

Howell's Sewing & Vacuum

December - March 2012 Class Schedule

Special Events

SERGER UNIVERSITY

Spend 3 days with a well know Independent Serger Specialist with hands on instruction. That's a total of 18 hours. You will receive a fully illustrated, color, step by step, bound workbook! All the fabrics needed to complete the workbook will be provided by Sue along with the printed workbook. This event teaches "Serger Techniques and Applications". We do not make small projects. All techniques are done making samples that fit into the workbook. The workbook with fabric samples has a retail value of \$60. Beginning serger sewers are welcome. The techniques will apply to any other sergers and and you will be provided with a jet air threading Baby Lock for easy re-threading for all the techniques.

Dates: Thu, Fri & Sat, Mar 29, 30 & 31; 10-4:30

Class Fee: \$150

Instructor: Sue Green-Baker

Sewing & Fun

MAKE A TOTE BAG FROM A VEST

Have a beautiful vest that you can't or don't wear or see one at a thrift store that you like but it's the wrong size ! It can make a GREAT Tote Bag and you can enjoy it in a much more practical way! It is quite an easy project with some hand sewing . Great for teens too! Just bring the vest (preferably lined though not necessary) and watch the delightful transformation that it will make. Hand needles and trimming embroidery thread will be provided.

Date: Mon. Jan. 23; 10-2

Cost: \$15

Instructor: Lorna Ingram

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BOBBIN WORK-NOTEBOOK COVER

This crazy quilted notebook cover accommodates an 8 X 5 inch tablet and will be your personal touch when taking notes at your next sewing class. This class is designed to help you become comfortable using heavier threads in the bobbin. The cover is a beginner project and FREE to all who use a machine in this class that was purchased at Howell's.

Date: Fri, Jan 20

Time: 1-5:30

Class Fee: Free w/machine purchase or \$15 all others

Instructor: MaryLynn

HAND APPLIQUE' THE HAWAIIAN WAY

If hand applique' appears difficult then this class will take the mystery out of it for you. Using Hawaiian applique' patterns you will learn to master needle turn appliqué, perfect points and hidden stitches. This is the best pastime for a take-a-long project. Never get stuck waiting somewhere again without your quilting. You will make a 20" square piece that you can use as a pillow, tote bag or quilt block. Basic sewing and hand sewing skills required. Patterns provided

Date: Sat, Feb 25 & Mar 3; 10-1

Class Fee: \$30

Instructor: Holly Ames

BEGINNING NEEDLE FELTING BY MACHINE

Using a wool scarf we will learn how to tame the fibers for trouble free embellishment. Use a solid color wool scarf we will create a grape cluster on a branch. We will work from the book "An Updated Supplement to Sulky's Secrets to Successful Stabilizing" This class is designed for Machine Needle felting but hand felters are welcome.

Date: Fri, Jan 13; 2-5

Class Fee: \$25

Instructor: MaryLynn

SERGER 101

Do you have a serger you are "afraid" to use or haven't used because you cannot thread it or bought from someone and had no lesson on how to use it? Then this is the class for you! You will become familiar with the parts of your serger, such as loopers, differential feed, stitch finger, etc; how to thread the serger and how to do simple serging. When you complete this class you will be ready to try a simple project such as napkins, simple blouse, placemats, etc.

Date: Mon, Jan 9; 9:30-1:00

Class Fee: \$30

Instructor: Jean Baxter

BLACK BELT SEWING

Imagine three days to sew with no interruptions, Black Belt Sewing give you that chance. Bring your latest projects to Howell's and set up your sewing machine and supplies and enjoy three days of sewing with others who like to sew as much as you do! Space is limited and this is a popular event, so plan to sign up early for your spot in Black Belt Sewing.

Date: Fri, Sat & Sun, Feb 3, 4 and 5; 9:30-4

Class: \$25

Coordinator: Jean Baxter

FIT FOR YOU

Based upon the Palmer/Pletsch system of pattern fitting, you will be fitted in a basic bodice to find your best pattern size and how your body varies from the "sloper" from which patterns are designed. You will then alter the pattern and create your "body map" to enable you to alter any fashion pattern. As time permits, you will alter any pattern so that it is ready to sew into a beautifully fitting garment.

Date: Thu, Jan 12 & 19; 9:30-3

Class Fee: \$65 includes pattern for sloper

Instructor: Jean Baxter

PANTS FOR EVERYBODY

Tired of pants that don't fit your figure properly? This is the class for you!! Have a pair of casual pants or trousers fit to your body, and then make the pants in class. You will be very happy with the results and can use the pattern over and over again to make as many pants as you wish. Already taken this class? You can repeat it and make pants with welted pockets or cuffs or lined, etc.

Date: Fri, Sat & Sun, March 23, 24 & 25; 9:30-4:30

Class Fee: \$60

Instructor: Jean Baxter

SIMPLY JACKETS

Want to make a lined jacket with or without a collar? This is your chance to make the jacket of your choice under the guidance of a certified instructor. If you are an experienced sewist you might want to make welted pockets, bound buttonholes and of course line the jacket. If you are less experienced, you will want to select a simpler pattern, no collar, machine made buttonholes, etc to make a successful jacket.

