

# HINTS & NEWS

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### Special points of interest:

- *The Gypsy Situpon™ and The Gypsy Bitty Buddy™*
- *Smart Bag Interfacing—A Super Easy Way to Make a Tote Bag*
- *Brother's New Laura Ashley Quilting Machine*
- *Bernina's New 3 Series Line*
- *Dakota Collectibles \$19.95 Close-out Designs*
- *Dakota Collectibles AlphaSizer Max for Vista and Windows 7.*

## Summer Quilting Festivals Abound

The second annual *South Lebanon School House Quilt Show* is almost upon us to kick off the summer season June 11-13, 2010. Friday and Saturday hours are 9-5 and Sunday noon-5. Forty handmade quilts by Lois Thacker of South Lebanon will be featured and there will be 25+ vendors, plus scissor sharpening, quilt raffles, book signings, quilts and handcrafted items for sale, a quilt auction, food and door prizes. For more information call 513-494-1308 or 513-290-6464 or [www.quiltshow.webs.com](http://www.quiltshow.webs.com). *The Original Creative Festival* will be held June 24-26, 2010 at the Sharonville

Convention Center. This annual event includes seminars, lectures and workshops taught by top industry teachers, make-it and take-its, free ongoing demonstrations, a quilt contest, free fashion shows and stage presentation, special quilts, dolls and wearable art exhibits, plus plenty of shopping opportunities in the vendor malls. For more information on this show go to [www.pcmexpo.com](http://www.pcmexpo.com). Kramer's has discount admission coupons. Finally, mark the dates of September 9-11 for the Quilting, Stitches and Crafts Expo at the Sharonville Convention Center. See Mark Lipinski, author of *The*



*Quilts of Pickle Road*, get involved in Aunt Ruth's **Art Quilt Challenge** and join the Sit and Sew A 6 Hour Quilt by Kaye Wood for the Love-Quilt Connection. For more info and to buy tickets online go to [qscexpos.com](http://qscexpos.com).

## Summer Sewing Camps for Children & Teens

There are still a few openings available in Kramer's Summer Sewing Camps for kids (8-12) and teens, starting June 14 and running through August 13. All camps are \$150. Call 891-5005 to sign up. These spots will fill quickly!

### Kid's Camps

June 14-18	10-noon
July 19-23	10-noon
July 19-23	1-3 pm
Aug 9-13	10-noon
Aug 9-13	1-3 pm

### Intermediate Camp

Aug 2-6 3-5 pm

### Teen Camps

June 28-July 2	3-5 pm
July 26-30	10-noon
July 26-30	1-3 pm

## Brother Releases Laura Ashley Quilting Machine



Brother International has introduced a new quilting sewing machine, **the Innovis Laura Ashley NX-2000**. This machine features a large opening to accommodate lots of fabric for free motion sewing and the **Automatic Height Adjuster™ AHA® Feature** to achieve perfectly formed stitches to sew over varying fabric thicknesses and intersecting seams, perfect for stitching home décor and quilts with varying fabric types, appliqués & embellishments. There are 460 sewing stitches, 430 built-in and 30 on CD, including 12 styles of one-step buttonholes and

3 sewing lettering fonts. **Directional Feeding** allows straight stitches to sew in eight directions and zigzag in four directions. This is useful for sewing in small areas that cannot be manipulated easily, such as sleeves and baby clothes. **Super bright LED lights** help reduce eye strain when sewing on dark fabrics and ensure accurate seams and stitch quality. A **7-point feed dog system** makes it possible to create beautifully formed decorative stitches at high speeds with minimal fabric guiding. Focus on what you love—sewing—and let the machine do the rest! **Thread Sensors** alert the machine to automatically stop sewing prior to running out of bobbin thread and display a low bobbin indicator on the screen, while the upper thread tension sensor recognizes when

upper thread is empty or broken. Keep your NX-2000 current with **Computer Connectivity with Update Capability** to install free machine updates from your computer.

The NX-2000 comes equipped with **15 Accessory Feet** including a stitch guide foot, appliqué foot, three free motion feet, walking foot, buttonhole foot and adjustable zipper foot.

