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Bluffton's Fall Festival

Forever In Stitches, Greg's Pharmacy, Mennonite Memorial Home, the Swiss Community Historical Society, Bluffton Senior Center, and Bluffton's downtown businesses are sponsoring:

What: Bluffton's Fall Festival

When: Saturday, October 9, 2004
from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: At three venues:

- **Downtown Bluffton, Main & Cherry Streets**
- **Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 West Elm Street**
- **Schumacher Homestead, 8350 Bixel Road**

Information available at: www.fisllc.com/fallfest

One of the main highlights include horse-drawn wagon rides through downtown to the Mennonite Memorial Home as well as bus/shuttle delivery between the Home and the Schumacher Homestead, allowing you to park once and visit all three.

The events include:

Downtown

- Operation Phone Card is sponsored by the Festival.

A live broadcast on FM Froggy93 from town hall [12:00 N to 2:00 p.m.]. Every signature on their banner will result in an international phone card being donated to our troupes.

- Shop Hop with \$3,000 in prizes [see article].
- Music Entertainment
- Demonstrations, including
 - "Automated Long-Arm Quilting Machine Operation" and "Design Automation for Long-Arm" at Forever In Stitches
 - "Scrapbooking" at Greg's Pharmacy.
 - "Making Corn Husk Dolls" at The Little Red Barn.
 - "Specialty Coffee Making" at The Common Grounds
 - "Potato Block Stamping" at Ten Thousand Villages
 - "Faucet & Stool: Repair & Maintenance" at Community Maytag / M&R
- Kids' Activities, including:
 - Pumpkin Decorating & Prizes. Judging will continue through the following week at downtown businesses. Age group prizes include tickets to the Shannon Theatre and the Sutters Corn Maze.

- Potato Block Stamping
- Local Food Vendors
- Bake Sales
- Special "Shark Tale" movie matinees at 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at \$2 for 12 and under / \$3 for 13 and above. Free plain popcorn!

Schumacher Homestead

- Music Entertainment
- Historic Demonstrations
 - Quilting
 - Bread baking
 - Gun Smith Display
 - Early Roofing Materials
 - Log Cutting with two man saw
 - Potter
 - Chair Caning
- Displays & Tours
 - House
 - Barn
 - Antique Books
 - Antique Tools
- Kids Activities
 - Straw Bale Maze
 - Kids Cross Stitch
- Food

Mennonite Memorial Home

- Silent Auction for antiques, crafts, and hand made items
- Food vendors
- Home tour
- Craft vendors
- Youth group activities

See you there! ☺

Holiday Open House

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Open House, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., November 13, 2004. Come visit us for gift ideas, refreshments and snacks. This is the weekend that all participating Bluffton businesses hold their holiday open house. ☺

Thimbleberries Quilt Club 2005

Forever In Stitches is please to announce our participation in the

2005 Thimbleberries Quilt Club.

The month by month blocks of the 2005 club create two quilts "Sunrise" 62" x 76"



and Sunset 60" x 60"



based on their beautiful floral "Circle of Love" fabric collection. The patterns for both of these quilts are only available to 2005 TB Quilt Club members. **As we have established a limit of 50 memberships, reserve your membership today.** Membership provides:

Membership Items:

- 12 Monthly Blocks Kits (starts Jan 2005) \$4.00** per month **required**
- Patterns for Monthly Block (No Cost)
- Thimbleberries Thursdays Theminar (1st Thursday of each month) 10am - 12pm or 6pm - 8pm for those needing help making their monthly blocks. (No Cost)
- 20% Annual Discount on all Thimbleberries products purchased from Forever In Stitches (**excluding monthly block kits)

Optional Membership Items:

- Sunrise Quilt Finishing Kit w/o Backing \$79
- Sunrise Quilt Thimbleberries Backing \$30
- Sunset Quilt Finishing Kit w/o Backing \$59
- Sunset Quilt Thimbleberries Backing \$30
- Circle of Love Companion Book (released Spring 2005) Members Only \$20.00
- Circle of Love Quilt Stencils (Two Borders and One Block) Members Only \$6.00
- Circle of Love Quilt Label Yardage (Yardage price not determined) ☺

Bluffton Shop Hop

There will be a Shop Hop as part of Bluffton's Fall Festival. It will begin with the Festival [10:00 a.m. **Saturday, October 9, 2004**] and continue through close of business Friday, October 15, 2004.

