

# Stitchin' News

**What's in store at Always In Stitches**

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## **Come with us to Intl. Quilt Festival**

Always In Stitches will make getting up the hardest thing you have to do to visit the International Quilt Festival this spring in Cincinnati.

We've hired a motor coach, are ordering tickets, planning goodies and getting excited. Departure is 7 a.m. April 14 and we'll return around 9 p.m. The \$73.95 package (\$68.95 if you buy tickets by April 1), includes round-trip transportation, the show ticket, a light breakfast, snacks during the ride and a tip for the driver. Lunch and dinner will be at your own expense.

Last year's festival featured 219 exhibitors that offered finished antique and contemporary quilts, fabrics, books, patterns, tools, sewing machines, and crafts. More than 500 pieces of fabric art were on display. There were also numerous quilt- and art-related classes, lectures and events.

Call the shop, (317) 776-4227, to reserve your spot, and ask friends to join you for this wonderful opportunity. Send this link as an invitation:

<http://www.alwaysinstitches1.com/cincinnati-bus-trip.htm>

## **Your generosity blesses us; warms those less fortunate**

Always In Stitches is blessed to have generous customers. During the holidays, 33 blankets, 18 scarves, and 48 hats were made as donations to Hamilton County's Good Samaritan Network, as well as 27 blankets for the national Linus Project.

Many of these beautiful pieces were given anonymously, and we thank those quiet stitchers and donors for their work and kindness. Thanks also goes to: **Daisy Troop 208**, led by Kimberlee Murray (with help from Noa and Logan Murray) and Cheryl Burke, two blankets; **Vicki Butterfield**, 17 hats; **Karen Garlinghouse**, 31 hats; **Girl Scout Troop 1132**, led by Michelle Higgins, 12 blankets; and **Girl Scout Troop 1291**, 10 blankets.

In addition, four cell phones were given to Prevail and 86 pairs of shoes were contributed to Soles 4 Souls.

For more information on how to participate in these and other projects, ask a sales specialist.

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## Janome educator to share techniques

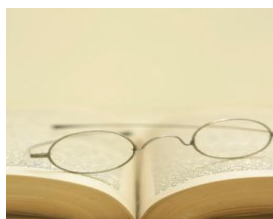
If you own a Janome machine or are thinking about getting one, you'll want to take some very special, free, 2-hour classes in January.

Janome educator Nancy Fiedler will share ideas about using the digitizer; embroidering, sewing and quilting; and working with accessories. There's even an opportunity to pick her brain.

Nancy specializes in embellishment techniques using Janome sewing machines, embroidery machines, and sergers. She's a regular contributor to Janome Digest magazine and Janome online, and has written for Creative Machine Embroidery and other magazines. She publishes her patterns under the Just Fiddlin' Around label.

Pre-registration is required for each class:

- **Digitizer How To**, 10:30-12:30 Jan. 16. Take this class if you have digitizer software or are considering expanding your embroidery capabilities.
- **Digitizer Stitch Out**, 1:30-3:30 Jan. 16. See what you designed in the morning class and how it sews. Learn the versatility this software brings to any embroidery machine.
- **Ask Nancy**, 10:30-noon Jan. 17. Nancy will answer your questions about Janome machines.
- **12000 Embroidery**, 1:30-3:30 Jan. 17. Learn the tricks and tips to using the newest embroidery machine for home décor, garments and quilting.
- **12000 Sewing**, 5:30-7:30 Jan. 17. See how a sewing machine can make projects the "sew easy" way.
- **12000 Quilting**, 10:30-12:30 Jan. 18. Discover how Janome machines make finishing quick and convenient.
- **Be an Accessory**, 1:30-3:30 Jan. 18. Ever wonder what all those feet do? Learn how to make accessories work for you.



### BOUND TO PLEASE

## Crochet book will hook you

An author couldn't ask for a recommendation much higher than this: Quilter Ruth Middleton now crochets because she learned how in "The Crochet Answer Book."

Ruth praised its excellent illustrations, easy-to-follow directions and wealth of information – "even about yarn weights and knitting needles," she added.

For example, you can learn how to select the right hook and yarn for each project you want to do, how to get started in the round and flat working. Author Edie Eckman "as anticipated every situation you may encounter and offers clear complete answers, says the Amazon.com product description.

## New year is time for new skill; Why not learn to felt?

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> won't be unlucky for those who want to learn some basics of felting.

Virginia Green will teach how to make felted flowers for caps, hats, bags and more from 1-2 p.m. Jan. 13. This class is \$10, which includes supplies.



## Novice quilters get cooking with Let's Do Lunch projects

Hey quilt lovers! This can be your winter to become a quilt maker.

