plane have all been used to help the tree make the trip.

Once at Rockefeller Center, the tree is supported by four guy-wires attached at its midpoint and by a steel spike at its base. Scaffolding is erected around the tree to assist workers in hanging about 50,000 multi-colored LED lights and the star top. The crystal star that has topped the tree since 2004 is 9.5 feet (2.9 m) in diameter and weighs 550 pounds (250 kg). This "Swarovski Star," containing 25,000 Swarovski crystals, 1 million facets, and LED lights, was created by German artist Michael Hammers.

## ROCKEFELLER CENTER CHRISTMAS TREE





*get ready*

SANTA'S ELVES

*are going to bring*

*"12 days of Christmas"*

  
Sewing Center

It's the  
little things  
in life  
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# WORKING WITH KNITS ON THE SERGER

*January, 15, 16 & 17*

SEATS ARE  
LIMITED

Deb Canham  
CLASS

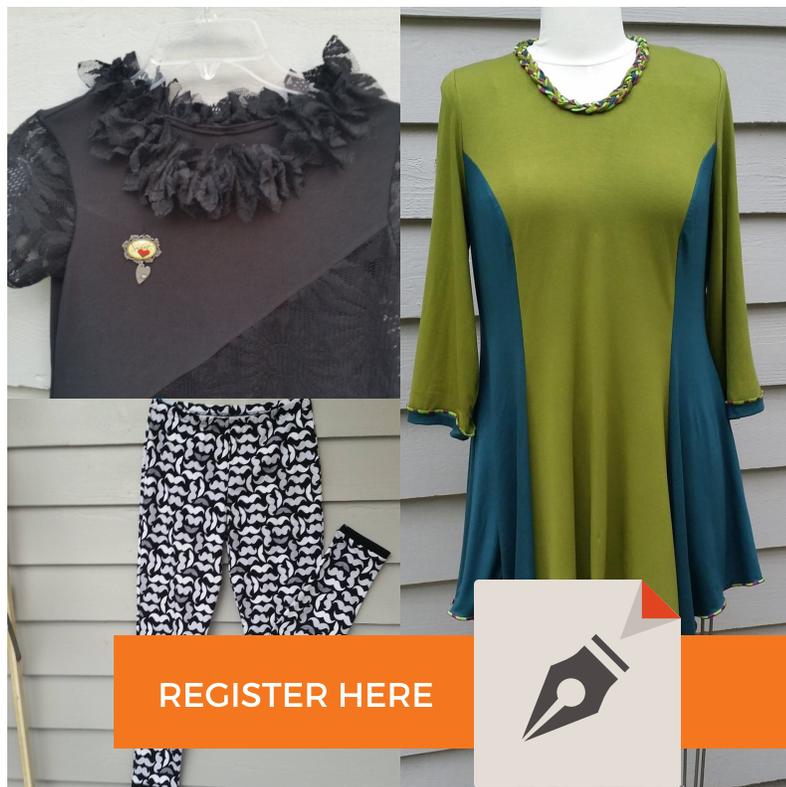


Join us as Deb Canham teaches us to sew knits with our Sergers! This 3 day event will teach every aspect of working with knits- what types of knit fabrics work best for your projects, patterning and sizing, sewing, and finishing techniques. You will complete a knit shirt, or pair of leggings along with many samples to showcase techniques.

Deb Canham has been a Sewing Educator since the 1970s, teaching classes in the U.K., Germany, Japan, and here in the US. She is a Babylock Ambassador and now lives in Venice, Florida. Deb has spent the last 20 years designing and working with her own factory in China and working as a Consultant to garment factories improving their quality control through education and system techniques.

## **WORKING WITH KNITS MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15-17**

This is a 3 days course which covers the various types of knits, how to select patterns and all the techniques needed to construct t-shirts, leggings and outfits on the serger. During the first two days students will complete samples of round necks, double neckbands, v neckband, inserting sleeves, bands and finishes. The third day they will complete their own t-shirt and/or leggings.



STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE:

1. 50 page spiral bound book.
2. Unlimited and continue access to 25 videos (\$20 for Videos on Flash drive instead)

# THE STORY OF ELIZABETH KECKLEY

From slave to  
White House designer

Elizabeth Keckley was born into slavery in 1818 in Dinwiddie County Court House, Dinwiddie, Virginia. Together with her mother Agnes, they lived in the house of Armistead and Mary Burwell where Elizabeth was assigned to be the nursemaid for their infant Elizabeth Margaret.

Elizabeth learned how to read and write from her mother. Agnes also taught her daughter how to sew. She was very talented and her sewing skills would later prove to be very valuable for her life and career.

When she was 14 years old, Elizabeth was sent to live with the eldest Burwell son Robert in rural North Carolina, where she was sexually abused and had a son, George.

