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

Sunday ..... Closed

Other ..... By Appointment

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## Anniversary & Customer Appreciation Celebration

It happened so fast, we didn’t see it coming [or going]! With your enthusiastic support we have completed our first year! It’s natural to celebrate our appreciation of you.

So, join us, **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** for our **“Customer Appreciation & Anniversary Celebration”**. We will offer:

- **10% in product discounts** and rebates;
- Drawings for over **\$1,000 in prizes**; and

**Goodies** [the refreshment kind].

That’s right, all week long we will be offering a 10% product discount. 50% of that will be rebated to a quilting guild or club of your choice and 50% directly to you with your purchase!

Our grand prize drawing will be Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The grand prize is an edge-to-edge **long-arm services for up to a king sized quilt**. First through third prizes are gift certificates in the denominations of \$150, \$100, and \$60, respectively.

And, all week long we will have drawings for a \$20 gift certificate at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

All winners will be posted in our window and must claim their prize by May 30, 2005. Prizes must be redeemed by September 1, 2005.

Also, Greg’s Pharmacy is helping us celebrate by discounting quilt magazines 10%. And, don’t forget to stop by Groves’ Boyds Celebration ☺

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## “Seeing Stars” May BOM Club



You were promised stars and you shall have them! This is new design by Raggedy-Ruth Creations™.

Key characteristics of this Block Of the Month [BOM] are:

- There are two color waves: teal [below] and pink [above].
- Each kit consists of six unique, 15" blocks.
- A club member is limited to four kits / blocks. This allows members to make the quilt size of their choice [display, twin, full, queen or king].



- The fabric used is Red Rooster's "Sweet Juliet" and Moda "Marbles".
- The Club lasts six months.
- Kits are distributed from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the end of that month.
- The Club and signup begin Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Price of the club is \$3 per month per kit. The price includes the block, fabric and instructions.
- If a month's blocks are picked up after the end of that month then an additional \$1 per block fee will be added to the price.
- The blocks must be picked up in person.
- Blocks not picked up for two months will be considered as dropped from the club, unless we are notified.
- Finishing kits for sashing and borders in all sizes are available. They include patterns, instructions, and fabric. If you want the finishing kits, they must be purchased up front, as they are cut to order. After the first month [May] the finishing fabric will no longer be reserved ☺

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## Closed On Memorial Day

We will be closed on Memorial Day, Observed, Monday, May 30, 2005. Velvet would like you to celebrate with a hamburger instead of a hotdog ☺

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## Camp Thimbleberries 2005



It's "Melon Picking Time" for Camp Thimbleberries 2005. Create the "Melon Slice" wallhanging quilt using their "Picnic" fabric. The camp is for everyone. [It is not limited to the 2005 Thimbleberries "Circle of Love" Club Members., although they do get a 20% discount with our Club card.]

Camp members will receive:

- The kit of pattern, instructions, top fabric, and backing for the 27" x 35" wallhanging quilt.
- Attendance at an 8 hour camaraderie camp / instruction time with Betty Fiser.
- Three additional patterns using the Thimbleberries' "Picnic" fabric
- The price for the camp is \$65

Those interested in the quilt only, but not in the extras, can purchase the kits for \$47. These non-camp kits will not be available until after the camps have completed ☺

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## Velvet's Summer Challenge



Velvet is sponsoring a challenge entitled "The Dog Days of Summer". The grand prize will be a gift certificate for \$150 and the first prize will be a gift certificate for \$50. In addition, all entrants who are also dog lovers are welcome to pet Velvet!

The challenge:

- The theme of the quilt must have something to do with Summer and, of course, contain a doggie.
- Pick up a free fat-eighth of challenge fabric starting May 1, 2005
- Create a quilted, finished, square or rectangular quilt between 16-36" in length and/or width.
- The quilt top must contain the challenge fabric plus five additional fabrics [for a total of six fabrics].
- Name, address and phone number must be affixed to the back of the quilt.
- Entry must be received by Saturday, July 2, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.
- Customers may view and vote on their favorites during normal business hours starting Tuesday, July 5, 2005 through Saturday, July 30, 2005.
- The winners will be announced on Monday, August 1, 2005.

The Grand Prize will be determined by Forever In Stitches, while the First Prize will be chosen by customer voting ☺

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## Arts & Craft Fair

Saturday, May 21, 2005 the Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce will have the annual Arts & Craft Fair. Come to a day of fun, entertainment, food, and demonstrations starting at 9:00 a.m.

Be sure to stop by our shop, as we will have demonstrations on the automated long-arm and pattern design using computer aided design [CAD]. Groves will have their Spring Steiff Event. A special show of antiques will be on Vine Street ☺

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## Groves Spring Steiff Event

On Saturday, May 21<sup>ST</sup> Groves Bears is having Spring Steiff Trunk Show. All Steiff will be on sale.