You will receive a map and "passport" at any of the participating downtown businesses to get stamped at their and other businesses [no purchase necessary.] Completed and submitted passports will be in the drawing held Saturday, October 16, 2004 at Forever In Stitches.

There are \$3,000 in prizes. The grand prize is a Maytag Neptune Washer and Dryer combination [top loading, front loading, or stackable] from Forever In Stitches, Greg's Pharmacy, Community Maytag, and Bluffton's downtown businesses. The other prizes consist of various gift certificates to the sponsoring Bluffton downtown businesses.

For more information: www.fisllc.com/shophop ☺

Ladies' Night Out

During October, Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. is considered to be our "Ladies' Night Out". Come by and use our sofas and have refreshments ☺

Quilt Show at Litzenberg Woods

The quilt show at Litzenberg Memorial Woods last month was a success with 254 visitors.



Christmas Long-Arm Limit

We are sorry to say, our current backlog of long-arm quilting will take us through the Christmas Holiday Season ☺

Long-Arm Services Changes

We have made changes to our Long-Arm Services brochure, especially in regard to the sign-in process. Please review it the next time you are at the shop ☺

Quilt With A Friend

We have expanded "Quilt With A Friend" to include any time that we do not have a class scheduled. Use our training area with the Pfaff sewing machines and tools for free! Quilt by yourself or with up to six friends! Reserve your free space . . . just call us 419.358.0656 ☺

Quilting Time

We have noted that some quilters attend our classes just so they can have dedicated quilting time! Or time away without distractions! That is fine with us, but you can use our "Quilt With A Friend" plan for free even if you don't have a friend to quilt with ☺

Custom Stitch Designs

Forever In Stitches has been designing various stitch designs for the Statler Stitcher™/Gammill™ long-arm. Some times we are trying to develop a pattern to match a fabric pattern as we did with Moda's "At Home" and "Funky Monkey". Others are to match a customer's desires or to have a theme as was the case with these Amish Wagons ☺



Holiday Gift Registry

Want “that something special”? We have a gift registry available from now through December. You may want to be specific or general. Then tell your family or friends about the registry and the “Men Only Night”. ☺

Men Only Night

Men, looking for “that something special” as a gift for “that someone special” but don’t want to be caught in a quilt shop? We have two special nights just for you 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, November 17, 2004 and December 15, 2004. Ask us for their gift registration. Sorry ladies, men only during those hours ☺

Meadow Brook – New Fabric

Our highlighted “new arrival” this month is “Meadow Brook” weighing in at an amazing 53 bolts. Benartex is the proud parent. Shown here is part of the collection ☺



Blue Dot & Red Dot Specials

Did you know that we have a constantly maintained “Bargain Bin” area. At this moment there are 300 bolts ranging in price down to \$1.25 / yard ☺

Unique Long-Arm Service

Our Statler Stitcher™ long-arm service is rather unique to this area. In talking to the factory the other day I discovered that to find another service near Bluffton you have to go 95 miles South, 117 miles East, 191 miles West, and who knows how far North into Michigan! ☺

Bluffton \$10 Club

The Bluffton \$10 Club specials for the month of October, 2004 are:

- **Forever In Stitches** is taking \$10 off any five yards of bolt fabric. Excludes wool as well as red and blue dot specials;
- Family True Value Hardware is offering 33 piece drill & driver set, regularly \$24.99 for \$10.00.
- Community Maytag / M&R: \$10 off any faucet over \$45.
- Greg’s Pharmacy Caren Bath & Body 2 oz. products. Mix and match hand lotion, body lotion, and bath gel: Any 3 for \$10 regularly \$15.
- Groves Bears offers specially selected Boyds pieces, retail values up to \$29.50 for \$10;
- The Black Lab Trading Company has scented Warm Glow Candles, regularly \$14.95 for \$10.

The Bluffton \$10 Club is a group of Bluffton retail merchants who offer a monthly special for \$10 or \$10 off. See participating stores [listed above] for any limitations on these offers and any additional specials ☺

DMC Embroidery Floss Available

Forever In Stitches now carries DMC Embroidery Floss ☺

New Classes

In a Bind

Duration: 2 Hours. Instructor: *Ruth Grihalva*. Add that finishing touch, learn all about binding. From calculating yardage needed, to cutting straight and bias binding, attaching it to the quilt with a mitered corner and hand sewing the reverse.

