



Forever In Stitches, LLC

Your Destination Quilt Shop™

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Mon – Sat.. **10:00 to 5:30**

Tuesday . **Until 9:00 p.m.**

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Fifth Anniversary



It's been 5 years of service to quilters and surrounding communities! Our celebration will be the week from **Sunday, April 26 through Saturday, May 2, 2009**, during normal shop hours.

Festivities will include:

- A Drawing for long-arming and lots of other prizes
- Discounts on products
- The Anniversary Quilt Show featuring quilts long-armed at Forever In Stitches and a selection of Ruth's quilts.

Come, enjoy the hospitality, refreshments, and, of course, shopping discounts.

Call For Quilts



Do you have a quilt that was long-armed at our shop? If it is available and it was long-armed at our shop, we would like the opportunity to show it in our Fifth Anniversary Quilt Show.

The show will highlight customer quilts long-armed in our shop as well as a selection of Ruth's quilts.

This will be a week-long show that coincides with, and is part of, our Fifth Anniversary Celebration. It will be held upstairs in our 2,000 sq. ft. meeting room.

We have a limitation of approximately 80 works, depending on the size of the works. Thus there will be a limit of one quilt per quilter. There may be other limitations.

Please let us know if we can display your quilt in the celebration by contacting the shop. We will be accepting quilts starting Sunday, April 19th. They will be able to be picked up the week of May 3rd.

Spring Baby Challenge



Celebrate Spring with a Baby Quilt Challenge. Come by the shop for the challenge fabric.

- Use all of the challenge fabric in making a baby quilt themed top [it MUST NOT be finished: neither be quilted nor bound].
- The size must be 40"W by (40"-60")L (± 4).
- It must be "baby safe" [e.g. no: beads, sequins, rickrack, lace, buttons, etc.].
- Be sure to Indicate which category [boy, girl, neutral].

Customers votes will determine the winners. The prizes will be shopping sprees at a 20% discount on products for the 1st place winner in each category.

Quilts must be submitted by March 21, 2009. They will be returned on May 3, 2009.

Long-Arm Services \$ale

Bring this coupon into the shop and get 10% off on long-arm services. One per quilter. Coupons accepted on a first-come-first-serve for the first 65 quilt tops "signed-in" for long-arming. This coupon must accompany the quilt [no copies]. As always, please make an appointment to check-in a quilt.

Quilt *Fever* Shop Hop



Reserve the dates of **March 27th through April 4th** for the 2009 Quilt Fever Shop Hop. This year there are two Fridays and Saturdays [only Forever In Stitches is open on Sunday]. We have changed the date for the hop to the Spring, so as not to compete with the storms as we did last year. The shop hop hours are **10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Passports are available for \$5.00. They can be purchased at our shop or online from our web-site at: [www.fisllc.com]. The passport entitles you to:

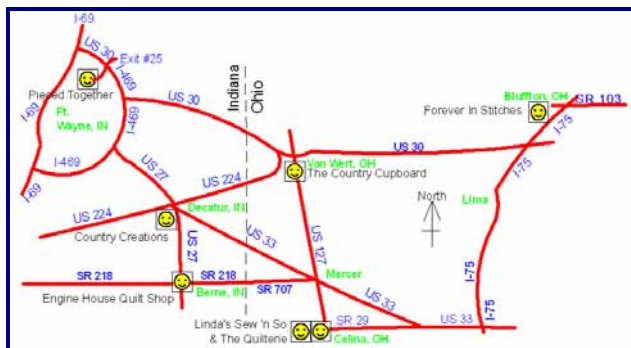
- A drawing for over \$3,000 in prizes
- Discounts at each shop
- \$hop goodie bag\$
- The entire pattern for the shop hop quilt by visiting each shop

The grand prize will be a Janome sewing machine. In total, there will be at least \$3,000 in prizes this year. Those "hoppers" from last year will note that they won a prize. Everyone won a prize last year! Sharon Cox of The Country Cupboard did such a great job of getting donations from manufacturers, publishers, distributors, and reps that there was "plenty to go around", and all the prizes were substantial. We are hoping that she is as successful this year as last, though we cannot guarantee it.

The shop hop quilt is designed by [Raggedy Ruth Designs™](#). Each shop will create their own rendition of the design with their unique fabric combination.

There also has been a change in the participating shops to make the route shorter. The shops this year are:

- Country Creations, Decatur IN
- The Country Cupboard, Van Wert OH
- The Engine House, Berne IN
- Forever In Stitches, Bluffton OH
- Linda's Sew 'n So, Celina OH
- Pieced Together, Fort Wayne IN
- The Quilterie, Celina OH



Map is not to scale.

WCOQG Winner

Congratulations to **Carol Shapter**. She won our \$175 long arm quilting certificate that we donated to the West Central Ohio Quilt Guild's retreat in January.

Fabric Frenzy & Sew Much More



This year the name has changed from the Four County Fabric Frenzy to Fabric Frenzy & Sew Much More simply because we have added a number of shops and associated craft shops to the shop hop.

In addition to the 5 shops offering quilting supplies, we now have shops offering sewing machines, yarn, scrapbooking, and crafts. We did this to offer additional options and crafts that can be used to complement quilts.

The shops are:

- The Craft Gallery, Findlay OH
- The Door Mouse, Bettsville OH
- Findlay Sewing Center, Findlay OH
- Forever In Stitches, Bluffton OH
- Greg's Pharmacy, Bluffton OH
- A Little Touch Of Heaven, Wayne OH
- The Nautical Needle, Marblehead OH
- A Yarn Shop, Marblehead OH

Passports are \$5.00. They can be purchased at our shop or on-line at www.fisllc.com. The passports allow you to:

- Enter a drawing for \$3,000 in prizes
- Get a 10% discount on products [there are limitations]
- Get a free project or design from each shop

The shop hop runs four days: **April 14 through 18th, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Ultimate Christmas Surprise

The “Ultimate Christmas Surprise” winners and their prizes were:

Prize	Winner
Janome 6600	Jill Sielschott
\$100 Shopping Spree	Beverly Elkins
\$100 Shopping Spree	Joan Fenstermaker
\$100 Shopping Spree	Kathy Vermillion
\$12.50 VVV	Deb Nolte
\$12.50 VVV	Maiko Hayata
\$12.50 VVV	Wanda Ward
\$12.50 VVV	Kathy Miller
\$12.50 VVV	Wanda Ward
\$12.50 VVV	Rita Follas

Long Arm Drawing Winner

Congratulations to **Terry Channels** for being drawn as our bi-monthly long arm 20%-off [valid for six months] winner.

As part of our newsletter publishing, we draw a name from our Long-Arm appointment calendar. Eligible entries include anyone who scheduled & kept a quilt check-in appointment during the prior two months.

Update Your E-mail Address

Please update your email address information if you have stopped receiving, or never have received the email version of the newsletter and notices even though you requested them.

Mark your Calendar



Dates to remember:

Description	Date
Block of Many Colors III Available	Feb 1
Block of Many Colors III Available	Mar 1
Fabric Frenzy Passports Available	Mar 1
Quilt Fever Passports Available	Mar 1
Quilt Fever Shop Hop	Mar 27– Apr 4
Block of Many Colors III Available	Apr 1
Call For Quilts	Apr 1
Fabric Frenzy Shop Hop	Apr 14 - 18
Fifth Anniversary Celebration	Apr 26 – May 2

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