

SewSewNEWS **May – June 2009**

Summer Sizzle Shop Hop

Announcing the “Summer Sizzle Shop Hop”. Eight great quilt shops! Eight great project patterns! For the \$5 passport you will receive:



- A free shop project pattern from each shop;
- A “goodie bag”;
- A chance to enter the shop-hop drawing with thousand\$ in Prize\$;
- Shop discounts

When: Saturday to Saturday, June 20 – 27, 2009.
Special shop hop hours: daily 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Sunday 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Forever In Stitches, Bluffton OH; Country Creations, Decatur, IN; Country Cupboard, Van Wert, OH; The Engine House Quilt Shop, Berne, IN; Pieced Together Quilt Shop, Fort Wayne, IN; The Quilterie, Celina, OH; Quilts ‘N Gifts, Bluffton, IN

Sunshine On My Shoulders

“Sunshine On My Shoulders” is a new design by Raggedy Ruth Designs™ [AKA Ruth]. She created it specially for the 5th Anniversary Celebration of Forever In Stitches.



Patterns and kits are available. Come, take a look-see.

Fifth Anniversary Celebration

It's over! [Boo-Hoo]. We enjoyed it. We trust you did too. The winners of the drawings are:

Place	Prize	Winner
1	\$200 Off Long Arming [1 Quilt]	8746
2	\$50 Gift Certificate	8124
3	\$25 Gift Certificate	8692
4	\$10 Gift Certificate	8953
5	“Lazy Eights” Quilt Kit	8340
6	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	Kathy Cotner
7	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	9052
8	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	8952
9	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	8078
10	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	9154
11	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	8511
12	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	8092
13	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	8563
14	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	8693
15	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	8209
16	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	8495
17	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	8544
18	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	8526
19	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	8383
20	Raggedy Ruth Pattern Choice	Miriam Watts

All prizes must be claimed and used by June 30, 2009.

Closed For Memorial Day

We will be closed Saturday through Monday, May 23 – 25, 2009 in observation of Memorial Day and those who have defended our liberties throughout the centuries.

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Getting The Newsletter By Post

To keep our postal expenses down, we are requiring those desiring the newsletter delivered by post to periodically re-subscribe every March, July and November. If you do not re-subscribe then delivery will cease beginning with the next newsletter. You can re-subscribe at the shop or on-line. You can always pick up a copy in the shop or on-line.

Closed Tuesdays At 5:30 P.M.

Remember we no longer have late hours on Tuesday nights. Customers had stopped coming at night, apparently due to our now being open 7 days a week. 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.
 Please check our web-site for holidays we observe.

Closed For Mothers' Day

We will be closed for Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 10, 2009.

Fifth Anniversary Quilt Show

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who submitted quilts for the quilt show. We had 70 quilts submitted, but were only able to show 65 due to size constraints. Nonetheless, everyone who submitted a quilt had at least one displayed.

During the week-long show, we had over 250 visitors. Quilters and non-quilters alike commented on the beauty and the tremendous number of hours represented by these works of art.

We thank those offering/making quilts that were shown:

Sharon Bateman	Cordelia Frueh	Teresa Potts
Julaine Boehm	Martha Grimm	Deb Retterer
Barb Buttermore	Marty Hostetler	Carolyn Rich
Arlene Derringer	Esther Kaple	Barb A. Roidt
Nancy Dietsch	Joyce Lhamon	Janet Roll
Kay Doster	Faith Markham	Abigail Savino
Elizabeth Eley	Dee Martin	Ruth Schmitzer
Martha Evans	Ramona Martin	Alice Shepler
Brianna Falk	Sharon Martin	Jill Sielschott
Karen Falk	Jackie Messick	Diane Simon
Jacqueline Fischbach	Phyllis Newland	Judy Snapp
Elaine Fisher	Jolene Oxender	Karen Spittler
Candy Freels	Mary Pahl	Lois Williams
Jean French	Sylvia Pletcher	Teresa Potts

Closed For Independence Day

We will be closed Saturday & Sunday, July 4 & 5, 2009 in observance of Independence Day and the celebration of our unalienable rights that are endowed by our Creator.

New Classes

We have a host of new classes covering a wide range of topics starting at beginner and continuing through any level. These include:

- "Make Your First Quilt – Beginner Level I
- Red Poppies – Beginner Level II
- Sunbonnet Sue – Beginner Level II
- Paper Piecing – Beginner Level I
- Wildflower Sampler – Intermediate Level
- Make Your Own Memory Labels – Any Level
- Binding: Learn & Review – Any Level

Check the class calendar on the web for dates and times.



The "Quilt Fever Shop Hop" was a hit again this year. The "Stateline Quilt Shops" are expanding to eight for the "Summer Sizzle Shop Hop". We will expand it again to nine shops for the "Autumn Colors Shop Hop" held September 26th to October 3rd.

Long Arm Drawing Winner

Congratulations to **Judy Haunstein** 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.

Fabric Frenzy & Sew Much More

This year's shop hop [AKA "The April Shop Hop"] with its new format with a combination of eight quilting and craft shops, was very successful. We are all looking forward to seeing you again next year!

Spring Baby Challenge

The quilts submitted were incredible, presenting quite a few "how do I choose" comments from the voters [our customers].

The winner of are:

Category	Winner
Boy	Mae Atkins
Girl	Jennifer Schmidt
Either	Wanda Ward
Honorable Mention	Arlene Garmatter
Honorable Mention	Sarah Noland

If you saw the challenge quilts, I'm sure you will agree they were all great.

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Include Yourself When Giving

Did you attend the Essentials of Style in March at Sherwin Williams, Findlay? They displayed panels of colors matched with fabrics [provided by FIS] and decorator items. Include your artistic gifts in coordinating and accenting your abode. Frequently used are wall hangings, table runners, throws, bed spreads, pillow covers, shams, draperies, shower curtain covers, dust ruffles, tablecloths and other comfort items.

Update Your Address

Please update your e-mail address information if you change your e-mail address.

Mark your Calendar



Dates to remember:

Description	Date
Block of Many Colors III Ready	May 1
Forever In Stitches Classes	See Web
Closed Mothers' Day	May 10
Bluffton Annual Craft Show	May 16
Closed Memorial Day	May 23 – 25
Last Block of Many Colors Ready	June 1
Forever In Stitches Classes	See Web
New – Summer Sizzle Shop Hop	June 20 – 27
Block of Many Colors III Finishing Kit	July 1
Forever In Stitches Classes	See Web
Closed Independence Day	July 4 – 5
Fall Festival Quilt Show	Sep. 26
New – Autumn Colors Shop Hop	Sep 26–Oct 3