

# Quilt n' Sew Connection

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Bernina/Quilt n' Sew Connection Newsletter

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We are entering that busy time of the year aren't we? Gifts to get done for Christmas. All those charity items we work on all year long are being finished and we wonder where the year has gone.

We had our first "Bring and Brag" and we invited everyone to attend. Our objective for this gathering is to show others what we have created. Whether it is a quilt, a wall hanging, a piece of clothing, perhaps a bag, an embroidery, an idea or whatever. It really doesn't matter and no one should feel their item may not be worthy of our seeing it. We want to show the creativity of our customers. It is amazing what we see in the store. We will also use this venue to invite you to attend Trunk Shows and instruction from local and national instructors. You will enjoy getting involved and find so much information to take to your "information bank".

I made my first trip to Quilt Market this year. What an interesting and exciting experience that was to see. Attending a day chuck full of new ideas, books and so much more, one only wishes they could put all of it into effect immediately.

The next two days were seeing all the fabrics available for the next season, looking at new patterns and making choices. So many choices it makes me wish I could carry so much more than I do now.

Of course we had to visit the Bernina booth to see what they are promoting and among other things it is the Bernina Stitch Regulator (BSR). Many people think about the BSR just for quilting. It also enables us to do so much with free motion thread painting. If you would like to see how this is done, stop in and ask for a demo.

We went to the Bernina Fashion Show and saw so much glitz we could not believe it. There was only one outfit out of about 50 outfits that did not have glitz on it.

Then in viewing the quilts it was the same thing, more glitz. The creativity was awesome. If you have not been to the Houston Quilt Festival, you will want to add this to your "wish list".

Speaking of "wish lists" our Men's Shopping Day is Sunday, December 10. As in previous years, we will have refreshments for that guy of yours, gift wrapping and lots of assistance in choosing just the right gift for you. Pick up your wish list in the store or print it from our website, mark the things you would like and give it to your special fellow to make his life a lot easier in picking the best gift for you.

Tagging onto this thought, on Saturday, December 9th, will be a shopping day for the kids, dads or grandparents, whomever and bring those youngsters into the store and we will help them find something special. We will have goodies for the kids too.

We have two national instructors coming soon. On Monday, November 13th, we have Lisa Maki of Crooked Nickel Quilts. Lisa is the person that created the Nickel Quilts. She will do two presentations including her Trunk Show and show you how to do the perfect quilt using her methods. Lisa is entertaining and very informative. We will have many "sets" of fabrics ready to go as well as the additional necessary items. All levels from the beginner sewer/quilter to the advanced will enjoy the workshops. We are offering two sessions. The first session will be 1:30 to 3:30 and the second will be 5:30 to 7:30 in the evening. We want to be able to offer these

sessions to those of you that cannot make it during the day. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Please register early to assure yourself a seat. The cost will be \$25.00 and a 15% discount on your purchases the day of the class.

In March, we have Vicki Tracy. Vicky has a line of patterns and wit to go along with her Truck Show. She owns a store in Lubbock, Texas and travels the country on her tours. Vicky works closely with Kaye England and the "Kaye England Seminars" and has co-written a book with Kaye as well.

I first met Vicky during a seminar 18 months ago and immediately wanted to have her come to the store. Jackie saw her at Bernina University this past summer and has said from the beginning, we really need to get her to the store. The date is March 6, 2007, we do not have the times set as yet. Mark your calendar for this event as well. I believe you will thoroughly enjoy it.

Check inside for our schedules and other news.

**Test Drive the Bernina Artista 730 with the Bernina Stitch Regulator (BSR). Using free motion stitching and the BSR foot all your stitches will be the same length. With or without embroidery.**



## Creative Club Membership & Other Classes

Most classes fall into the category of Creative Club classes, however, the classes can be taken individually. If a class is more than one session, the Club members will have a punch on their card for each class. Call for details or go to the website [www.quiltnewconnection.com](http://www.quiltnewconnection.com) and click on Creative Club on the Home page for a full explanation of the Creative Club Membership. Some special classes will not fall under the option of Creative Club Memberships. Join the club, get to know and make new friends. It is fun to sew with others and now it is much easier for you to do. Registration in advance is required for all classes. All machine brands are welcome. You do not have to have a Club Card to take any of our classes.

### Finish It 10:30 - 3:30

Check the calendar for open classroom time. Please let us know by registering.

If you are working on a project, need to sandwich a quilt or just want to sew with friends, call to be sure the classroom is open for your use. There is no charge.

### Cotton Theory 1:30 - 4:30

Nov. 10 & Dec. 8 Club Card or \$25.00

Instructor: Georgia Mate

This on-going series, which you may join at any time, continues this month with another easy project using the methods of the Cotton Theory book.

