

NeedleNews

Monthly newsletter from Needleworks Fabrics and Classes

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We have had a busy year and are looking forward to a few months of rest!!!! Ok, we'll take a break once the Festival of Quilts at Heritage Park (May 24 & 25) is done....wait, the Swap & Shop is on June 7th, we'll take a break after that!...No, we will then be getting ready for our KidSew Summer Camps!!!!!! Maybe in the fall things will slow down.

As you can see we have lots happening at Needleworks. We are always busy with planning new class ideas, promoting, making samples and teaching our classes. We have some great ideas for the fall and are looking forward to getting them worked out. We hope to have some new instructors join us who can teach different skills and interest areas....home décor to name one!

Swap & Shop

Sat. June 7

10am-5pm

Our 3rd Annual Swap & Shop is scheduled for June 7. Start sorting and packaging and getting ready to "recycle" your sewing and crafting leftovers. See the web site for more details. Don't forget to come and shop for some super bargains. We'll have lots of

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fabrics, books, patterns, magazines and other items. Sewing Machines too!

Preferred Customer discount cards will go in the mail at the end of June. Spend \$300 every three months and we'll send you a discount card to use for all your purchases in the following 3 months (except class registration). Contact the store or check the web site for more details. Make sure we have your snail mail address.

Treat Yourself Tuesdays: Our TYT have become a weekly event, so no need to count Tuesdays, just come every week and sew with us from 1-4pm. Bring along whatever project you are working on (clothing, quilting, or mending) and join us for a chat with a little bit of creativity thrown into the mix. Come for all three hours or whatever fits your schedule. Everyone is welcome....we'll learn from each other and be inspired! Only \$8 for the afternoon....GST and coffee/tea included. Call the store for more details.

Come,

let us teach & inspire your creative side

Some of our classes don't have dates listed. Contact the store and let us know what you are interested in and we'll work on scheduling at your convenience.

Sewing:

Adult Beginner Sewing: This class is for those who haven't sewn before or who haven't sewn for a long time. This is also a great time to learn how to use your new or new to you sewing machine. Students will make two projects: a tote bag and a pullover top. We are working on class dates for the end of May, early June.

T-Shirt: With summer approaching, why not make yourself a wardrobe basic? Chose a simple t-shirt pattern and learn how to make minor adjustments and sew with knits on your sewing machine and/or serger. \$60. Wednesday, June 4 & 11; 6:30-9:30pm

Bra-Making 101: Let Jane help you to fit and sew a professionally made bra that fits you perfectly. On day 2, Learn how to add designer details to your second bra. The cost includes kits for both bras. \$210, Sat & Sun, June 14 & 15; 9am-5pm. You will be required to come Friday evening for a pre-class fitting.

Palmer Pletsch - We have a certified Instructor who teaches the following classes. Cindy will give you lots of tips and ideas for beautifully constructed garments.

- **Perfect Fit Blouse:** Learn how to alter the bust darts or seams on a blouse so that you *will* want to wear it and make it again. Our Palmer Pletsch instructor will show you how.
- **Classic Skirt:** Learn how to fit and sew a lined skirt with a full waistband and zipper.
- **20 Designer Tips:** Learn from a Palmer Pletsch instructor as she presents these tips that will change our sewing dramatically for a more professional look to all your sewing projects. There is no supply list for this class. just an open mind and a coffee cup.

Fun:

Free Motion Thread Painting: Drop your feed dogs and get in touch with your artistic side in this 2-part Free Motion Thread Painting Class. Learn all about the techniques and tools you'll use and "paint" a small flower on your regular sewing machine. Thread and Fabric Kit included. Monday, June 9 & 16; 1-4pm

KidSew Summer Camps

We are excited about our plans for the summer. Here is the list of what we are planning. All classes are currently scheduled for the mornings. If any classes fill, we can schedule additional classes in the afternoons (1-4pm). We are trying to keep instruction costs as low as possible and would therefore appreciate all supplies being purchased at Needleworks.

