

McDougal Sewing Center

Make a difference— Breast Cancer Awareness Charity Sew on Oct. 1

Even though the temperature may not reflect it, fall is just around the corner. In anticipation we are gearing up for back to school and making preparations for our fall charity sewing event.

As October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, we will be doing several charity sews. At our Joann's insets in Katy and Sugar Land we will have a dedicated space in the booth for you to drop by and sew. At our Sugar Land location, 16626 S.W. Freeway you will be making cancer caps. We will have the project cut out and ready for you to sew. All completed caps will be donated to local hospitals in the Sugar Land area for use by cancer patients. If you wish to participate then please come by the Joann's Sugar Land inset on September 30 from 10-3 or Saturday, October 1 from 10-3.

At our Katy Joann's inset you will be making breast cancer pillows. This is a simple heart shaped pillow that is made out of medium wt. fabric and then sewn together. It is not stuffed until it reaches the hospital and the patient chooses how full they want the pillow. We will have a limited amount of fabric on hand. If you have a particular print that you would like to use you will need 1/2 yard cut to complete the pillow. If you wish to participate then please stop by the Katy Joann's inset on Friday, Sept. 30 or Saturday, Oct. 1 from 10-2.

At our main location, 20141 Park Row in Katy we will be making pillows and articles that will be used in the Katy chapter of the "Support the Girls". This

program raises funds for women who are unable to afford mammograms in the Katy area. All proceeds from the auction will re-



main in the Katy area. If you can sew on Friday, September 30 between 10-1 or Saturday, October 1 from 10-1 or 2-5, please give

us a call at 281-347-0453 and sign up for a time. In addition to making the breast cancer pillows we will be making several auction items. Some of these are embroidery items and we will have a design available for you to use on your projects. When you sign up for a time we will provide you with the design, etc and you will bring your machine and set up in the classroom to sew. If you are one of our Sewing, Diamond, Ruby or Designer club members we will be asking you to come to one of these times for your club meeting. We will be emailing you additional information.

So please help us make this a successful event by giving of your time and talents to this worthy cause.

Business in a Box

Be sure and mark Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10-3 for our "Setting Up Your Embroidery Business." at 20141 Park Row. For those of you who are thinking about investing in an embroidery machine to earn a bit of extra cash this is a great seminar. So if you are interested in a 6 or 10 needle machine or a single needle, this is a great opportunity to learn about how you can capture the embroidery business that is out there.

During the seminar you will learn some great tips about where to market, how to price your work and some great insider tips. The cost is \$25 and will include lunch and all your handouts. Give us a call at 281-347-0453 to reserve your space.

Don't forget that after International Quilt Show in November we will have a limited number of classroom machines available for great deals. The added advantage is that you don't have to go downtown to purchase your machines. Make a deposit on it at one of our locations and after Quilt show we will bring your machine to that location.

Sign up today for great sewing classes

Intro to Sewing **\$35**

Sept. 13 from 10-1 or 6-9

Nov. 15 from 10-1 or 6-9

Join Mary for this fun and fast paced class to learn about sewing. This is an entry level class that is required before you take any additional construction type classes. You will learn the proper way to set up a sewing machine, how to sew a straight seam, sew on a curve and all the latest tools and terms. The final part of the class you will make a small pillow. If you do not own a machine, you may use one of ours.

Sewing 101 **\$95**

Sept. 20, 27 and Oct. 4 from 10-1 or 6-9

Nov. 22, 29 and Dec. 6 from 10-1 or 6-9

Mary will guide you in this fun-filled class that will have you making an apron with bias and a double fold hem, a bag with an exposed zipper and a pair of pajama pants with some pattern alterations. If you do not have a machine you may use one of ours.

Kids Sew Cool **\$30**

September 17 from 2-5

October 15 from 2-5

Join Lynn in this great class geared for children ages 8 and up. In this class your child will learn the basics of sewing and make simple projects each month. You will need some basic sewing supplies, but we will provide all the machines.

Drapery/Window Coverings **\$125**

October 11 and 18 from 10-3

This is the class you have all been asking about. In this class Mary will cover a variety of window covering/home decor techniques. You will receive a 45 page handout and you will make small samples of the various techniques. Learn how to get those designer touches. We will have fabric and machines and sergers set up for you to make your various samples. Class size is limited, so make sure that you sign up early.

Stripy Quilt Frenzy **\$60**

October 25 from 10-3

What a great gift! Make one for various

seasons or tailor it to the specific person in their favorite color. In this class you take strips of fabric and sew them together with exposed seams. Quick and easy quilting.

Embroidery Techniques **\$45**

October 8 from 2-5

Learn to embroidery on a T-shirt/sweatshirt just in time for the holidays. This class is open to all embroidery machines. You must have a way to get the design to your machine. We will provide you with the design and stabilizers. You just need a shirt and threads. Learn how to get great results. This class is open to all embroidery machines. Class size is limited to 6, so register early.

5D Software Classes

5D Basic- Sept. 7 from 10-1

October 12 from 10-1

October 22 from 2-5

December 3 from 2-5

5D Advanced-

October 19 from 10-1

December 17 from 10-1

If you purchased your software from McDougal's you are entitled to free classes in order to learn how to get the most from your software. We have divided the classes into two components. The Basic class will cover 5D configure, organizer and up thru Embroidery Extra. The Advanced class will cover stitch editor,

digitizer and the other features in the Professional system. If you have a laptop, bring it along with your dongle and a mouse. If you do not have a laptop, then you may follow along on the screen.

Paper Piecing **\$50**

September 26 from 10-3

Never worry about matching your points when quilting with this fun and easy technique. No experience necessary, just be able to sew a straight seam.

Fun and Done Quilt **\$50**

October 3 from 10-3

This class is geared for those of you who are interested in piecing and quilting all in one operation. In this quilt as you go technique you will be able to have a finished project in an afternoon.

Sewing Machine Organizer/Cover **\$50**

October 10 from 10-3

Come join quilting instructor Shari Medford as she guides you thru this class that incorporates quilting techniques in this darling cover/organizer for your sewing machine.

Paper Pieced Christmas Runner **\$50**

October 24 from 10-3

Take the stress out of quilting and having those perfectly matched points with this fun and easy class that teaches you how to paper piece. Shari will guide you thru this class that will have you turning out professional looking projects just in time for Christmas.

For those of you who purchased a machine from us, be sure and ask about our various clubs:

Diamond, Ruby, Embroidery, Sewing and Serger.

The Embroidery club is a new club that is open to all embroidery machines that we have sold, regardless of the type of machine.

Call for more information at 281-347-0453 or email us at classes@mcdougals.com. The club cost will remain at \$24 per year and \$10 per club when you attend a club meeting.