Other accessories include:

### Circular Sewing Bundle

Circular sewing attachment makes concentric circles, arcs and more. Embellish your creations with decorative threads using the included braiding and cording feet.

### Bobbin Work Bundle

Instructions are included to make three dimensional stitchery. Specialty thread bobbin case, slotted bobbin cover and adjustment tool, as well as the easy-to-set bobbin cases, make “upside down” sewing easy!

### Hands Free Knee Lifter

### Open Arm Sewing

### Large Extension Table

› Easy to install and expands your sewing work area to easily handle large projects like drapes, tote bags and garments.

## Bernina Introduces Stylish 3 Series

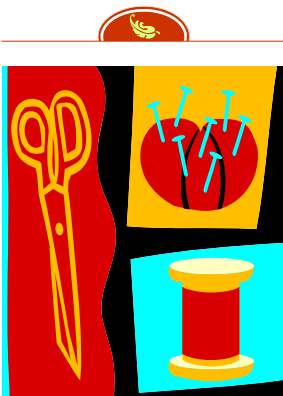


Bernina is introducing an affordable line of sewing machines that combines superior performance, outstanding durability and incredible Swiss engineering. This stylish design reflects the high performance and quality of the machine. The 3 Series is perfect for women who are interested in upgrading their sewing capabilities to the superior performance of a Bernina. The machines will be available in mid-Summer.

## Dakota Collectibles New AlphaSizing Max—Now for Vista & Windows 7

Dakota Collectibles has a terrific program for those who wish to combine Superior Lettering, Sizing Capabilities, and Program Translation at an affordable price. Program features include custom baseline for lettering, individual **letter** control, letter stitch order options, keyboard lettering height and width adjustment, lettering density control, auto and manual letter kerning, lettering line type setting, transformation: bridge, balloon, pennant, squeeze, on-screen design sizing capabilities, resize, rotate, transform, mirror, and combine multiple designs, open/save major home & commercial formats with enhanced 3D stitch mode/view. This program includes 14 fonts and 75 FREE Designs.

## New Products for Quilters



If you've had problems sewing for long periods of time because of the pain from sitting too long, Sue found a solution for you at one of her quilting retreats. The Gypsy Sit Upon™ is a softly inflated disc that prevents fatigue and reduces pressure on the tailbone. This helps relieve lower back pain, strengthen

core muscles and improve posture. The nubby texture allows airflow and promotes improved blood circulation. The Sit Upon™ is also great for pregnant gals!

Sue also found another terrific new product called The Gypsy Bitty Buddy™. This is a collapsible canister to collect trimmings and

snippings that occur with every quilting or sewing project and keep them out of the way of the vacuum brush or broom bristles. The Bitty Buddy is lightweight and collapsible and packs easily for classes and retreats or is equally at home in your sewing room.

# June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sew Mach Basics 10-12/6-8p	2 Jan Dig Jr 6-8p	3	4 All About Me 1:30-3:30p	5
6	7 Jan Dig Pro/MB #1 6-8p	8 Hems 10-12/6-8p	9 Mastery #3 3-5/6-8p	10	11	12 <i>Lebanon Quilt Show</i>
13 <i>Lebanon Quilt Show</i>	14 Jan Dig Pro/MB #2 6-8p	15 Bro PE Des v8 #1 6-8p	16 Master Serg #2 3-5/6-8p	17 Embr Proj 1-5p	18 Open Sewing 1-6p	19 Embr Proj 1-4p
20	21 Jan Dig Pro/MB #3 6-8p	22 Bro PE Des v8 #2 6-8p	23 BES Lettering 6-8p	24	25	26 <i>Sharonville Quilt Show</i>
27	28	29 Bro PE Des v8 #3 6-8p	30			

# July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6 Twisted Bargello #1 6-9p	7 Crazy About Curves 6-8p	8 Tradewinds #1 6-9p	9 Free Motion Fridays 2-4, 4-6, or 6-8p	10
11	12 Jan Dig Pro/MB #1 6-8p	13 Log Cabin Quilt #1 6-9p	14 Mastery Sew #4 3-5/6-8p	15 Embr Proj 1-5p	16	17
18	19	20	21 Master Embr #1 6-8p	22 Tradewinds #2 6-9p	23	24 Free Motion Quilting 11-3
25	26 Jan Dig Pro/MB #2 6-8p	27	28 MonoWiz 6-8p	29	30	

