

# Stitchin' News

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

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## **Our compass points to the NQA Quilt Show**

We're going to the National Quilting Association Quilt Show in Columbus, Ohio – and we want to take you, too.

The show is one of the nation's largest non-juried national quilt shows and the longest running quilt exhibition. Themed "Mariner's Compass," it will feature more than 400 quilts from national and international quilters, special exhibits, classes and vendors, as well as the 4th annual Sew Batik Challenge Quilts.

**Itinerary:** We'll leave Always In Stitches at 7 a.m. June 16; return about 9 p.m.

**AIS Value Package:** Our package includes roundtrip transportation, show admission, a light breakfast, snacks along the way, and the driver's tip. Lunch and dinner are on your own.

Sign up by June 1 for the Early Bird Special, \$68.95. (You'd spend about that much for gas alone if you drive.) After June 1, the package is \$73.95.

**Reservations:** Call the shop (317-776-4227) or see any sales specialist when you're here to make a reservation.

For more show information, visit:  
<http://nqaquilts.org/2012show/>



## **You ought to be Fiber Artist of the Month**

We have such talented customers, we want to show off your work. A new Fiber Artist of the Month program will let us do that.

Any kind of fiber art is eligible. Displays will hang for a month and will not be juried.

Complete a registration form, which is available at the cash register, submit it and we'll contact you when your work has been selected

This month's Staff Mystery Quilt display – which is also a contest for a \$25 gift certificate – is an example of how the shows will look.

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## **Vacation time is opportunity to have your machine cleaned**

For many of us, our sewing machines are our best friend. So when you're making summer vacation plans, why not consider giving her a sort of spa treatment. Schedule your machine for cleaning at Always In Stitches.

Clean machines work better and more efficiently. If you haven't had your machine cleaned for a while, your stitches probably aren't as good as they could be.

Your machine is in good hands while it's here. Jeff Saxton, our certified Janome technician, just returned from New Jersey where he took continuing repair classes.

Service prices range from \$69.95 for a basic, noncomputerized machine to \$99.95 for a Long Arm Quilting Machine or serger. Cleaning a computerized sewing machine costs \$79.95, an embroidery machine \$89.95.

Be aware, though, that prices will increase July 1.

Don't delay bringing in your machine to get the current prices. We also need your power cord and foot pedal; it's helpful to have the owners manual, as well.



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## **Prepare your stash for crafters flea market**

Every crafter has some kits she hasn't used, fat quarters that didn't turn into quilts, and fabric that never seems to find its way to the top of the stack.

And UFOs! Don't we all have some unfinished objects that just don't rank on our priority list any longer?

You can sell those Aug. 18 at our crafters flea market. Rain date is Aug. 25.

The sale will be set up in the grassy area behind Always In Stitches, and a limited number of tables will be available for \$10. We'll donate the proceeds from rentals to a charity, and give you a \$10 gift certificate in appreciation of your participation.

Watch [www.AlwaysInStitches1.com](http://www.AlwaysInStitches1.com), *Stitchin' News* and our Facebook page for more details – but start getting your sales items ready.

## **Library, AIS partner for all-day quilting demo**

The annual quilt show has opened and continues all month at Hamilton North Public Library. If you've wondered about the quilting process, plan to attend the Always In Stitches demonstration, 10-4 May 19.

Sales specialist Linda Heavner and other members of The Great GabsBee quilting group will show how quilting is done and answer your questions as they sew. They'll also display quilts in various stages of production.

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year for the show, which includes old and new quilts. The library is open 10-8 Monday-Thursdays, 10-5 Fridays and Saturdays.

It is located at 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero. Brinton is immediately north of the McDonald's restaurant on Ind. 19.



## **Day camp for kids will teach sewing basics**

Details are still being worked out, but you'll want to plan for this now. Always In Stitches will have a Learn to Sew day camp for kids in early June.

Campers will use a Hello, Kitty sewing machine that will be their own at the end of the camp. When the week is over, campers also will have a completed project to take home.

## **Guess the quiltmaker, win \$25 gift certificate**

Eight AIS staff members made mystery quilts last summer, each choosing her own fabrics. Now we want you to guess who made them.

The quilts are numbered and hanging in the coffee pot area until May 31; entry forms are at the register. Match a name to a number and drop your guess in the basket for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate.

