

Forever In Stitches^{LLC}

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Expressions of Style

Delve into color, texture and perception. See the colors most sought after for home decoration, accent, & embellishment. Experience color coordination possibilities in paint, floor covering, furniture, fabric, and accessories.

Presented by Sherwin Williams of Findlay, Ohio in association with Ashley Furniture, Greenbrier Catering & Florists, Forever In Stitches, Sherwin Williams Floor Coverings, and Sherwin Williams Paint

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 ~ 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is a catered RSVP event and there is a limit to the number of attendees. **You must make a reservation in advance to attend by calling Jen or Steve at Sherwin Williams at (419) 423 – 2712.**

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, we would like the opportunity to show it in our Fifth Anniversary Quilt Show.

The show will highlight customer quilts as well as a small selection of Ruth's 160+ 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 quilts submitted. Thus, there will be a limit of one quilt per quilter, and possibly 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 and 10% for all other entries.

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

Long-Arm Services \$ale Extended

Bring **this** coupon into the shop and get 10% off on long-arm services. Limit of one per quilter. Coupons accepted on a **first-come-first-serve** basis when the top is "signed-in" and left for long-arming. This coupon must accompany the quilt [no copies] for the first 35 quilt tops or until March 26, 2009, whichever comes first. 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:

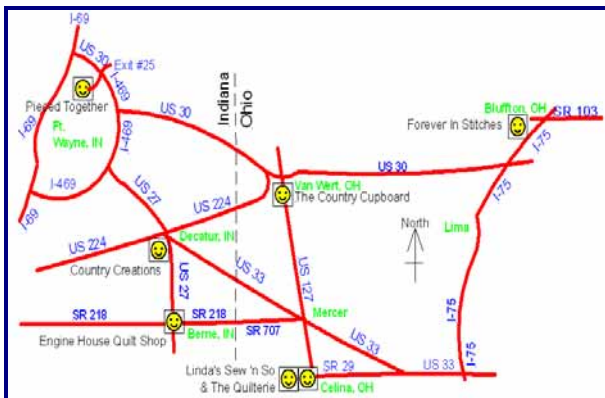
- A drawing for over \$3,000 in prizes
- Discounts at each shop
- \$hop goodie bag\$
- The entire pattern for the shop hop quilt by visiting each shop

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



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.**



Long Arm Drawing Winner

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

We draw a name from our Long-Arm appointment calendar of those who scheduled and kept a quilt check-in appointment during the prior two months.

To Receive The Newsletter By Post

You must come into the shop and give us the address label of your newsletter to receive the next two issues uninterrupted. I.e. This must be done every 2 – 4 months. This assures us that we are providing this service to active quilters and to properly make use of the rising cost of postal services. Opting for e-mail delivery only requires that you notify us of changes in your e-mail address. You can always pick up a copy in the shop or on-line.

Closing Tuesdays At 5:30 P.M.

Beginning April 1, 2009, we will no longer have late hours on Tuesday nights as visitors have dwindled at night due to our being open every day. As such, our new hours are:

- Monday – Saturday..... 10:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
- Sundays..... 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

As always, please check our web-site for the holidays we observe.

Update Your E-mail Address

Please update your e-mail address information if you change your e-mail address, or have stopped receiving, or never have received the e-mail version of the newsletter even though you requested it. We no longer be sending returned e-mail newsletters out by post due to the excessive cost.

Mark your Calendar



Dates to remember:

Description	Date
RSVP For Expressions of Style	Now
Block of Many Colors III Ready	Mar 1
Fabric Frenzy Passports Available	Mar 1
Quilt Fever Passports Available	Mar 1
Expressions of Style Catered	Mar 11

Event	
Quilt Fever Shop Hop	Mar 27–Apr 4
Block of Many Colors III Ready	Apr 1
Call For Quilts For Quilt Show	Apr 1
Closed Easter	Apr 12
Fabric Frenzy Shop Hop	Apr 14 – 18
Fifth Anniversary Celebration	Apr 26–May 2
Block of Many Colors III Ready	May 1
Closed Memorial Day	May 23 – 25
Last Block of Many Colors Ready	June 1
New , 7 Shop – Summer Sizzle Shop Hop	June 20 – 27
New Autumn Colors Shop Hop	Sep 26–Oct 3

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