

Cobblestone Cupboard Newsletter

July-Sept 2008

For a summer we have a lot going on. Carol & Bert are going to Bernina University 15-19 July, with the big issue the new Bernina 830. We have an Elna educator here in July and Alex Anderson in St. Louis in Sept, and Carol & I are vacationing in Colorado in August. That's just the main things!

Elna Educator Seminar

July 21 Learn Techniques from a Pro. We have an Elna Educator that will demonstrate techniques & tips for the Sewing Machines, Embroidery Machines, and Sergers for Quilting related projects, with lots of samples, plus some Home Dec techniques. We will charge a nominal fee of \$10. And as usual we'll have handouts and/or prizes. Also we have a special fabric sale for attendee's, 30% Off, 1 yard minimum..

We are hosting two sessions: 2-3:30 and 6-7:30. Please let us know which time you wish to attend. AND, we will have special pricing on Elna machines July 21-26.

Also, Tuesday July 22, we and Sew It Seams (Cindy Schaper's shop on Manchester) are hosting another day, same times etc. at Sew It Seams, . The difference is this session will feature Fashion Sewing (Children to Adults) & Home Dec. Many of you will want to attend both events. Sew It Seams is just a block or two East of Lindbergh on Manchester on the south side of Manchester. Special Machine prices also available at Sew It Seams.

Alex Anderson Program

Who is more fun and trustworthy than Alex. All of the St. Louis District Bernina Dealers are hosting a major Alex Anderson program in St. Louis at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac on South Lindbergh Thursday, September 18. We expect 400 or more so get your tickets early. Tickets are only \$24/person. You can enjoy a continental breakfast ahead of the presentation, with ample time for book signing, pictures, etc. after. We have a limited number of tickets at Cobblestone Cupboard so reserve your space as soon as possible.

Sewing/Embroidery Machine News.

Elna has just come out with a new top-of-the-line combo machine at a pretty attractive price. It does a lot and has software less expensive than most. You will see it if you attend the Elna Educator Seminar.

Bernina has a new machine expected to be available in the fall. It is designated Artista 830, and we are pretty sure it has a very large embroidery field and probably larger arm for quilting room. The 830 is not a replacement for the 730 (which is staying in the inventory). Truthfully, that's all we know, but next week at Bernina U in Kansas City we will see and play with it a little.

Special Hours:

We will be Closed August 30 for Labor Day

Fabric Sales

July 22-26 - All regular priced fabric 20%.

Juki 98Q Quilter's Sewing Machine

We have a Juki 98Q extended arm length sewing machine. Works great for those who just want a large area for sewing or free hand quilting, or to go on extended arm quilting frame like our New Joy. For the free-hander's, it includes a good size table top table and extra thread cutting on the foot control (commercial style) for hands free operation. Also sew's faster than most consumer machines with many commercial features. Also has" Free Hand" knee lift feature.

New in Fabric

We have a new selection of Osaburg (home spun type cotton) in all new colors. Great for napkins, purses & totes, place mats, curtains etc.

Unique. Blank fabrics is providing an opportunity to win a Caribbean Cruise, and if one of our customers win, Carol gets to go also. Very easy, just fill out a small form and submit. Why not try.

—Classes — General ----Please sign up for classes early. Class sizes are limited. If space is available, enrollment will be accepted up until the first class period. But don't delay, classes are occasionally canceled because folks that wanted the class did not call to sign up until the last minute.

You must buy the basic supplies at Cobblestone Cupboard where applicable, and will receive a 15% class discount. If you are interested in a class that doesn't fit your schedule, please call. Find 3 friends and we can design/schedule a class just for you. NOTE: first number on class title line indicates number of sessions for a class. Classes 10-1:30 or longer includes 1/2 hour to eat lunch.

1- Free sew Along - Carol
Come quilt & sew with friends. Finish up a project and get advice, or just have company. This is your chance to get sewing. Come for afternoon, evening, or the whole time. RSVP with your time frame is a help. Sat. Aug 2, Sept 6 *3pm-10pm*. Free.

1- Star Bright quilt - Ruth
Uses the Quilt in a Day Flying Geese ruler for perfect star points, easily. Has little waste and the easiest way possible. We'll use the New Table Runner book with many great designs which can be expanded into full quilts.

Mon July 14 9:30-3 \$25

1- 9 Patch - Carol
Great for beginners. This class will teach rotary cutting and simple, accurate piecing. You can make home dec (pillows or placemats), or wall to King quilts after you master the 9 patch.

Wed July 23 10:30-2 OR 6-9 \$18

1- Paper Pieced Geisha Dolls - Ruth
Make 1 to learn technique, make more for great wall quilt or gifts. Also great way to learn paper piecing. Pattern included.