Date: Thu, Feb 23, Mar 8, 15 & 22; 9:30 - 2:30

Class Fee: \$65

Instructor: Jean Baxter

FAUX CHENILLE SCARF

Faux Chenille is a fun sewing technique where you can make many items of clothing or home dec projects. In this class we will be making a scarf that will keep anyone warm during the cold winter months. Using a good quality flannel (several layers of it), a straight stitch on the machine and some cutting later, you will have a scarf in no time if you take this class. So come learn the technique of making faux chenille by completing this scarf!

Date: Fri, Jan 27; 10-4

Class Fee: \$25

Instructor: Jean Baxter

KIDS SEWING CLASS

If you have a sewing machine you have hardly used and are afraid to use or you want to get started on a simple project, this is the class for you. Students can work on individual projects whether it's basic sewing skills, making pillows, bags, or starting on the quilting basics. We shall meet twice a month.

Ages 8-14

Dates: Wed, Dec 7 & 14, Jan 11 & 25, Feb 8 & 22,

Mar 7 & 21; 4-6

Limit: 2-8 students

Class Fee: \$10 per session.

Instructor: Ingrid Cattaneo

ADULTS - START TO SEW

Are you an older teen or adult who has little to no sewing skills but wants to learn to sew? Adults - Start To Sew is a series of three classes that can be taken consecutively or take just one or two classes. The first class - Know Your machine - helps you become confident in using your machine for all sewing. The second class - Creative Pillowcases - teaches you how to work with fabrics, sew simple seams on the machine and be successful in completing your first sewing project. The third class - Lounge Pants - teaches you how to read pattern envelopes, determine how much fabric to buy, select the sewing implements to make sewing easier, and how to read the guide sheet and interrupt the directions in the guide sheet. Make a pair of lounge pants for yourself or someone special in your life.

Instructor: Jean Baxter

First Class: Know Your Machine; Sun, Feb 12; 10-1

Class Fee: \$20

Second Class: Creative Pillowcases; Sun, Mar 4; 10-2

Class Fee: \$20

Third Class: Lounge Pants' Sun, Mar 18; 10-4

Class Fee: \$30

OPEN SEWING

This class affords you the opportunity to have five hours of uninterrupted sewing, on a project of your choosing, with help from a certified sewing instructor and enjoy the company of people who love to sew as well.

Dates: Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 10; 12:30-5:30

Class Fee: \$25 per session

Instructor: Jean Baxter

LONG ARM TRAINING

Dates: Sun, Jan 15, 1 - 4; Fri, Feb 17, 2:30 - 5:30;

Sat, Mar 17, 10 - 1

Class Fee: \$95

Instructor: MaryLynn Matthews

Software

BLACK BELT DIGITIZING

This is a whole day to bring your laptop and work on projects you have been wanting to digitize and need a long span of time to concentrate on your design. You can work on any project you want to complete with the help of other members in the Digitizing group.

Date: Thu, Feb 9; 9:30-3

Class Fee: \$10

Coordinator: Jean Baxter

JANOME CUSTOMIZER 2

Janome customizer software allows you to be creative in combining designs together for your embroidery machine. Bring your laptop, with Customizer installed, and learn about the creative uses of this software program. If you don't have a laptop, come anyway and you can use the instructor's when it is time to do some "playing and practicing" on the computer. There's much more to the program than most owners are using so learn how to maximize the use of this program and become much more creative with your embroidery machine. You must have taken Customizer 1 before taking this class.

Date: Mon, Jan 30; 9:30-1

Class Fee: \$20

Instructor: Jean Baxter

Quilting

BEGINNING QUILTING

Using the Start Quilting with Alex Anderson book we will make a complete quilt. You will become

familiar with the basics of quilt making and I hope, develop into a quilt lover, as I have. There are many different approaches to quilt making and this class will provide you with an introduction to rotary cutting, accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams, color selection, pressing techniques, mitered borders, binding, and quilting techniques. There are many tips and tricks to help make the journey productive, creative, and fun along the way.
Dates: 1st Session: Sat, Dec 31, Jan 7, 21 & 28; 10-2
Dates: 2nd Session: Fri, Feb 17, 24, Mar 2 & 16; 10-2
Class Fee: \$65 per 4 class session
Instructor: MaryLynn

HOW TO FINISH OFF YOUR quilts

"This class will enable you to finish off your quilts by learning how to use Elmer's glue on a basic binding technique. Fast and easy,,no pins. Also learn how to make your art quilts look beautiful with a whole-cloth facing. Also learn another method of "facing" your quilts". Instructor will demonstrate on her quilts. Students should bring their already quilted, sandwiched and squared-up" quilts to class so they can add a binding (no size limit). For a whole-cloth finish and facing finish, keep your quilts under 40"x40". (This is a manageable size).

