

Stitchin' News

What's in store at Always In Stitches

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INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL, HERE COMES ALWAYS IN STITCHES

We're heading northwest on this year's bus trip, to the International Quilt Festival in Chicago.

Plan now to spend June 21 enjoying the quilt exhibits, shopping opportunities, and a great mix of events. The festival is all-around fun but not just about quilting. Promoters say it will appeal to fans of just about anything creative, including crafts, antiques, scrapbooking and paper arts.

Special show events include Open Studios, where you can watch four fiber artists work, and Make It University, where you can spend an hour with top quilters to learn a new skill while making a whimsical souvenir.



The bus will leave from Noblesville East Middle School, directly behind the shop, at 6:30 a.m. and return by 9 p.m. Your \$74.95 ticket includes transportation, breakfast snacks, an AIS goodie bag, show admission and fun surprises from the staff. Lunch and dinner are on your own at the show and on the way home.

Seating is limited. Don't let the bus fill before you claim your space.



QUILTERS, THREAD YOUR BOBBINS

Take an early lead on race month at our 1600 Race Day on May 10.

Whether you're a veteran quilter or an experienced beginner, you'll take home a throw-size quilt top made from one jelly roll or 40 2.5-by-40-inch strips. It's not a race if there aren't prizes so we're lining up some wonderful ones.

You can use pre-cut strips or rent time (\$10/hour) on the shop AccuQuilt machine to cut your favorite fabric. Buy your race supplies from May 1-9 and you'll get a 15 percent discount.

LEARN KNITTING BASICS

Let's start at the very beginning. A very good place to start. When you read you begin with A-B-C. When you knit you begin with cast on, knit and purl.

OK. It doesn't rhyme and we can't sing as Julie Andrews did in "The Sound of Music." But Sharon Rakow *can* teach you knitting basics. Beginning Knitting, 11:00 May 17. \$15. Call or stop in to register.



CONKERR CANCER:

A CASE FOR SMILES

Try to imagine being a child fighting cancer.

You're in the hospital and getting visitors, but too often you're all alone. There's pain, there are treatments, there's medicine. There are very few smiles. Most of your favorite things are at home and you're relegated to using institutional, hospital-supplied everything. You have little around you to call your own.

A pillowcase – yes, a simple, soft pillowcase in cheery colors and patterns – can add smiles to your dreams and waking moments.

ConKerr Cancer was created to bring those smiles to kids all over the country. You can help local children by donating pillowcase in April as part of our Make a Difference campaign. Our goal is to collect 150 of them. Free patterns are available in the shop.



Crochet tiny critters

Amigurumi is the Japanese art of crocheting or knitting small stuffed animals and creatures. Make some great ones like the finger-long Al E. Gator with the patterns in Itty Bitty Crocheted Critters: Amigurumi with Attitude, one of many new books on the shop's shelves.

BRING IN CANNED FOOD

TO HELP RELAY FOR LIFE, PANTRIES

Organizers of Relay for Life, the 24-hour cancer fundraiser May 10-11 in Forest Park, have asked Always In Stitches to be its drop-off location for canned goods.

The Relay needs about 1,400 cans by May 9. They will be used to anchor luminarias, which stand as solemn sentries along the walking path, illuminating it all night and remembering the cancer victims memorialized on each one as every walker steps past them.

When the fundraiser has concluded, the food will be donated to local pantries.

All sizes of cans and kinds of food, including pet food, can be used. Won't you please help us support this local effort with a few cans?

If you would like to purchase a Relay for Life luminaria, visit www.relayforlife.org/noblesvillein or email joykerfoot@yahoo.com. We also have a collection box for cash donations by the register

GET MORE FROM YOUR 6600

The Janome 6600 does so many wonderful things. Are you getting the most out of it?

Learn or brush up on your skills and knowledge in just one hour at the new Janome 6600 class (11:00-noon May 31.) This is a hands-on session for 6600 owners, who will make a small project as they learn. If you purchased your machine from us, the class is free. Others are welcome to join for \$35.

WE'RE GRANDMA'S 'COCKTAIL'

True story we had to share. A customer told us a few weeks ago that she loves her grandchildren very much but was glad to be in the shop after a day of entertaining them. She called us her cocktail - some refreshing, adults-only time after a hard day of play.



STITCHED FOR SUMMER FUN

Are your little cuties ready for summer days? They will be in these Kwik-Sew sundresses and rompers.

FRIDAY KNIGHT LINE-UP:

KNITTING, PIZZA AND A MOVIE

Be part of the Always In Stitches roundtable at Friday Knight Knit.