She was finally sent to St. Louis, where her valuable dressmaking skills would eventually buy her freedom.

Elizabeth was determined that she wanted to be free and when she was already well known for her talents in her hometown of Dinwiddie, she was able to buy her freedom from her St. Louis owners for \$1,200 in November 1855. Now when she was a free woman she moved to Washington DC, where she opened her own dressmaking shop, providing dresses to the movers and shakers in Washington.

One of her first clients was Mrs. Robert E. Lee. Another was Mrs. Jefferson Davis, who offered Keckley the chance to go south with the Davis family, promising that he would take good care of her. However, she declined the offer and remained in Washington.



In 1861, Elizabeth met Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, and had made around 15 dresses for the first lady. She was also working for the widow of Stephen Douglas and the wives of several of Lincoln's cabinet members.





# THE STORY OF ELIZABETH KECKLEY

Eventually, Elizabeth Keckley was more than just Mary Todd Lincoln's dressmaker. She was also her friend. Mrs. Lincoln respected Elizabeth and turned to her for advice beyond fashion. On August 10, 1861, Elizabeth's son, George, who was only 21 years old, died in battle. At the beginning of 1862, 11-year-old, Willie Lincoln died of typhoid fever. Losses in both women's lives further tightened their bond.

Elizabeth was also there to provide support following the president's assassination and Mrs. Lincoln's transition out of the White House.



Their friendship ended abruptly in 1868 when Elizabeth published her memoir about her life as a slave and her time spent with the Lincolns in the White House, entitled *Behind the Scenes: Thirty Years a Slave and Four Years in the White House*.

She wrote her memoir in part to salvage the former first lady's reputation after the war, but Mrs. Lincoln viewed the book as a betrayal and cut off contact with her former best friend.

After this, Elizabeth lost most of her clientele and became impoverished. She later served as a sewing instructor at Wilberforce University.

Elizabeth Keckley died in the National Home for Destitute Colored Women and Children in Washington, D.C. in 1907.



FOR THE LOVE OF SEWING



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GLANCE**

*Calendar*



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Create a warm welcome for all who will enter your home for the holidays! Make this simple personalized wall quilt to hang on your door or in your entryway to add color and beauty to your holiday décor. Your guests will be delighted to see your handiwork!

Here is a little advise for our friends who live in the North where you can feel a severe winter weather



## HOW TO “WINTERIZE YOUR SEWING MACHINE”

### PLAN AHEAD!



All sewing machines need to be at room temperature for optimum use. Leaving a sewing machine in a car all day prior to an evening class is not advised. Cold mechanics and sub-frozen circuit boards do not provide the desired results and can sometimes damage items if turned on under extreme cold conditions. And DO let it warm up before turning it on. If you work, find a place it can hangout indoors for the day.





## TIPS CORNER

THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE BELOVED HOST AND CO-PRODUCER OF "SEWING WITH NANCY" -NANCY ZIEMAN.

### NANCY'S TIP OF THE MONTH:

Use a calendar to quickly keep track of what you've sewn or quilted in a year. Pin a swatch of fabric at the date completed along with a few notes. You might amaze yourself with what you accomplished in a year.



# ANITA ™ GOODESIGN

We will have a fun event, full of new designs and techniques. Keep checking our calendar for more information.