Dick Frantz, renowned Steiff Archivist will be at Groves to make a presentation on Steiff. Dick will also bring samples of the 2005 Steiff product line. When you make a Steiff purchase, you will automatically be entered into our Steiff drawing for Steiff prizes ☺

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## Groves Boyds Celebration

Corresponding with our celebration, on Saturday, May 14, 2005, everything Boyds will be on sale at Groves. Choose from all accessories, all Boyds resin and plush. There are no exclusions. See Groves for details ☺

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## Shop-Hop Winners!

The winners of the drawing for the Four County Fabric Frenzy Shop Hop are:

- Grand Prize [Singer Featherweight] - Charolette Ludwig, Ada
- First Prize [Janome] - Carol Rathborn, Fostoria
- Denise Acuff
- Doris Brotherwood
- Carolyn Corey
- Chris Dauer
- Deb Ford
- Jan Fullington
- Linda Gegorski
- Sandy Grolle
- Linda Haggard
- Sharon Howard
- Barbara Klatt
- Annett Lang
- Arnett Maroney
- Robin Post
- Cindy Reynolds
- Mary Ann Robinson
- Joe Scaife
- Diane Warren
- Martha Wiens
- Barb Wizwell ☺

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## Moda Challenge Winner

Barbara Roidt of Jenera, Ohio won Honorable Mention for designing and making this [shown below] entry into the “Pick A Pack – Pick A Pattern” contest cosponsored by Moda and the Kansas City Star using the “Patterns of History” fabric collection. The quilting was done by our long-arm quilter Sylvia Pletcher. The Moda collection is still available in our shop ☺



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## Shop-Hop Quilts Available!

The Four County Fabric Frenzy Shop-Hop is over and was a complete success from all accounts. All of the special quilts have been handed out, but there are still fabric kits available for \$32. We also have finishing kits available with cutting and instructions for display, twin, full, queen, and king sizes ☺

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## New Fabric

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

- "Vintage Nursery" by Quilting Treasures
  - "Cottagewood" by Thimbleberries
  - "Madeline" by RJR
  - "Simple Pleasures" by RJR
  - "Seasons" by Moda
  - "Something For Every Seasons" by RJR
  - "Willa" by Moda
  - "Funny Farm" by Blank Textiles
  - "Noah's Arc" by Blank Textiles ☺
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## Thimbleberry Club Notice:

**Warning:** By April 30<sup>th</sup>, Club members must turn in their order form for the finishing kit and backing requests for the Sunrise quilt. After that date the fabric is made available to those not in the club. This form was provided with the block handed out in March. Contact the shop if you need a form ☺

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## Festival Of Wheels

On Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> the Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual Festival Of Wheels on Main Street. Come and enjoy the old cars and other activities starting in the late afternoon and continuing into the night. Stop by the shop and see what we have in "store" ☺

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## Scrapbooking Month

May is National Scrapbooking Month. Stop by Greg's Pharmacy for scrapbooking:

- Specials,
  - Demonstrations,
  - Contest, and a
  - Drawing ☺
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## SewSewNews

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## May & June Class Schedule

Course	Date & Time
Summer Days [1 of 2]	Tuesday, May 3 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Beginner's Class [1 of 4]	Wednesday, May 4 - 1:30 - 4:30 pm
Thimbleberries Thursday	Thursday, May 5 - 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Summer Days [2 of 2]	Tuesday, May 10 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Beginner's Class [2 of 4]	Wednesday, May 11 - 1:30 - 4:30 pm
Yellow Brick Road	Thursday, May 12 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Intro to Hand Quilting	Saturday, May 14 - 9:00 am - 12:00n
Camp Thimbleberries 2005 - Melon Slice [Session #1 1 <sup>st</sup> ]	Tuesday, May 17 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Beginner's Class [3 of 4]	Wednesday, May 18 - 1:30 - 4:30 pm
Shuffle the Deck	Thursday, May 19 - 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Camp Thimbleberries 2005 - Melon Slice [Session #2]	Saturday, May 21 - 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Beginner's Class [4 of 4]	Wednesday, May 25 - 1:30 - 4:30 pm

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Friendship Star Baby Quilt	Thursday, May 26 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Paper Piecing	Thursday, May 26 - 10:00 am - 1:00pm
Camp Thimbleberries 2005 - Melon Slice [Session #1 2 <sup>nd</sup> ]	Tuesday, May 31 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Thimbleberries Thursday	Thursday, June 2 - 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Beginner's Children's Age 9-11 [1 of 2]	Monday, June 6 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Basic Rotary Cutting	Tuesday, June 7 - 10:00 - 11:00 am
Hearts	Tuesday, June 7 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Camp Thimbleberries 2005 - Melon Slice [Session #3]	Thursday, June 9 - 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Thimbleberries Bag	Saturday, June 11 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Hearts	Monday, June 13 - 12 noon - 3 pm
Beginner's Children's Age 9-11 [2 of 2]	Monday, June 20 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Intro to Hand Quilting	Tuesday, June 21 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Cotton Theory	Wednesday, June 22 - 12 Noon - 3 pm
Chenille Water Bottle Carrier	Friday, June 24 - 10 am - 3 pm
Log Cabin & Bows [1 of 2]	Tuesday, June 28 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Mystery Quilt	Thursday, June 30 - 9:30 am - 4:00 pm