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Saturday ..... 9:00 to 5:30

Sunday ..... Closed

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## SewSewNEWS

## March & April 2005

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### April Shop-Hop!

The Four County Fabric Frenzy Shop-Hop is coming your way 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. *It's more than a mouthful – it'll be loads of fun.* And you can have even more fun taking one of the five motorcoaches planned for the event [see related article].

Passports are \$5. They are available at the shops or on our web-site's on-line store. They entitle the holder to:

- 10% discount on quilting supplies at all shops;
- A quilt pattern designed especially for the shop-hop;
- Entrance into the drawing for \$2,000 in prizes.

The drawing will be for over \$2,000 US in prizes. The grand prize is a Singer Featherweight sewing machine and related book. Second prize is a Jenome 662 Jem Silver Quilt Ensemble. The remainder of the prizes will be gifts of varying value from the individual stores.

The shops taking part in the shop-hop are:



**Forever In Stitches**



*The Crooked Needle*



**ohio farm house**



*The Door Mouse*



**Quilt Makers**



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## Motorcoach Transportation

No Fuss - Take Our Bus



This is one of the motorcoaches that can take you and your quilting friends on the shop-hop. It has comfortably wide seats with full facilities. The cost is \$30 for the day, which including a sack lunch and soda.

First-come-first-serve so reserve your seat soon. Minimum for each bus is 30, maximum 55-56. Rebate gift certificates will be provided to those in busses with more than 40 riders.

Reserve your spot by contacting the shop or using our on-line store. Encourage your friends.

Origin	Day	Depart-Return
Lima & Wapakoneta	Tuesday April 5	8:30am-9pm
Columbus	Wednesday April 6	8am-9pm
Fort Wayne	Thursday April 7	8:30am-9pm
Bluffton	Friday April 8	10am-9pm
Pemberville	Friday April 8	8am-6pm

Departure – Return point will be coordinated with those riding from remote locations. Pemberville pricing differs ☺

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## Do You Have A Quilting Guild, Club, or Event?

Check out our web-site's "Quilting & Community Link" area for events and guild information. If you would like your event or guild information maintained by us, just contact us and provide the information ☺

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## Sarah Basinger Quilt Benefit

The Bluffton Athletic Boosters' Building Fund will benefit from the sale of some 40-50 of Sarah Basinger's quilts and tops. They range from wall hangings to queen-sized quilts.

Be at the Bluffton Middle School "Cafetorium" Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The fund is providing a 10,000 sq ft strength and conditioning center at the Harmon Field complex on East College Ave ☺

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## WCOQG Retreat A Success

The West Central Ohio Quilt Guild retreat in January was full, with 100 quilters in attendance. Forever In Stitches donated door prizes and a grand prize. The prizes consisted of books, notions, and batting with the grand prize of long-arm quilting services. The long-arm grand prize was won by Sara Miller ☺

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## James Quilting Sisters Storm

What a testimony! On Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> an incredible 200 quilters showed up at the James Quilting Sisters Retreat in Columbus. In one day they produced over a hundred lap quilts to comfort breast cancer chemotherapy patients! They plan on providing a lap quilt to every patient as well as to decorate the facility

They expect to have two more retreats this year. Watch our web-site for more information. If you want to contact them go to Quilt Guilds on our web-site.

Forever In Stitches donated over 300 yards of material plus 8 twin-sized batting ☺

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## Bluffton University's Silent Auction

Forever In Stitches has donated the Prairie Christmas quilt, pieced by Ruth Grihalva using materials from Moda's Kansas Troubles' collection, to the Bluffton University Women's Council's Silent Auction.

The purpose of the Bluffton University Women's Council is to promote Bluffton University and to create and intensify interest in the university on the part of women throughout the university constituencies and to raise funds in support of university students, faculty, staff and departments. Each year the women's council sponsors two fund raising projects—homemade pie sales at the homecoming luncheon and the silent auction.

The money raised is dispersed to faculty and staff through grants for projects that will enhance the educational experience of students.

The silent auction takes place in the gallery lounge of Marbeck Center from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to donate items for the auction please contact Joyce Schumacher at (419) 358-3456 or at [schumacherj@bluffton.edu](mailto:schumacherj@bluffton.edu). ☺

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## March & April Class Schedule

Class	Date	Time
Beginner's Basics (6 of 6)	Tuesday, March 1	6pm – 9 pm
Beginning Sewing	Saturday, March 5	10am – 1pm
Beginner's Basics for Kids	Mondays, March 7, 14, 21 ,28 April 11	3:30pm – 5pm
Bargello Wall Hanging	Tuesday, March 8	5pm-9pm
Thimbleberries Club Thursday	Thursday, March 3	10am – 12n or 6-8p
Scrappy Jacket Session	Thursday, March 10, 24	5pm-9pm
Scrappy Jacket Session	Friday, March 11, 25	10am – 3pm
Beginner's Basic	Tuesday, March 15, 22, 29 April 5, 12, 19	6pm-9pm
In A Bind	Wednesday, March 16	1pm-4pm
2 for 1	Thursday, March 17	10am-5pm
Intermediate Hand Appliqué	Saturday, March 19 April 2,16	9am-12n
Stack & Whack Stars	Saturday, March 26	10am-5pm
Paper Piecing II	Friday, April 1	10am – 1 pm
Thimbleberries Club Thursday	Thursday, April 7	10am-12n or 6-8pm
Spring Snippets	Saturday, April 9	10am-4pm

Pineapple: A Piece of Cake	Thursday, April 14	10am-5pm
In A Bind	Thursday, April 15	1pm-4pm
Strip Quilting	Wednesday, April 20	10am-1pm
Mock Hand Appliqué	Saturday, April 23, May 7	9am-12n

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## Publication Date Change

We are changing the publication dates for SewSewNews to bimonthly, published in the middle of the month so as to facilitate the dissemination of class information ☺

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## New Fabric

We have received several new collections since the last newsletter. Among them are:

- Charms by Nancy Halverson, Benartex
- Cottage Garden by Kathy Schmitz, Moda
- Funny Farm by Trish Cribbs, Northcott
- Cottagewood by Thimbleberries, RJR [reserved for the Shop-Hop] ☺

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## Bluffton \$10 Club

The Bluffton \$10 Club special for the month will continue. However, they will not be listed in the newsletter due to the changes in the publication dates. Please check to shop or the web-site for the monthly specials ☺

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## SewSewNews

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