Bring a project and settle in for four hours of knitting and fellowship. Along the way, we'll enjoy pizza and watch "America's Sweethearts," a romantic comedy starring Julia Roberts, Billy Crystal, John Cusack and Catherine Zeta-Jones. You might even win a door prize.



All of that for just \$7 – and we're not "joust" kidding. Register today.

STARS OVER INDIANA COMING IN MID-SUMMER

Experience a variety of quilting shops at Stars Over Indiana, a June 29-July 3 shop hop. Get a passport at your first stop, get it stamped at each of the others and you might win a sewing machine. To find participating shops, Google

WHOOO ARE YOU?

WHO, WHO, WHO, WHO?

When our trained technician works to solve the mystery of why a machine has stopped sewing, is sewing erratically or displays an error message, he's as skilled as many CSIs trying to figure out whodunit.

But just as the CSIs need fingerprints and clothing to swab for DNA and blood, Jeff needs machine parts and accessories.

When you bring in a machine for repair, please bring the thread, bobbin, needle and a swatch of the fabric that you were using when you noticed the problem. Those often hold the clues and answers he needs.

BEE THERE OR BEE SQUARE

Linda Heavner is starting a Quilt Bee that will meet from 11:00-2:00 the first Wednesday of each month in the shop, starting May 7. Use it as a time to work on projects, meet other quilters or get out of the house. Bring your machine, hoops or handwork.

There's no charge to participate and it's limited to six people. Reserve a spot by stopping in or calling.

RETREAT WITH US

The Stitch In Retreat (Oct. 3-5 in St. Paul, Ind.) will give you time to clear your mind of responsibilities and let you focus instead on knitting, cross-stitching, quilting, crocheting or felting.

"Thank you, thank you for having the Stitch In Retreat this weekend at Flat Rock River YMCA," wrote one of last year's participants on Facebook.

"It was awesome and beautiful! The people who took care of everything for you were awesome and so very friendly! I did not know anyone, but met so many wonderful ladies."

The retreat is \$175, which includes five meals, two nights lodging in modern, carpeted cabins, gifts, and opportunities to win prizes. You can make four \$43.75 payments. Sign up before all the spots are filled.

Fill your basket with new skills, special events at AIS

CROCHET

ANITA CROCHETS

Every Thursday • 5:30-7:30 • \$10 • Pack your hooks and drop in anytime

Learn something in this hands-on class whether you're just starting to crochet or have practiced it for years. Bring a project or come and choose one to start.

CROSS-STITCH

NEEDLE NUTS

Every Thursday • 4:00-7:00 • Free • Join any week

Be ready to laugh and learn with this group of cross-stitch lovers. They've discovered the joy of cross-stitching and fellowship.

FUN FOR ALL NEEDLE CRAFTERS

NEW PROJECTS! CARTONNAGE

April 23, May 21, June 18 • noon-3:00 • \$35 plus non-fabric supplies • Reserve by April 25

Make handy accessories for yourself or as a gift using cardboard and fabric. April: calendar and notebook cover. May: notepad cover and pencil holder. June: sewing kit.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

April 24 4:00-8:00, \$25 • April 25 or 26 9:00-4:00, \$45 • Sign up in advance • all supplies included

Create a ready-to-frame painting, even if you've never painted before. Different subject each day. Attend one, two or all three sessions.

LUNCH AND LEARN

April 28 • 11:30-12:30 • \$7, including lunch • Reserve by April 25

Enjoy a sack lunch, share lively conversation and learn from a presentation on fabric painting.

JUST SCHEDULED! BUS TRIP TO INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL, CHICAGO

June 21 • 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. • \$74.95 • Reservations required

Get on our motorcoach and head to the show. Price includes transportation, show admission, breakfast snacks on the bus and amazing AIS goodie bag.

KNITTING

OPEN KNIT AND OPEN STITCH

Every Monday and Thursday • 10:30-12:30 • Every Tuesday & Thursday • 5:30-7:30 • Free

Drop in any session to get uninterrupted needling time with an experienced knitter available to help you start, fix or finish your project.

ONE SKEIN CLUB

All month • \$12 for year of patterns • Sign up in advance

Try a project and a yarn monthly as you make an item that takes one skein of yarn. Projects range in skill level. April pattern, yarn: Welled Cowl in Debbie Bliss Angel Print Mohair

INTERMEDIATE KNITTING

Every Tuesday in April • 11:30-1:30 • \$10 • Drop in any week

Bring a project when you need some 1-on-1 help understanding a pattern, are having a problem with stitches, want to learn increases/decreases, etc.

