

NeedleNews

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We participated in the Merchant Mall at Heritage Park's Festival of Quilts at the end of May. We had a lovely two days and the rain held off until we were loading the car back up. We made contact with a lot of new folks and reminded others that we are open.

We were also fortunate to be able to have Debbie Bates, co-author of *Stitch Journeys* with us recently. She taught 3 classes in one day and every one was super. Come in and see the samples I did in class and I will be glad to share my enthusiasm for what I learned. Debbie really encouraged us to play and gave us some great tips and tricks for working with Wonderfil Threads. We have a lot of the threads in stock and will gladly order more as you request. We also have copies of Debbie's book *Stitch Journeys* in stock.

Summer Solstice Sale

All fabrics 15-80% off.

Prices in effect till June 30th.

Selected KwikSew and all MacPhee Workshop patterns only \$1.99

Inform: If you are planning a vacation this summer, why not book your sewing machine in for a spa treatment. Take your machine to a service technician for it's annual cleaning and tune-up. A machine that is looked after well, will last you a life time. Call us, we will be glad to give you the name and phone number of a repair technician.

Open 10am-6pm Monday-Saturday

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Excite: We have had such a good response to our KidSew Camps that we are going to schedule in some **SewDays** during the summer. This time is unstructured. It will require your child to come with a project in mind (with the instructor's prior approval) and the supplies needed. This is a break from our KidSew program and will allow your child to build on what they have learned during the year and also stretch themselves with some new creative projects. We can advise you and your child on some suggested projects at the time of registration. Check out the dates below.

Summer KidSew Camps

These camps for children are weeklong (Monday to Friday) for 3 hours each day (9am-12 noon). \$105 for class registration. Supplies extra. Register early. Classes limited to 6 students:

- **Sew Camp:** July 16-20 (full), August 13-17 or August 20-24, Students will work on any or all choices of Kwik Sew #2480.
- **Quilt Camp:** July 23-27 or August 27-31 (full), students will make a lap size quilt from a choice of 3 different designs.
- **Sew Days:** We have had requests for some sew days in the summer. These times will be unstructured... The children will need to make sure they have a project and all the necessary supplies for this time period. \$25 for 3 hours, 1-4pm. Mondays or Wednesdays, July 4, 9, 16, 25, Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, or 29. Register early, class size is limited.

Educate: Our Classes are listed in the following categories to help you find them easier. Classes are designed for individual instruction so that anyone should be able to take almost any class we offer. A full listing of all classes in our schedule can be found on our web page. www.needleworks.org. Don't forget that our classes are flexible. Let us know if days or times don't work for you and we'll try to make arrangements for a better day or time.

- **Sewing:** classes for beginners and more advanced sewers wanting to make clothes for themselves and their family.
- **Fun:** classes for projects other than clothing.
- **Serging:** classes to teach and encourage you to make the most of your serger.
- **Quilting:** all levels and types of quilting classes
- **Kids:** sewing and quilting classes designed for children 7-14 years old. Older children are encouraged to participate in the adult classes.

Come let us teach & inspire your creative side.

The summer is also the perfect time to start teaching for us at Needleworks. Come in and talk to us if you have an idea for a class and would like to share what you know with others. As Brenda said in her recent class "I am not a teacher, I am just sharing with you what I know and do".

We will create classes for groups of 3 or more. Just contact us at the store with a class suggestion and possible dates.

Sewing:

Sewing Plus: Spend some time this summer on a new wardrobe. Let Hermina show you how easy it is to fit and sew for larger sized sewers. No more sloppy tops or baggy pants. Wednesdays 6-9pm. Please pre-book.

Bra-Making 101: Let Jane Churchman 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. \$160 including kit for both bras. Saturday & Sunday July 28 & 29; 9am- 5pm You will need to book 20 minutes on Friday evening for a fitting consultation.

Broomstick Skirt: Create a beautiful summer skirt on a sewing machine (or serger). A simple formula will have you stitching lots of great skirts. \$25 Mon June 25; 6:30-9:30pm,

Bog Coat: This coat is made from a rectangle of any fabric. Learn how to fold, cut and sew for a great coat or shirt in any fabric. \$25 Tues June 26; 1-4pm

Summer T-Shirt: Chose a pattern and fabric for a knit top and we'll help you fit the pattern and sew the top in time for warm weather wearing. Students will use a sewing machine and/or a serger. \$45 Tues & Thurs July 11 & 13; 2-5pm

Fun

Photo Transfer: We are pleased that Margaret will again come and show us how to create memories by printing photos on fabric. Learn all the ins and outs before you get started. \$25 Tues, July 24; 6-9pm

Fabric Jewelry: Create beautiful one-of-a-kind fashion accessories using a variety of left over fabric, threads, buttons and beads. \$35 (includes kit) Tues July 10; 2-5pm

Postcards: Make them, mail them or keep them. These little fabric cards are easy to do and fun to make. Students will make 2 cards while learning the basics and some great tips and tricks. \$35 (kit included) Thurs, July 19; 2-5pm

Calgary's only source for the full line of KWIK SEW patterns

Summer Sewing Sampler: this series of classes will give you lots of practice on a variety of techniques. Each class is 3 hours, \$40 (Kit included)

- **Bleaching & Foiling:** Learn how to use some interesting tools and techniques to make one-of-a-kind fabrics. Monday, June 25; 6-9pm
- **Fabric Manipulation:** Learn how to use your sewing machine to create texture and fun in fabric. Mon July 9; 6-9pm
- **Cuffs:** Create beautiful plackets in shirts and jackets. Monday, July 16; 6-9pm
- **Hems:** Explore different hem finishes for your next projects. Monday, July 23; 6-9pm
- **Pockets 1:** Stitch samples of hidden and in-seam pockets. Monday July 30; 6-9pm
- **Pockets 2:** Stitch samples of patch pockets for a variety of projects. Monday August 13; 6-9pm
- **Collars:** practice stitching collars with and without stands, and play with those pesky points. Monday August 20; 6-9pm

Embellishing & Blocks: Hermina has designed a great tote bag. She has incorporated a strip pieced block. Not everyone wants to put the block on their tote, so we have come up with some options. Take one of two classes for building the block or embellishing fabric, then make a tote or reversible vest.

