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Good Afternoon! Hope all is right with your world, and if it is not, perhaps reading our newsletter will bring a smile to your face.



First off, I wanted to let you know we still have a few spaces left on our bus trip to **International Quilt Festival** on **Friday, November 4th**. This full day trip includes viewing the beautiful quilts hanging at the awesome George R Brown Convention Center in Houston, transportation, your ticket into the show, a light breakfast, afternoon snack, bus driver gratuity, and a boxed dinner on the return trip. All for \$85.00 per person with no driving in Houston traffic and no parking worries! For more details, go to our website at www.lonestarquiltworks.com. The bus trip information is listed on our Home Page or call the shop at the phone number listed above.

One of the many vendors listed at Festival will be **Baby Lock** sewing machines. Each year **Baby Lock** offers show specials. We are pleased to let you know **Lone Star Quiltworks** will be happy to match whatever show specials are being offered in Houston. If you are in the market for a new sewing/embroidery/serger machine, please consider purchasing from us. Your taxes will stay in Brazos County and you will help keep our doors open. Additionally, we are physically **HERE** at a later date when you may have machine questions. It is easy to get caught up in a buying frenzy at Festival only to discover at a later date that your purchasing decision was made too quickly. Machine knowledge, sewing and quilting expertise, and service on down the road are very important considerations when you buy a new machine.

Speaking of sewing machines, for those of you who already have a wonderful sewing machine, but perhaps a not so wonderful case, we have some brand new cases from **Omni-Glide** for sale in the shop. We have been looking for a reasonably priced yet sturdy option for moving your sewing machine from point A to point B and think we have found it! Great colors, and they come in two sizes.

We have added over 200 bolts of fabric to our sale area! Need to round out your fabric stash? Looking for that perfect backing at a great bargain? How can you miss with the average price of our sale fabric coming in at \$5.00 per yard. Here is the problem though, this fabric sells **FAST**, so stop by and visit us soon.

Attached to this newsletter is a reminder for our October classes. We have a spacious classroom located in the back of the new shop. Our teachers have provided a wide variety of class topics with samples available for viewing. Why not come and take a class with us? If you know of somebody interested in quilting or sewing, please pass our shop information on to them. Our classes are also listed on the website as well, that is referenced above.



I need your help regarding two class requests. Quite awhile back, we hosted Brenda

Shade at our shop. Brenda is the designer for the **Paper Doll Quilt**. Several of you have expressed interest in having her return to the shop for another class. This would be a hand sewing class where you would learn how to applique and embellish her small pleated dresses to a background fabric. Brenda requires eight students to travel to Bryan. If you are interested in this class, please let me know. When we have enough people I will try to get her back here again.

Also, Kerry D has said she will teach an evening beginning machine embroidery class if there is enough interest. You would learn the basics of your machine, regardless of what brand, hooping techniques, stabilizer info, thread info, etc. Again, if this is of interest to you, please let me know.

If you are planning on attending **International Quilt Festival** in Houston and will not be riding the bus with us we do have tickets for advance purchase available at the shop. These will be on a cash or check basis only, no credit or debit cards please as this money goes directly to Quilts.com. We carry these tickets annually as a service for our customers so they do not have to stand in line to purchase a ticket at the George R Brown Convention Center.

New to the shop, other than fabric that is constantly changing on a daily basis, is serger thread. We are also working with Baby Lock to have a serger “event” in 2012. How fun will that be; more details to follow later. And, we have added many new buttons to our button section. I even found some new maroon and white buttons for all of you Aqs. Whoop!



Need to run, hope to see many of you soon in the shop or on the bus. As always we appreciate your business and most importantly your friendships. Keep that sewing machine humming while cranking out those new projects!

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