*More classes, BOMs, events at www.AlwaysInStitches1.com
As a courtesy to others, please don't wear fragrances to classes, events*

Shop hours: 10-5 Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10-8 Tuesday, Thursday; closed Sunday

FRIDAY KNIGHT KNIT

April 25 • 5:00-9:00 • \$7 • Reserve your spot 'round our table

Bring your knitting project and settle in for a great, productive time as the group knits, watches a movie, enjoys pizza and gets a chance to win some prizes.

TOE-UP SOCK KNITTING

April 26 and May 3 • 10:30-12:30 • \$30 • Sign up in the shop or by phone

Learn the Magic Loop method and Judy's Magic Cast-On to knit socks (and better utilize a skein of yarn) toe-up.

KNT (KNIT NEAT TECHNIQUES)

May 10 • 11:00-noon • \$5 • Sign up in the shop or by phone

Learn more about yarn, patterns and knitting throughout the year at KNT. This month: reading a knitting pattern.

QUILTING/SEWING

NEW OPPORTUNITY! FREE MOTION QUILTING

April 24 or May 29 • 1-3:00 • \$30 + kit • Sign up in advance

Make your quilt tops pop with basic designs, simple techniques. Instructor: Susan Cook

MARTI & ME CLUB

April 26 • 1:30-2:30 • \$30 for six months • Sign up in advance

Explore a different tool, get a pattern from Marti Michell each month. Informative for beginners or advanced quilters. Members receive free pattern and 15% discount for the tool at the meetings.

NEW CLASS! SERGE A SCARF

April 19 • 1:30-3:00 • \$30 • Sign up in advance

Scarves are the fashion craze, and many are easy to make utilizing some fabric scraps and serger. At this workshop, you'll use your serger's rolled hem stitch to create a beautiful infinity scarf and instructor Louise Beaman's version of the Z scarf.

NEW OPPORTUNITY! QUILT BEE

May 7 • 11:00-2:00 • Free • Reservations appreciated

Bring your machine, hoops or handwork and work on your own project as you enjoy the fellowship of other quilters. Meets first Wednesday of each month.

DEB TUCKER CLUB

May 13 • 6:30-7:30 • \$30 for six months • Sign up in advance

Improve your strip piecing and cutting accuracy with Deb Tucker's rulers. Get demo of the month's project, free pattern and 15% discount on any Studio 180 ruler at class.

FUN FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS! 1600 RACE

May 10 • 12:30 • \$10 plus supplies

See who can make a quilt from 2 1/2-inch strips the fastest. Prizes and instructions throughout the race.

NEW CLASS! JANOME 6600

May 31 • 11:00-noon • Free if you bought your machine here; \$35 for others • Register in advance

Learn or brush up on the many wonderful ways to use your Janome 6600 sewing machine.


We take requests. If there's a class you'd like to take or teach that's not on our schedule, let us know. We'll do our best to add it.

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11	12 Open Knit, 10:30 Merry Meets Modern BOM	13 Intermediate Knitting, 11:30 Open Stitch, 5:30 Deb Tucker Club, 6:30	14	15 Open Stitch, 10:30 and 5:30 Needle Nuts, 4:00 Anita Crochets, 5:30 Woolly Bits BOM	16 Mastering Miniatures BOW	17 Crafters Market, 9:00 Ravelry, 10:30 Beginning Knitting, 11:00							
18	19 Open Knit, 10:30 Lunch & Learn, 11:30	20 Intermediate Knitting, 11:30 Quilting School II, 5:15 Open Stitch, 5:30	21 Cartonnage, noon	22 Open Stitch, 10:30 and 5:30 Needle Nuts, 4:00 Anita Crochets, 5:30 Nancy's Fancy BOM	23 Mastering Miniatures BOW	24 Prairie Rose BOM							
25	26  Memorial Day Shop closed	27 Intermediate Knitting, 11:30 Open Stitch, 5:30 Honey Sweet \$5 BOM, 6:30 Stonehenge Christmas BOM	28 Quilter's Dessert class, 4:00 Quilter's Dessert BOM	29 Open Stitch, 10:30 and 5:30 Free Motion Quilting, 1:00 Needle Nuts, 4:00 Anita Crochets, 5:30 Sewing & Quilting Expo, Indy	30 Mastering Miniatures BOW Sewing & Quilting Expo, Indy	31 Janome 6600, 11:00 Mart & Me, 1:30 Sewing & Quilting Expo, Indy							

One Skein Club: Light and Up Shawl in HPKY Donegal sock yarn • Fiber Artist: Felter Jennifer Berger

Challenge: 75 chemo hats, heart pillows for Riverview Women's Center

Most classes, events and BOMs register in advance; call or visit the shop to sign up

As a courtesy to all, please don't wear scented products in class or to events