Date: Sat, Feb 18; 10-3:30

Class Fee: \$20

Instructor: Ingrid Cattaneo

Clubs

QUILTING ARTS CLUB

Once a month the Quilting Arts Club will explore a different art quilting technique or project. You will learn simple techniques for turning photos into art quilts and fabric postcards using raw edge collage appliqué, paint on fabrics, learn quilt journaling, embellishments, photos printed onto fabric all combined with free motion quilting. Don't feel intimidated; free yourself and have some fun with art quilting. A great way to use up some of your stash!

Dates: Thu, Dec 8, Jan 5, Feb 2 & Mar 1; 9:30-2

Class Fee: \$35 per session.

Limit: 2-8 students.

Instructor: Jane Haworth

Dec 8 - Quilting Arts Club. Using Photographs in Quilts

We shall look at the different materials available to print photos onto fabric. I shall show you how to make your own printable sheets using muslin and Bubblejet 2000 (available at Howells) We shall then look at how to use these fabric photo's in quilts and wall hangings.

I recommend printing a photo onto fabric and bringing that to the class so we can start a small wall hanging project.

Jan 5 - Quilting Arts Club. Free-motion Quilting for Art Quilts

In this class we will doodle, practice and then stitch patterns and textures useful in making art quilts. We shall make up a simple wall hanging sampler quilt and use the different areas to practice the textures and patterns in free-motion quilting. This class is for students new to free-motion quilting.

Feb 2 - Quilting Arts Club. Totes and Purses using Recycled Materials

Learn how to make a collaged fabric using your fabric scraps, upholstery fabrics, lace, hessian, old jeans, ribbons, net-bags etc. I shall demonstrate how to fuse plastic bags to make a new material. I have 2 two quick and easy patterns, a tote bag and a coin purse, which we will make a start on using your new, collaged fabrics.

Mar 1 - Quilting Arts Club. Raw Edge Appliqué Reptile Quilt - Susan Carlson Style

Learn to make a small art quilt using an easy raw edge collage appliqué technique, fussy cutting and free motion quilting. This free form technique requires no fusible and is great for using up small scraps of fabric. Use one of my reptile patterns and make a start on a wall hanging.

TOP STITCHERS

Once a month this FREE demonstration does it's best to stimulate your interest in learning all you can about your computerized sewing machine. New ideas, products, designs and projects will be shared for the group's enjoyment. Questions are answered, mysteries are solved and problems are trouble shot while learning from the attendees as well as the instructor. Meets the 2nd Sat. of the month.

Date: Sat, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 & Mar 10; 9:30 - 11:30

Class Fee: FREE

Facilitator: Jean Baxter

LACE-MAKER'S MEETING

Come for the whole time or during your Lunch Hour. Bring your sack lunch with you and have fun.

Torchon, Honiton, Bedfordshire, Bucks Point, Milaneese, Russian Type & Hungarian, Guipure, Flanders and Binche are types of bobbin laces made all over the world. Let's not forget there are tatting, knitting, crocheting, battenburg and needle laces also being made. If you have a love of fibers and hand crafts

then come join this group of beginning and experienced lacemakers. Lace-Makers meets the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Date: Wed, Jan 25, Feb 22 & Mar 28; 9:30-1 Note: No Lace-Makers in Dec.

Facilitator: Donna Van Wagenen 916-344-5536

ASG - Neighborhood Group Meeting

The American Sewing Guild is a national non-profit organization dedicated to people who believe sewing is a rewarding and creative activity. Auburn ASG meets the 2nd Friday of the month.

Dates: Fri, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 9; 10-12 Note: Dec, ASG Party at Bonnie's House

Neighborhood Chairperson: Bonnie Treadway (530) 823-1801

SERGER CLUB

Once a month we meet to learn about new techniques, threads, and products that enhance the use of an overlock machine. Utility and creative use of the serger is often underestimated, so don't be left in the dark, let's take the mystery out of this fantastic machine. Serger Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Date: Wed, Jan 18, Feb 15 & Mar 21 ; 10-12 Note: no Serger Club in Dec.

Class Fee: FREE

Facilitator: Jean Baxter

DIGITIZER'S + 3 & 4D'ers CLUB

This open forum group gets together on the third Wednesday of each month to share and discuss embroidery digitizing. Bring your laptop and ideas and let's make some excitement over embroidery possibilities. Digitizers meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Dates: Wed, Jan 18, Feb 15 & Mar 21; 1-3 Note: no Digitizer's Club in Dec.

Class Fee: FREE

Facilitator: Jean Baxter

EMBROIDERY CLUB - Adventures In Embroidery

And so the adventure begins.....join us as we embark on a new and exciting journey into the world of machine embroidery. You will have fun and make friends as you learn new and innovative techniques. Learn to use your machine to it's full potential. Adventures in Embroidery will stretch your creativity.

Dates: Mon, Dec 12, Jan 16, Feb 20 & Mar 19; 9:30-12:30 Note: Dec Embroidery Club moved to the 12th.

Class Fee: \$20 per session

Instructor: Debi Kuennen-Baker