- **Pre-KidSew Camps** are for new and younger sewers who want to try sewing without a long or big time commitment. We have 2 camps planned with choice of a number of simple sewing projects. We expect that these classes will be a hit with the younger sewers. \$60 includes project supplies. Wed-Fri, July 2-4; 10am-noon or Mon-Wed, July 21-23; 10am-noon.
- **Sew Camp:** Skirt/T-shirt/Vest: We will again offer this great opportunity to sew clothes. No previous sewing experience is required. \$130 plus supplies. Mon-Fri, July 7-11;
- **Open Sew Camp** Children will be allowed to work on any project of their choice. The children need to be prepared for their project with all supplies. \$130 plus supplies. Mon-Fri, July 14-18;
- **1-2-3 Quilt Camp** Chose from 3 quilts and learn how to use rotary cutters, sew accurate seam allowances, and finish with machine tacking. \$130 plus supplies. Mon-Fri, Aug 11-15;
- **Open Quilt Camp.** Experienced sewers/quilters can work on a project of their choice. \$130 plus supplies. Mon-Fri, August 18-22;
- **Hand Dyed Flower Garden*:** The children will design their own floral wall hanging, mix the dyes and dye their fabric, machine appliqué, quilt and bind their quilts. This class is designed for those who have sewing experience at Needleworks. \$160 includes supplies. Tues-Fri, August 5-8;

Serqing:

Beginner Serger: This class is for those who know very little about their sergers. Paced so that you can learn to use your serger properly and with confidence, the instructor will teach you many time saving tips and tricks to enable you to get the most out of your serger. You will make three practical projects to show off your new skills as well making samples for a sample book.

Quilting:

We offer 2 beginner quilting classes. These classes are designed to teach you the basics of quilt making. Learn how to use rotary cutters, sew with accurate seam allowances, layer, quilt and stitch binding to the quilts. Each class is 5 lessons long. The first is a bit easier, you make the same block over and over. The 2nd class teaches a few more techniques.

- **1-2-3 Quilting:** Chose from 3 different quilt designs in 3 different sizes.
- **Quilter's Primer:** This class is a 6-block sampler where , you will learn how to make triangles, measure and add sashing and borders.

Free Motion Quilting-Beginner: This class will have you creating beautiful quilting stitches in no time. Use a practice quilt to learn and master some beautiful fill stitches for your next quilt. Students will also learn how to use templates and master marking the quilt. Tues. May 13 & 20; 6:30-9:30pm

Free Motion Quilting-Feathers: Learn how to create beautiful feathers that fly. Students will learn 3 methods of stitching feathers in this great no-mark technique. Tues, May 27; 6:30-9:30pm

KidSew® Program

At Needleworks, we are pleased to offer a sewing certificate for our school age sewers. Children can work towards sewing certificates in a variety of different projects. Contact the store for more details.

Class Registration is \$50 for 6 hours of instruction. Weekdays, the registration is on-going and students are asked to register for a minimum of 4 (1 1/2 hour) lessons at a time. Saturdays, we have picked 3 dates per month, each 2 hour lessons. A 10% discount is offered for each child that registers for more than one session at a time.

Classes are offered

- Monday 4:30-6pm
- Tuesday 4:30-6pm
- Wednesday: 4:30-6pm (Junior High)
- Thursday: 9-11am (for homeschooled children) 4-5:30 or 5:30-7pm
- Friday (for homeschooled children); 9-10:30am, 10:30am-noon, or 1-2:30pm
- Saturday; Chose any 3 hour slot on May 10 or 31. 9am-noon, 1-4pm \$25 each

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Needleworks Class Registration Policies

Full Payment is required at the time of registration. - GST is added to the cost of all classes. A supply list will be given at time of registration. - Please confirm class is running before purchasing class supplies. - Students are encouraged to purchase their class supplies at Needleworks. This helps us to offer classes at reasonable rates. - Students purchasing their supplies at Needleworks will receive 10% off their purchases. - Full details of registration policy can be found on the website. www.needleworks.org