Thurs July 24 6-9 \$18

1- Stack & Whack Table Runner - Ruth
Suitable for beginners. A great introduction to Stack & Whack, or if you've done it before just a great project. From the book Mostly Table

Runners III.
Fri July 25 6-9 OR
Wed July 30 10-1 \$18

1- Phylis's Flap Purse - Carol
This fun purse has a changeable flap to give you different looks in seconds. Also a great gift. Suitable for beginners. Designed by local artist.

Sat July 26 10-2:30 \$20

1/2- Basic Sewing - Carol
Great start to learn how to read patterns, cut out clothes, and do home dec. Also learn to use your sewing machine. Come to one class or both.

Tues July 29 &/OR Aug 12
10:30 - 3:30 1 class \$26, both for \$45

1- Simple in Blue Runner - Ruth
Another from the book "Top it with a Runner". Doesn't have to be in "blue", but does look great in monochrome. Strip pieced, suitable for most beginners.

Thurs July 31 1-4 OR 6-9 \$15

1- Log Cabin - Carol
A great quilt and great even for beginners. Make your own original by varying it by choice of colors and settings.

Thurs Aug 7 10-3 \$25

1- Card Tricks Workshop - Ruth
Titled "Winning Hands" this is the Card Tricks displayed in startling black & white in shop. Bring lunch.

Mon Aug 11 10-2:30 OR
Sat Nov 15 10-2:30 \$24

1- Binding - Carol
An important skill for all quilters. Learn how to make "continuous" binding & miter corners, or just refresh your skill.

Wed Aug 13 10-1:30 \$18

3- Simply A Pleasure Table Runner / Placemat - Ruth

A quite simple to produce project that can be subtle or startling depending upon choice of main fabric. See samples.

Sat Aug 16 10-1 OR
Fri Sept 26 6-9 \$18

1- Couldn't be Easier Runner - Ruth
Another "easy" way to use that beautiful print you don't want to cut up. From book "Mostly Table Runners III".

Fri Aug 22 6-9 OR
Sat Sept 13 10-1 \$18

1- Double Pinwheel Quilt - Ruth
From Eleanor Burns, so you know it's as easy as possible. Very neat looking. Workshop.

Sat Aug 23 9:30-3 OR
Mon Sept 8 9:30-3 \$25

1- Machine Quilting - Carol
The finishing touch to projects, wall art, or quilts. Learn the following techniques; grid, free motion, continuous curves, stippling, and echo quilting.

Fri Aug 29 10:30-2 \$18

2- Quilt as you Go - Ruth
2 sessions. When blocks are sewn together, you're done!

Wed Sept 10, 24 10-1 \$30

1- Mill Girls - Pam

This precious quilt with an old fashion look uses 1/4 square triangles, and they are quite easy and you will catch on fast. From Elm Creek Quilts.

Mon Sept 22 10-3:30 \$25

1- Windy Day - Ruth

Pin Wheels and Prairie Points make a great table topper or quilt. Whimsical with the Prairie Point on the inside instead of out.

Wed Oct 15 1-5 OR

Sat Oct 25 10-2:30 \$24

1- Thangles - Pam

You'll be on your way to a neat lap quilt with half square triangles. The blocks are made easy using half square triangles using the Thangles paper.

Tues Sept 16 10:30-1:30 OR

Thurs Sept 18 6-8:30 \$15

1- Stack & Slash - Ruth

Back by popular demand. An extremely easy way to make a very colorful quilt.

Sat Oct 18 10-2:30 \$24

1- Cactus Flower - Ruth

Everyone notices our striking example. The seemingly curved design is done with no curved piecing. Very cool.

Tues Oct 21 10-2:30 OR

Thurs Nov 13 10-2:30 \$24

2- Geese on the Loose - Pam

This is a Toby Lischko pattern (taught the workshop here for Circle of Friends). A very cool paper piecing pattern, and Pam makes paper piecing easy to learn. You'll finish at home.

Thurs Oct 16 & 23 10-12 OR 6-8

\$24

Embroidery Club

Embroidery Club - Carol

If you are doing the Hands On option, you MUST register for class so we reserve enough space and to get any supply list. We'll still have show-n-tell, new items, and teach you techniques. Both Saturday & Thursday sessions are at 10am.

Sat July 12 OR Thurs July 24 \$10

Quilting with embroidery. Finding designs, batting's, and placement. Quilts, placemat's, coasters, and a special tissue holder.

Sat Aug 9 OR Thurs Aug 28 \$10

Gifts for all occasions, including billfolds.

Sat Sept 20 OR Thurs Sept 25

TBD

Remember, if you want a class and can get a couple of your friends, we can find a time to accommodate you.

We're excited to host Alex Anderson. This will mostly be a lecture, but she is always a lot of fun and very energetic. Since she is an official Bernina Spokeperson, I'm sure you will also get some interesting information about Bernina. We know by experience she likes to get up close and personal, she's definitely a "people person".

Because we've had a lot of people, for years, wanting an inexpensive machine with a large space for quilting, we worked out a deal to carry some Juki machines. The one we have been after is the 98Q. It is only a straight stitch machine but sews very well and fast, with a lot of features for the money.