- **Block Building:** Make a simple strip pieced block with accurate cutting and sewing. Discuss fabric placement. \$25 Tues July 17; 2-5pm
- **Build & Embellish:** Turn strips of material and a variety of thread and stitches into a unique fabric. \$25 Tues July 24; 2-5pm
- **Zippered Tote:** Sew a tote bag with pockets and a zippered top. Roomy enough for any thing you want to take with you. \$25 Tues July 31; 2-5pm
- **Reversible Vest:** Stitch a great vest that can be swapped around at a moment's notice. \$25 Tues August 7; 2-5pm

Serging:

Serger Basics: 3 hours is almost too little time to show you all there is to know about your serger, but we'll try! In this class the students will learn how to thread their serger with confidence, how to recognize good tension and how to adjust the machine for perfect tension. Students will also learn about the other stitches their serger can do. We also have some machines available for rental if you want to try a serger to see if you like it. \$25 Mon July 16; 6-9pm

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Quilting:

Free Motion Quilting: 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. \$45 Tuesday, August 14 & 21; 6-9pm (new dates)

Free Motion Quilting, Feathers: Learn how easy it is to create beautiful feathers that fly. Students will learn 3 methods of stitching feathers. \$25 Thurs July 5; 6-9pm

Dance of the Dragonflies: Stitch a small wallhanging or start a larger quilt. Carol will show you how easy it is to sew 3 dimensional curved pieces and create dragonflies really do dance! \$25 Thurs July 12; 6-9pm (new time)

Pinwheel Sisters: Draft and sew two blocks at once. Joan loved this block, but not the size. She has worked out how to sew blocks from 2' to 13" with just 2 fabrics. \$25 Thurs July 19; 6-9pm

Beautiful Borders: Learn how to measure, cut and sew borders for quilts that will lay perfectly flat. We will put borders on orphan blocks or placemats while learning some very valuable skills. \$25 Monday July 30; 6-9pm

Bound to Succeed: A beautiful quilt needs well sewn binding. Learn how to bind with folded and mitered binding as well as add piping for a striking effect. Students will also learn how to sew the binding with an invisible stitch. \$25 Monday August 13; 6-9pm

Scraps, Scraps, Scraps: We all have lots of those. In the following two classes Brenda will give you some really good ideas on how to use up those leftover bits and pieces.

- **String X:** Learn how to use small scraps and a plain fabric to make a very simple but eye catching quilt. \$25 Wed July 18; 2-5pm
- **Strip Twist:** Use scraps of fabric to create blocks with lots of movement. \$25 Thurs August 16; 2-5pm

Reversible Quilts: Let Carol show you how easy it is to quilt block by block and sew blocks together with no raw edges showing. Reversible quilts can be planned or scrappy. Get a start on using up some orphan blocks in this class. \$25 Thurs August 9, 2-5pm

Rough Edge Appliqué: Stitch this quiet spot beside a beautiful stream and gaze at the lovely mountains and wild flowers. Shirley will show you how! \$60 Friday, August 10, 10am-4pm

Thread Painting: Chickadees: Learn the basics of thread painting. Shirley will help you step-by-step as you learn how to create beautiful chickadees on a pine tree branch. This is really a very easy course. No fancy machine needed. \$45 Friday, July 6; 10am-4pm

Thread Painting: Advanced: Create a beautiful scene using rough edge appliqué and thread painting. This cabin in a mountain meadow is a treat to stitch. \$45 Friday August 24; 1-6pm

Summer Sampler Quilt: Join us for all or part of our SSQ this summer. There are so many different quilt blocks available to quilters. Unfortunately, many block instructions only come in one size. In these classes, students will learn how to draft and sew a variety of quilt blocks in any size desired. Register for a few or all of the block workshops. \$25 each class. All classes are scheduled for Wednesday evenings 6-9pm.

- **4-Patch Triangles:** Half Square Triangles only look good when they have been sewn properly. Learn how to draft, sew and trim for perfect triangles. July 4.
- **Pinwheels:** Learn how to make Half Square Triangles into perfect Quarter Square Triangles. July 11
- **8-Pointed Stars:** Diamonds and set-in seams are not at all difficult once you know a few of the tricks. Learn how to draft any size block and keep the center seam perfectly flat. July 18
- **Fly Away Birdie:** Learn how to stitch accurate Flying Geese using two different sewing methods. July 25
- **Machine Appliqué:** Learn how to fuse and machine stitch appliqués onto a background fabric. Students will learn how to use their zig zag stitch while they design and sew their own blocks. August 1
- **Invisible Machine Appliqué:** Learn how to use thread and different stitches to machine sew invisibly. August 8
- **Templates:** Sewing fussy shaped pieces can be intimidating. But drafting your own cutting templates makes sewing a dream. August 15
- **Curves:** No exercises here. Learn how to piece curved blocks with a few quick tricks. August 22
- **Foundation Piecing:** Learn how to stitch blocks that are very simple or very complicated. There are a lot of different methods, but some are easier than others. We think ours is easiest. August 29

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 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