# August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Jan Dig Pro/MB #3 6-8p	3 Twisted Bargello #2 6-9p	4 BuzzTools 6-8p	5 Ideal Tote Bag #1 6-9p	6 All About Me 1:30-3:30p	7
8	9 Ber Des+ v6 #1 6-8p	10 Log Cabin #2 6-9p	11 Mastery Sew #5 6-8p	12 Ideal Tote Bag #2 6-9p	13 Free Motion Fridays 6-8p	14
15	16 Ber Des+ v6 #2 6-8p	17 ELS Lettering 6-8p	18 Master Embr #2 3-5/6-8p	19 Embr Proj 1-5p	20	21
22	23 Ber Des+ v6 #3 6-8p	24 Serger Basics 10-12/6-8p	25 BES Lettering 6-8p	26	27	28
29	30	31 Sew Machine Basics 10-12/6-8p				

# September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Customizer 11000 6-8p	2	3	4
5	6	7 Sewing 101 #1 10-12/6-8p	8 Mastery Sew # 6 3-5/6-8p	9	10 All About Me 1:30-3:30p	11
					Quilt Show	
12	13 Bro PE Des v8 #1 6-8p	14 Sewing 101 #2 10-12/6-8p	15 Master Serg #1 3-5/6-8p	16 Embr Proj 1-5p	17	18
19	20 Bro PE Des v8 #2 6-8p	21 Sewing 101 #3 10-12/6-8p	22 MonoWiz 6-8p	23 Mystery Party #1 6-9p	24 Free Motion Fridays 2-4, 4-6, or 6-8p	25
26	27 Holiday Gift Ideas 6-9p	28 Sewing 101 #4 10-12/6-8p	29 Bro PE Des v8 #3 6-8p	30 Mystery Party #2 6-9p		

## Sue Fulton's Quilting Classes

### Beginning Quilt Class

If you've always wanted to learn how to quilt, one of the following classes will be ideal for you. As with any sewing technique, quilting has equipment and supplies that make it easy to produce professional results. Learn how to use tools that will make the cutting, piecing and pressing of the quilt top fun and easy to do. A sewing machine in good working order is required, as well as basic knowledge of how to use the machine. There is a supply list for each class upon sign-up and samples of the quilts are currently displayed in Kramer's showroom. "2P" indicates a two part class.

<b>Log Cabin Quilt</b>	Tuesdays, July 13 & August 10	6:00-9:00 pm	\$40	2P
<b>Ideal Tote Bag</b>	Thursdays, August 5 & 12	6:00-9:00 pm	\$40	2P
<b>Holiday Gift Ideas</b>	Monday, September 27	6:00-9:00 pm	\$30	

Let's have some fun and make some inexpensive gifts for the holidays. Sue has four ideas to share and hopes for others in class to share their ideas as well.

### Taking It to the Next Level

You have proven that you can piece a quilt. Now step out of your box and challenge yourself. It's easy to crank out quilts, but these classes will force you to work on precision and accuracy. It is time to grow in your skills. Check out the samples in the Kramer's store and pick a class that will truly wow your family and take you to the next level. "2P" indicates a two part class.

<b>Crazy About Curves</b>	Wednesday, July 7	6:00-8:00 pm	\$25	
<b>Trade Winds</b> <i>New Class</i> Great Quilt! Just need a jelly roll and some background fabric. Come in and check out the Batik quilt Sue made.	Thursdays, July 8 & 22	6:00-9:00 pm	\$40	2P
<b>Twisted Bargello</b>	Tuesdays, July 6 & August 3	6:00-9:00 pm	\$40	2P

**Free Motion Quilting** Class covers use of the walking and free motion darning feet. Learn tips, techniques and do-able strategies to quilt pieced tops. Examine quilt marking techniques using tissue paper, freezer paper, tape and stencils, plus thread and needles to use and how to approach the quilting project.

Saturday, July 24 11:00-3:00 pm \$40

**Free Motion Fridays** Improve your free motion skills, practice some drills. Class requirements: A sewing machine capable of doing free motion quilting with a straight stitch needle plate installed and a free motion foot. Register soon for these times.