Patience Corner (Modified)

Duration: 6 Hour. Instructor: *Carol Ginter*. Learn the

techniques of making the modified version of the Patience Corner Block. During class you will complete a 37" x 51" quilt.

Angels of Joy

Duration: 3 Hours. Instructor: *Sue Uncapher*. From Pat Sloan's "Quilt the Seasons" booklet, this 32" x 16" hand appliquéd wall hanging features three flying angels amidst stars and a flowering vine.

"Super Hip-Hugger" Purse

Duration: 3 Hours. Instructor: *Betty Fiser*. A larger, roomier version of the popular Hip Hugger Purse. Great to customize for shopping or travel. Secure, across the shoulder design.

Hometown Christmas II, III, IV

Duration: 3 Hours Each. Instructor: Betty Fiser. Complete the "Stars & Fence" block as depicted on the cover of Volume 2, 3, & 4, respectively.

Santas

Duration: 3 Hours. Instructor: Betty Fiser. Learn machine appliqué techniques to make this holiday Santas 18" x 24" wall hanging.

Tiger Tote

Duration: 3 Hours. Instructor: *Betty Fiser*. From "Grab & GO Totes" booklet, this Tiger Tote can be made in 4 sizes ranging from 4" x 4" x 4" to 9" x 15" x 15".

Kids Kan Kwilt Series: Candle Mat/Pillow

Duration: 2.5 Hours. Instructor: *Carol Ginter*. Let kids find out that quilting is not just for adults. Very simple

basic class to teach simple rotary cutting & strip piecing skills to make a 12" candle mat or pillow. Open to children age 7 (*must have completed Kindergarten*) to 12. Children must be willing to participate without parental guidance, parent **may not** attend class with the child.

Kids Kan Kwilt Series: Thanksgiving Placemat

Duration: 4 Hours. Instructor: *Carol Ginter*. Same as above except for making a Thanksgiving placemat. ☺

Holiday Sock Challenge

Remember: Entries are due November 6, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. ☺

Moda Quilt Contest

The new Moda Contest ["Pick a Pack – Pick a pattern"] will begin in November. If you did not receive our separate mailing last month on this event, please contact us by phone or on our web-site ☺

SewSewNews

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October Class Schedule

CLASS	DATE & TIME
Angels of Joy	Saturday, October 23 rd , 9:00am - 12:00pm
Beginner Sampler 3 of 6	Thursday, October 7 th , 10:00am-2:00pm
Beginner Sampler 4 of 6	Thursday, October 14 th , 10:00am-2:00pm
Beginner Sampler 5 of 6	Thursday, October 21 st , 10:00am-2:00pm
Beginner Sampler 6 of 6	Thursday, October 28 th , 10:00am-2:00pm
Beginner's Basics 5 of 6	Tuesday, October 5 th , 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Beginner's Basics 6 of 6	Tuesday, October 12 th , 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Hometown Christmas II	Saturday, October 2 nd , 9:30am - 12:30pm
Hometown Christmas III	Saturday, October 16 th , 9:30am - 12:30pm
In A Bind	Wednesday, October 6 th , 10:00am-12:00pm Tuesday, October 12 th , 10:00am-12:00pm Wednesday, October 27 th , 10:00am-12:00pm Friday, October 29 th , 10:00am-12:00pm
Intro to Rotary Cutting	Friday, October 8 th , 11:00am-12:00pm Friday, October 22 nd , 11:00am-12:00pm
Intro to Sewing Machines	Friday, October 8 th , 10:00am-11:00am Friday, October 22 nd , 10:00am-11:00am
Kids Kan Kwilt: Candle Mat/Pillow	Tuesday, October 19 th , 5:30pm-8:00pm
Minnesota Hotdish	Wednesday, October 13 th , 10:00am-2:00pm
Patience Corner	Friday, October 15 th , 10:00am-4:00pm
Santas - Machine Applique	Wednesday, October 20 th , 2:00pm-5:00pm
Super Hiphugger Purse	Wednesday, October 20 th , 10:00am-1:00pm
Tiger Tote	Tuesday, October 26 th , 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Under The Stars 1 of 2	Saturday, October 9 th , 9:30am - 2:30 pm
Under The Stars 2 of 2	Saturday, October 30 th , 9:30am - 2:30 pm