Toast Points, Seven Layer Salad, and Criss Cross Applesauce are three of the mouth-watering patterns in the Let's Do Lunch collection of tote bags and table runners from Atkinson Designs. Best of all, these patterns using fat quarters, charm squares or fabric strips are sure-fire recipes for success for beginners and just plain fun to whip up for more advanced quilters.

Look for the Let's Do Lunch trunk show coming to Always In Stitches Jan. 16-Feb. 15. To whet your appetite, we have a few pieces on display now by the couches in the center of the shop.

## No kidding – Age no barrier to designer's talent, skill

When you look at the Antler Quilt Design patterns we're now carrying, it's a little hard to believe they're the work of a young man who has yet to go to his senior prom.

Doug Leko will graduate from high school this year, but he already has a large and beautiful line of patterns available. While all of his designs are intricate, some resemble the way circles form through the lens of a kaleidoscope. "Taylored Stars," a pattern for intermediate quilters, practically flickers like a constellation. "Skipped Stones," for beginners, flows like a mountain stream. "Mysterious," for advanced quilters, has one block that makes six layout options.

Find Antler Quilt Design patterns on the white vertical rack near the thread display in the shop.



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Dear Lola,

*I've always loved my machine but lately it's been skipping stitches and sometimes it pulls the fabric. What's going on – and please don't tell me it needs a major repair. I'm still paying for Christmas bills!*

– Baffled

**Your machine probably is fine and the solution may cost next to nothing. Skipped stitches, fabric pulling and loss of tension can all be symptoms of a dull needle. Change it, and you'll likely be loving your machine again. As for those Christmas bills, I can only sympathize.**

## New AIS club will help you embroider better in 2012

Hoop it up with us! Always In Stitches will launch its embroidery club in February, which is National Embroidery Month.

The group will meet from 1:30-2:30 the third Saturday of every other month. Sessions will demonstrate new products, include a student show and tell, give pointers, and award door prizes. Participants can come early or stay late to use their machines here and apply the lessons taught.

Cost is \$5 per month, and registration is limited to 10. Sign up in the shop today.

## **Develop skills in an AIS class**

### **PENNY KNITS**

**Times and days vary**

**\$10 per 2-hour session**

All knitters are invited to learn or improve knitting skills. See the calendar for scheduled days or call to schedule a private 1-hour lesson for \$10. Simple "fix-it" questions may be answered before or after classes and all day Friday.

### **TINK-ERS BEGINNING KNITTING GROUP**

**4-7:30 Jan. 5**

**\$10 plus supplies**

Learn how to knit with other knitters. Open to experienced knitters, too, Thrifty Knitters club meets for 30 minutes during this class.

### **GUMBALLS QUILT CLASS**

**10:30-3:30 Jan. 7**

**\$50 plus supplies, which must be purchased by Jan. 6**

This special design by Deb Luttrell for a 60-by-72 quilt is like eating candy – you just can't stop. Make one basic block with your favorite batik color group. Bring your lunch. Instructor: Ruth Middleton.

### **FELTED FLOWER**

**1-2 Jan. 13**

**\$10, including supplies**

Beginners will learn the many ways wool may be used to create fun flowers for caps, hats, bags and more. Instructor: Virginia Green

### **CLASSES WITH JANOME EDUCATOR**

**Jan. 16-18**

**Free, pre-registration required**

Seven classes to help you learn about machines, software and accessories from Nancy Fiedler. See details, page 2.

### **LET'S DO LUNCH TRUNK SHOW**

**Jan. 16-Feb. 15**

Share in one of life's simple pleasures from Atkinson Designs. These tote bags and table runners are beginner-friendly projects using fat quarters, charm squares or fabric strips.

### **UNIVERSITY OF AIS**

**2-2:30 Jan. 18**

Registered participants attend monthly classes, receive great instruction and free gifts. This month: Fun ways to add texture and dimension.

### **KNIT IN**

**5-9 Jan. 20 and 10-3:30 Jan. 21**

**Reservations being taken now**

Enjoy uninterrupted knitting in our comfy shop. Door prizes, discounts and fun fellowship. We appreciate you using our products when participating in this event.

### **BEGINNING QUILTING CLASS**

**10:30-12:30 Jan. 21 and Feb. 4**

**\$40 plus supplies**

Learn quilting basics while making a small wall hanging. Some homework between sessions. Instructor: Ruth Middleton

### **KNITTING BOM**

**2:30-3 Jan. 28**

**\$10 per month, plus yarn**

You need only one skein of yarn per month to complete an afghan by Christmas 2012. Select your own yarn; Cascade 220 is recommended. Instructor: Penny Little

## **Coming later this year**

Watch for more details in future newsletters about each of these projects and events

**NEW BOMS**

**CIVIL WAR JOURNALS**

**Mid-2012**

**BUS TRIPS**

**INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL**

**April 14**

**Cincinnati**

**43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL NQA QUILT SHOW**

**June 15**

**Columbus, Ohio**