Friday July 9 or September 24 2:00-4:00, 4:00-6:00 or 6:00-8:00  
or Friday August 13 6:00-8:00 \$25

**??Mystery Party Quilt Class??** Some say they don't like mystery quilts because they don't know what they'll end up with when finished. You will know what you are making and will end up with a lap sized quilt made of fabrics you bought. This quilt can be for a grandchild or a family room, husband or friend—your choice!. Sleuths will have easy to follow clues to unlock the secrets to a fun filled quilting adventure. Food goes along with this sewing adventure. Class size is limited so register early!

Thursdays, September 23 & 30 6:00-9:00 pm \$40 2P

## Susan True's Sewing & Embroidery Classes

### NEW - All About Me

This part virtual education and part demo class targets all embroidery machines. August offers **Appliqué and Other Tricks Your Embroidery Machine Can Do** to see two different techniques for appliqué by machine and look at specialty products to make life easier. Also see some other "tricks" your machine will do—from lace to loops to in-the-hoop projects. The September class **In the Right Place** will teach tips on embroidering ready-to-wear, including how and when to open seams, ideal products to use, coordinating designs and appropriate stabilizers to use. Also discuss embroidering areas such as collars and cuffs that can't be hooped in the traditional way. Learn to get a design in the right place—the first time!

Fridays August 6 and September 10 1:30-3:30 pm \$15

## Serger Basics

Still puzzled by your serger or never received classes? This beginner (or refresher) class on the basic use of your serger will cover threading, tension and basic serging techniques. Supplies needed: Serger in good working condition, thread and basic sewing supplies. Fabric will be provided.

Tuesday August 24 10-12 noon/6-8 pm \$50

### Basic Sewing Series (Open to Teens on up)

## Sewing Machine Basics

Before you begin to sew or quilt, you must know how to use your machine. Learn to recognize a “perfect stitch” and fundamentals, such as stitch length, width and tensions. Supplies needed: Sewing machine in good working condition, all presser feet, thread and basic sewing supplies.

Tuesday August 31 10-12 noon/6-8 pm \$50

## Basic Sewing 101

This **four week** class (you must be able to commit to all four classes!) will facilitate proficiency in sewing basic clothing and home décor. The first week starts with a trip to the fabric store to select a pattern and fabric. Next, learn how to understand a pattern, place it on the fabric and cut it out. Basic sewing terminology is taught as the garment is constructed. **Prerequisite: Must know how to thread and work a sewing machine, if not, then Sewing Machine Basics is required.** Supplies: fabric and pattern (purchased at fabric store during the first class), sewing machine in good working condition and basic sewing supplies.

Tuesdays September 7,14, 21 & 28 10-12 noon/6-8 pm \$100

## Mastery Classes for Sewing & Embroidery Machines and Sergers

Mastery classes are a series of classes designed to provide complete understanding of your sewing and embroidery machines and sergers. These classes are open to all. There is no charge for those who've purchased their machines at Kramer's Sew & Vac in Montgomery, just a small kit fee and you may sign up as often as you'd like. Bring your sewing and/or embroidery machine or serger, all presser feet, thread, bobbins, manuals, workbook pages (or Bernina Mastery Book) and basic sewing supplies. There is a \$30 class charge + kit fee for machines purchased elsewhere. Kit Fee \$10

Wednesdays 3-5 or 6-8 pm

### Mastery Sewing Machines

June 9 Class 3—More Practical Stitching (p. 54 - 75)  
 July 14 Class 4—Decorative Techniques (p. 77-93) Bring wing & double needle to class  
 August 11 Class 5—More Decorative Techniques (p. 95-119) **6-8 pm only**  
 September 8 Class 6—Appliqué & Surface Embellishment (p. 121-129)

### Mastery Embroidery Class

July 21 Class 1-Basic Embroidery Techniques (p. 1-46) **6-8 pm only**  
 August 18 Class 2-Beyond the Basics (p. 47-75)

### Mastery Serger Class

September 15 Class 1-3 & 4 Thread Techniques (pgs. 1-68)

## Embroidery Project Class

Martha Pullen's "Design of the Month." Come to create a beautiful embroidered project. Call for more information. **Please drop a disk/ATA PC card off at least 3 days before class for Susan to program. Registration closes 3 days prior to class date.**

Thursdays: June 17, July 15, August 19 & September 16 1-5 pm \$30/class

What are **Basic Sewing Supplies**? Scissors, thread, tape measure, and pins.