### TAKE NOTE:

Monday, November 13

Lisa Maki Nickel Quilts

1:30 - 3:30 & 5:30 - 7:30 \$25.00

Lisa presents a wonderful Trunk Show and how she developed the method of the Nickel Quilts. We will have her patterns as well as the other necessary items needed to complete the quilts. This is a lecture session. We hope you will join us for a good time, refreshments and learn more about the Nickel Quilts.

I met Lisa after attending her class at the Houston Quilt Market this year and was so impressed, I felt our customers would like this as well.

Nickel Quilts can be done by someone with no experience all the way to those with a lot of quilting experience.

Please register early and assure yourself a place at this exciting Trunk Show.

Our plans for the coming year are to offer Trunk Shows and lecture classes using both state and national instructors. Our next one is Vicky Tracy in March. There will be more about this later.

### Quick and Easy Placements 1:30 - 4:30

Wednesday, November 29,

Instructor: Jan Gallo \$25.00 or Club Card

Using pre-quilted fabrics you can have four completed and reversible placemats done and ready for gift giving in just a short period of time.

### Slippers 10:00 - 1:00

Thursday, November 30,

Instructor: Jackie Ruiz \$25.00

This popular class is a new twist on fun things to do for yourself or a gift. Sizes from a child to adults make this so much fun. You will be able to finish this class and be ready to wrap them, for most of you, that is.

### Bernina Stitch Regulator

Dates and Times to be announced for 2007

Instructor: Jan Gallo

Those of you that own Bernina machines such as the Aurora 440, Artista 630, 640 or 730 as well as those that have had their Artista 200's upgraded will want to attend this session. We will work on all the ways to best use your BSR foot. Take a look at some of the wonderful things that can be done with free motion.

### Machine Quilting with Decorative Threads

\$25.00 or Club Card 10:00 - 1:00

November 18 (3rd week, this month only)

Each month we take on another technique using all types of decorative threads. You can join this class at any time. The class is not project driven but is all done on quilt sandwiches for future use. You learn about tension, needles, as well as how to use decorative threads.

\$25.00 per class or 1 Club Card

Out of the Ditch 10:00 - 1:00

January 8 & 15 \$55.00

### Instructor: Linda Heithold

Learn the techniques of sandwiching your quilts or wall hangings properly to avoid any puckering when you are quilting it. Linda has taught this class for many years and assures everyone they can be successful with quilting.

### New Joy Owners

Notice to customers that have purchased the New Joy "Gold Standard" quilting table.

The New Joy Users group has been meeting for a few months now. They meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 until 3:00. The purpose of this group is to interact and share information and techniques with other owners of the New Joy quilting table. The NJUG will meet at Quilt n' Sew Connection in November on the 21st, there will be no meeting in December.

If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, please give the store a call at 775-9580. Please register so we know how to plan. There is no charge to join this group.

## Bernina Sewing Machines

### Bernina Sergers

### New Joy Quilting Table with Juki Machine

### Classes - Service

### Licensed Technician

#### Classroom Policies

Please turn off or silence cell phone.  
Arrive early to set up your equipment.  
Please refrain from wearing perfumes as many ladies are allergic to these scents.

Thank you!

## Mastery Classes

These classes are included at no charge with the purchase of your sewing machine, serger, embroidery machines and software from Quilt n' Sew Connection. Registration is required. If you did not purchase your machine or software from Quilt n' Sew Connection, we welcome your attendance. The fee varies depending on the number of classes for your machine or software. Registration required for all classes.

### Mastering Your Sewing Machine

Day & Date to Be Announced

Instructor: Georgia Mate

These classes teach the use of your Bernina sewing machine from the use of needles to threads, to information on cleaning your machine and more. No charge to those that purchase their machines from Quilt n' Sew Connection. We schedule these classes on a regular basis. Please call to register. 928-775-9580

### Serger Mastery Classes

Day & Date To Be Announced

Instructor: Georgia Mate 5 Sessions

All brands of sergers are welcome. If you have a serger and are not knowledgeable enough to use it to its full capacity, you should consider taking this class. You will be amazed and pleased at what you can do with your serger. Please call for further information.

### Mastering Your Software Classes.

Date To Be Announced

Instructor: Georgia Mate

A laptop computer is very helpful for classes. Artista software must be loaded on the computer and ready to use. We also have a screen in the classroom for your viewing and you can take your knowledge home to use on your desktop computer. Learn to rescale, reshape and resize your designs. Lettering basics and beyond. For all Artista software owners with the exception of those with Editor Lite.

Editor Lite classes will be scheduled as needed for those with machines with only this program.

Bernina Editor Lite owners will be in a separate class.