Women's Club of Zephyrhills  
38545 5th Av.  
Zephyrhills, Fl. 33542

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**FEBRUARY**

**24TH & 25TH 2018**

**FROM 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**AT WOMEN'S CLUB OF ZEPHYRHILLS**

*Calendar*



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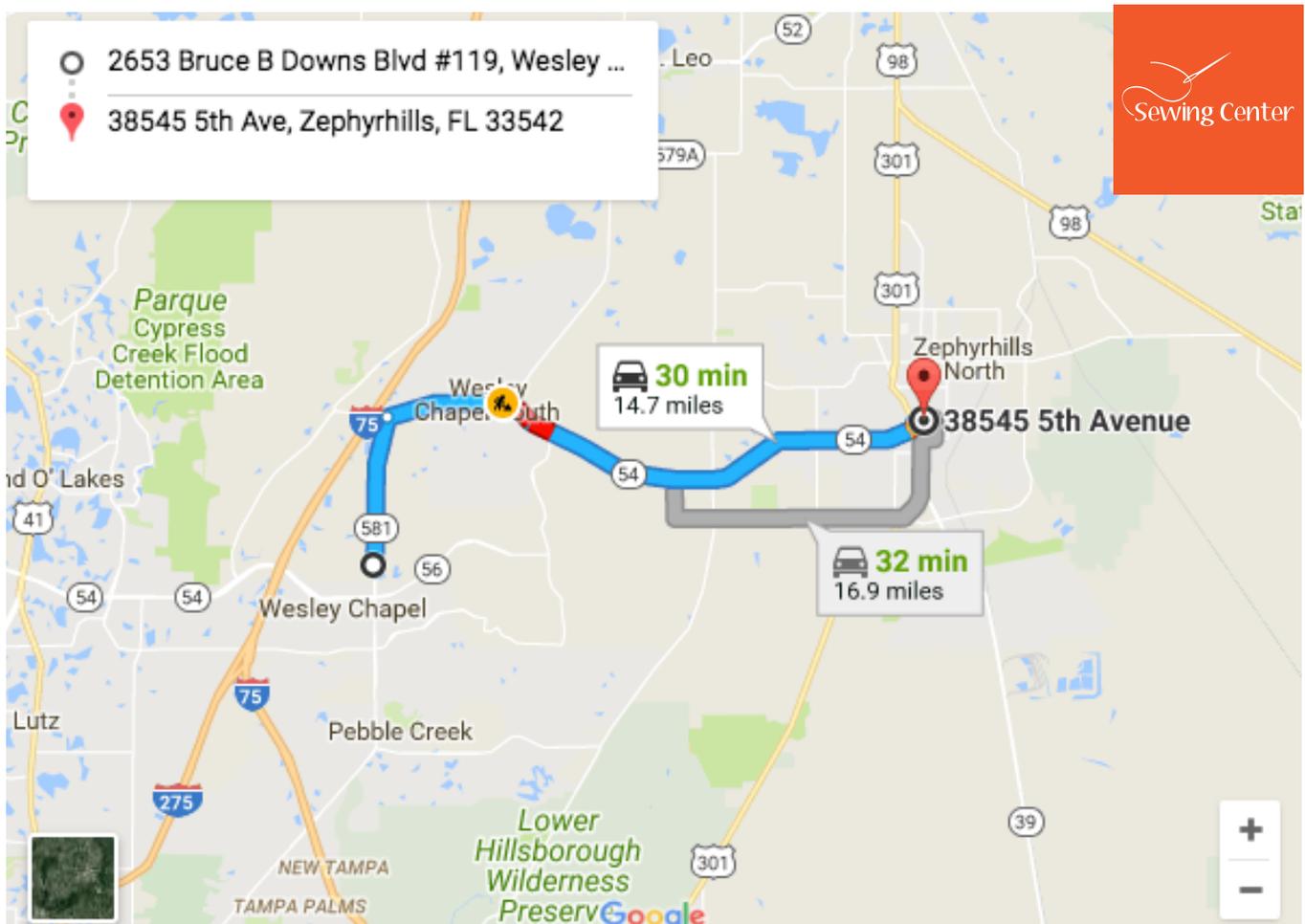
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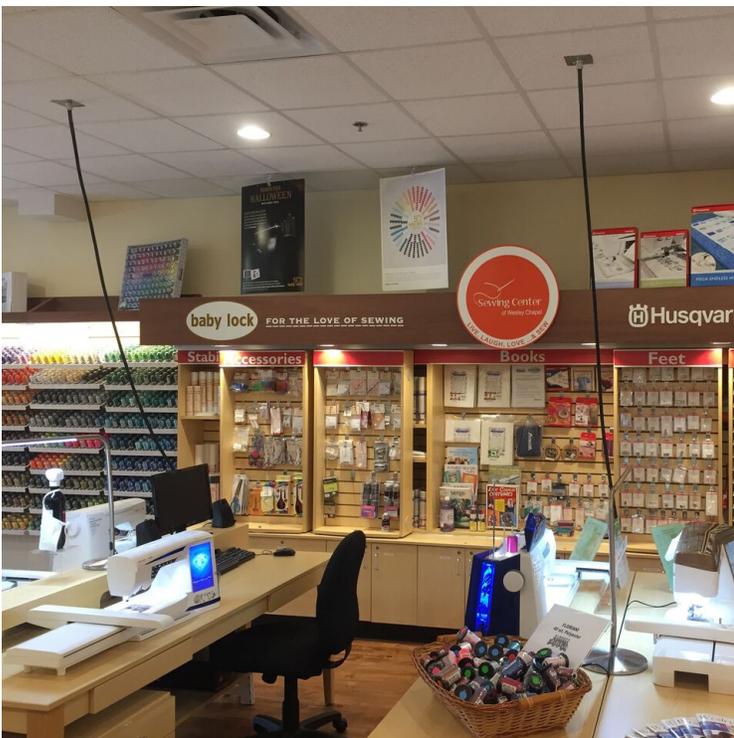
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**BUY LOCAL**  
**BE LOCAL**

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**SEWING CENTER OF WESLEY CHAPEL  
& TAMPA BAY.**

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