## **Nancy Burgess' Embroidery Software Classes**

**\*\*\*Attention: All Wonderful Smelling Ladies and Gentlemen!!!\*\*\***

We appreciate your wonderful scents and colognes, but unfortunately the combination is too much for Nancy's allergies! Please kindly refrain from wearing any scents or lotions during her classes. Thank you so much.

### ***Digitizing Classes***

**\*Free**

Principles of creating running stitches, satins and fill patterns for embroidery designs will be discussed. Learn the various methods used to create embroidery designs. Use editing functions to create new designs and special effects. Learn how to use the lettering and monogramming capabilities of the software. Learn how to organize and convert embroidery designs. **Classes 1, 2 and 3 must be taken in order.**

**Bring your laptop to class with current software installed and functioning, a mouse and your dongle. You will not be able to take these classes without a mouse and a dongle.** Call for computer availability if you don't have a laptop. Classes are free to those who purchased their software at Kramer's, there is a \$50 fee when software was purchased elsewhere.

**6-8 pm**

### **Janome Digitizer Pro/MB**

**Class One: Monday, June 7 or Monday, July 12**

**Class Two: Monday, June 14 or Monday, July 26**

**Class Three: Monday, June 21 or Monday, August 2**

### **Brother PE Design v. 8**

**Class Two: Tuesday, June 15 or Monday, September 13**

**Class Two: Tuesday, June 22 or Monday, September 20**

**Class Three: Tuesday, June 29 or Wednesday, September 29**

### **Bernina Artista Design + v.6**

**Class One: Monday, August 9**

**Class Two: Monday, August 16**

**Class Three: Monday, August 23**

### ***Brother BES Lettering/ELS Lettering***

**\*Free**

Create lettering to add personalization! Software features include: Built-in pre-digitized fonts; monogram styles; decorative monogram frames; built-in text styles; decorative fill patterns; font alignment tools; resize with density changes; multi-format save option; quick print templates. . . Bring your laptop with current **software installed & functioning and with an external mouse.** You will not be able to take these classes without a mouse. Call for computer availability if you don't have a laptop. \*The class is free to those who purchased software at Kramer's, there is a \$50 fee for software purchased elsewhere.

**BES Lettering—Wednesday, June 23 or August 25**

**6-8 pm**

**ELS Lettering—Tuesday, August 17**

**6-8 pm**

### ***Monogram Wizard***

**\*Free**

This program offers many fonts and placement styles to set up embroidery monograms from traditional to whatever can be imagined. Motifs are provided to embellish the monogram. The value of the program is in the quality of the stitchouts. Look at samples and be amazed what a plain white hanky can look like. Lecture class—paper and pen only. \*The class is free with software purchased from Kramer's, there is a \$50 fee when software was purchased elsewhere.

**Wednesday, July 28 or September 22**

**6-8 pm**

### ***BuzzTools & BuzzExplore***

**\*Free**

Use these terrific programs to catalogue your embroidery designs. Wouldn't it be great to know what designs you have? To be able to see them without unzipping them? To be able to convert file formats? To be able to print not only the design, but design details as well? Lecture class—paper & pen for notes. \*The class is free w/software purchased from Kramer's, there is a \$50 fee for software purchased elsewhere.

**Wednesday, August 4**

**6-8 pm**

### ***Janome Customizer 11000***

**\*Free**

This software gives you the ability to create your own embroidery designs. You can combine designs, edit designs, add lettering and create layout files for large multi-hooping projects. Imagine being able to print a "map" to embroider a tablecloth! Bring your laptop with current **software installed & functioning and with an external mouse.** You will not be able to take this class without a mouse. Call for computer availability if you don't have a laptop. \*The class is free to those who purchased software at Kramer's, there is a \$50 fee for software purchased elsewhere. **Wednesday, September 1**

**6-8 pm**



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