You may enter one time per visit to the shop.

A winner will be drawn from the entries with the most correct guesses.

## **Are you on our email list?**

It's easy to be added. Sign up at the cash register the next time you're in the shop. We never share our list, but you'll get to be among the first to get shop announcements and news from us.

## **Two-day fat quarter sale offers great prices**

All of our fat quarters will be available at a special price June 18 and 19, and that includes the Amy Butler ones that were just cut last week.

On those days, you can buy 20 fat quarters for \$30, or buy 40 and get a "Turning Twenty" book free while supplies last. All the patterns in "Turning Twenty" books are fat quarter friendly. Large ones use 20 fat quarters. The blocks are large, which reduces sewing time, and the projects are ideal for beginners.

## **Make appointments now for June quilt appraisals**

Caryl Schuetz will be in the shop June 9 to appraise and explain the history of your quilts. Caryl is certified by the American Quilter's Society and is a member of the Professional Association of Appraisers – Quilted Textiles. For \$45, she will appraise one quilt in a private, 30-minute session. Additional quilts must be signed up for individual sessions.

## **Mystery quilt project hits the streets May 21**

In a few more days, quilters can start their mystery quilt, City Streets and Traffic Jams.

Designed by sales specialist Linda Swickard exclusively for Always In Stitches customers, City Streets and Traffic Jams is a six-month project that begins May 21 and will conclude Nov. 30 with a reveal party where everyone can see each other's work.

Participants will get clues as information, along with cutting and sewing directions each month. In the final month, they will get directions for putting the quilt together.

Registration is \$10 and includes all of the patterns needed, which will be available the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. The finished quilt will measure 60-by-60 without a border, 70-by-70 with a one.

## **June will be busy at AIS**

### **UNIVERSITY OF AIS**

**10:30-12:30 May 16**

Registered participants attend monthly classes, receive great instruction and free gifts. This month's topic: Battings, Battings and More Battings

### **CITY STREETS & TRAFFIC JAMS BOM**

**Starts May 21**

**\$10 to sign up**

Mystery lovers will want to be part of this project. The first clue is distributed today, and more will come with cutting and sewing information each month through October. Final clue will show you how to assemble it. We'll host a Reveal Party Nov. 30.

### **DEMO DAY**

**June 2**

Stop in the shop to see some of the latest and greatest techniques and tools. Demo Day will be held throughout the shop the first Saturday of each month. You never know what surprises you'll find at them.

### **COZY QUILTS TRUNK SHOW**

**June 4-18**

Come see the unique Cozy Pattern Originals line. Learn how to use pre-cut at 2½-inch strips in fun, easy projects.

### **QUILT APPRAISALS**

**By appointment, June 9**

**\$45**

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### **CLAUDIA LASH TRUNK SHOW**

**June 9-30**

Join us as we share patterns from Claudia Lash of Presto Avenue Designs. Most of the patterns are designed with the beginning to intermediate quilter in mind.

### **SEWING CAMP FOR KIDS**

**10:30-12:30 June 11-15**

**\$259, includes Hello, Kitty sewing machine**

Make some fun projects while learning basic sewing techniques with the JANOME Hello Kitty sewing machine. At the end of the week the machine belongs to you! Limited enrollment for 9-12 year olds.

### **KNIT IN**

**5-9 June 15 and 10-3:30 June 16**

**\$15**

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

### **BUS TRIP TO NQA QUILT SHOW**

**7 a.m.-9 p.m. June 16**

**\$73.95 (\$68.95 before June 1)**

Enjoy a fun day of quilting and fellowship at the National Quilting Association show in Columbus, Ohio. Our package includes transportation on a motor coach, a light breakfast, snacks during the ride and the driver's tip.

### **EMBROIDERY CLUB**

**1:30-2:30 June 16**

**\$20 Registration**

This group shares new embroidery products, brings in show and tell, reviews a monthly topic and wins door prizes.

### **FAT QUARTER SALE**

**June 18-19**

This fun event is a great way to stock up. For \$30 you may choose 20 of our pre-cut fat quarters. The first 12 customers who buy 40 for \$60 will receive a free Turning 20 pattern book. Come early for the best selection.

### **UNIVERSITY OF AIS**

**2-2:30 June 20**

This month's topic: The Ins & Outs & Whys of Longarm Quilting (What a Longarmer Needs from You).