### Top Ten Reasons Bernina Excels In Quilting according to Diane Gaudynski

1. Bernina Stitch Regulator
2. Design of the freemotion presser feet.
3. Adjustable tension
4. FHS- Free Hand System
5. Electronic foot control
6. Motor Speed adjustment
7. Penetrating power of the DC motor
8. Needle stop down feature
9. Adjustable presser foot pressure
10. Magnifying lenses
11. CLF light
12. Touch Screen

### Connections

When: 4th Saturday of the Month

1:30 - 3:30

No Fee

Registration is required.

Instructors will vary

Each month we will feature an item, something new in the industry. Some months it may be a foot for the sewing machines that have a special technique to make things easier and more fun.

We will demonstrate new items in the store and let you try them.

Perhaps it will be having you use one of our sergers to see what they do and show you the many, many uses of this addition to your sewing room.

Each month it will change, give us a call or check when you are in the store.

### Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced

**What is your skill level? We provide classes for all skill levels. If you have questions regarding attending any classes, please call us. We can tell you more about the class and help you determine if a particular class will work for you. We want everyone to have a successful experience.**

### Machine Quilting with Decorative Threads

When: 4th Saturday of the Month

\$25.00 or Club Card 10:00 - 1:00

Instructors: Jan Gallo & Jackie Ruiz

Each month we work with a new technique. You can begin at any time

Instructors will alternate from month to month. The goal is to take these wonderful stitching techniques and learn how and where you can use them. It is not always on a quilt, the techniques can be used on many, many items.

We make samples for future reference with all the variations of threads, needles, tensions and more.

Displays will be in the store for each session. You can sign up for any or all. We will have eleven sessions each year with none in December.

We call it expanding our horizons.



**Sew Club** 9:30 - 12:30  
**Saturday, Nov. 11** Club Card or \$25.00  
**Instructor: Georgia Mate**

Turn your sweatshirt into a lovely jacket. A quick and easy way to create a sweatshirt jacket.

**Embroidery Club** 1:00 - 4:00  
**Saturday, Nov. 11** Club Card or \$25.00  
**Instructor: Georgia Mate**

Create a wall hanging using your embroidery machine.

**Sew Club for December** 10:00 - 1:00  
**Tuesday, Dec. 12** Club Card or \$25.00  
**Sat. Dec. 9 9:30-12:30** Club Card or \$25.00  
**Instructor: Georgia Mate**

Project to be announced

**Embroidery Club for December** 1:30-4:30  
**Tuesday, Dec. 12** Club Card or \$25.00  
**Sat. Dec. 9 1:00 - 4:00, Club Card or \$25.00**  
Project to be announced.

**Out of the Ditch** 10:00 - 1:00  
**Jan. 8 & 15** 2 Club Card or \$40.00  
**Instructor: Linda Heithold**

Learn the basics of putting your quilts together without puckers and learn to quilt successfully.

**Sweatshirt Jacket** 10:00 - 4:00  
**Wed. Jan. 17** 2 Club Card or \$40.00  
**Instructor: Mary Lindgren**

Turn that ordinary sweatshirt into a jacket using your choice of fabrics for the details.

**Christmas Club** 1:30-4:30 & 5:00-8:00  
**Thurs., Jan. 18** Club Card or \$25.00  
**Instructor: Varies each month**

This series is designed to get us together and sew something for yourself or to save as a gift for next Christmas. We will meet monthly.

**Table Runner** 10:00 - 4:00  
**Wed., Jan. 24** 2 Club Card or \$40.00  
**Instructor: Sue Chaffee**

Using bobbin work, create this unique table runner for a different look.

**Egg Money** 10:00 - 1:00  
**Thurs., Jan. 25** \$25.00

**Instructor: Georgia Mate**

Begin this new series using your colors and the Egg Money techniques to create an array of items over the next few months.

**Mola** 10:00 - 4:00  
**Friday, Jan. 26** 2 Club Card or \$40.00  
**Instructor: Sue Chaffee**

Learn the technique of creating the Mola designs. You will complete a small wall hanging

**Decorative Threads** 10:00 - 1:00  
**Sat. Jan. 27** Club Card or \$25.00



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**Men's Shopping Day**  
**Sunday, December 10th**  
**1:00 - 3:30**  
**Refreshments & Gift Wrapping**  
**Wish Lists are available at the store and online.**

**Announcement**

*We offer an opportunity to you to have your scissors sharpened on the fourth Wednesday of the month. All types of scissors as well as knives. Please bring them in by Tuesday and they will be ready by Thursday afternoon. Cutting with nice sharp scissors is such a pleasure.*

*Remember, nothing sews like a Bernina.*