

Sew Vac Ltd.

SEWING ARTISTS

July & August 2009

Serving You 7
Days a Week

QUALITY SEWING, VACUUM &
MIELE APPLIANCE PRODUCTS



Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

SALES • SERVICE • CLASSES

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Have You Seen What We Have Now?

Wow, things are hoppin' at SewVac! People are quilting their quilts on our Handi-Quilter Long Arm Machine either on the frame or on the new *Sit-Down* model. There are also new *American Made* Koala Sewing Cabinets (just beautiful), and there are classes galore! Cool!

NEW
Block-of-the-Month
starting June 12
See page 5

Come and be part of the action. For \$99 you can get your *driving license*, complete with quilt leaders, extra bobbins, and needles so that you'll be trained and ready to drive the machine. For \$10 an hour you can quilt your quilt in luxury on this marvelous machine. Heck, you might even want to buy one!

And, while you're here, check out the beautiful *Bird's Eye* maple cabinets from the new Koala USA. They are probably the most beautiful cabinets for sewing that I've ever seen. Mention this newsletter and I'll see that you get a special present if you order one. Your choice of either a free customized sewing chair (valued at \$350) or a *Treasure Chest* of thread worth over \$500!

SewVac Ltd. - where you come to quilt, sew, laugh, and enjoy!

Scott

BEYOND MACHINE BASICS

BSR Blitz 1

For all **Bernina Stitch Regulator** owners and prospective owners. Students will learn how to use their BSR feet for quilting and thread painting applications. They will learn to make the most of this wonderful Bernina exclusive. Prospective buyers may come and try it! Prerequisite: Bernina Basics 1.

Saturday, July 18 (2:00p - 4:30p)

OR Tuesday, Aug. 18 (6:00p - 8:30p)

TUITION: \$25

(discount if purchased at SewVac Ltd.)

Instructor: Susan Slesinger

BSR Blitz 2

For all **Bernina Stitch Regulator** owners and prospective owners. In this second level class you will explore techniques such as double needle doodling, bobbin quilting (think Ricky Tims prize winning projects!), thread painting, the BSR zigzag (Artista owners), adjusting tension to use specialty threads and more challenging quilting techniques. Prerequisite: Bernina Basics Class 1 and BSR Blitz 1 or confidence with free-motion quilting.

Sunday, August 30 (2:00p - 4:30p)

TUITION: \$25

(discount if purchased at SewVac Ltd.)

Instructor: Susan Slesinger



Take Your Artista and Series 8 to the Limits

Students will learn how to set up and personalize their Artistas. They will learn how the specialized functions and memory features can make sewing easier and faster. 180-200 and 730 owners will learn how to get the most out of their multi-directional stitching function. For owners of all Artista models.

Thursday, July 30 (2:00p - 4:30p)

TUITION: \$25

(free for SewVac purchasers)

Instructor: Susan Slesinger

Unleash the Power of 8

Susan will update you on the latest tips and tricks she learned at BU as well as answering any questions you have had while using your Bernina 8 Series machine. This class is part of SewVac's commitment to give our customers the best owner's education. Students must know how to thread the machine, change the bobbin and use the touch screen.

Thursday, July 9 (2:00p - 4:30p)

TUITION: \$25

(discount if purchased at SewVac Ltd.)

Instructor: Susan Slesinger

Terrific Tapering with the 8 Series

Bernina 8 series owners will learn to use the amazing tapering function on the Series 8 machines (820 & 830). It works for applique, decorative sewing and crafting. This class is part of SewVac's commitment to give our customers the best owner's education.

Saturday, August 1 (2:00p - 4:30p)

TUITION: \$25

(discount if purchased at SewVac Ltd.)

Instructor: Susan Slesinger

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

American Sewing Guild

The Long Beach Chapter of the American Sewing Guild is now meeting in our store on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Visit the store for details.

Angel Quilt Project

Please join this fun opportunity to give of yourself while creating something special and, as a result of our efforts together, we can wrap a lot of babies in our love!

If you are unable to make it to one of our meetings, you may work from home. Donations of cotton or flannel fabric (children's prints) would be greatly appreciated. For more information or details on quilt construction contact Pat Clark: pat_lilipad_clark@charter.net or (562) 430-7115

2nd Wednesdays (9a - Noon)

July 8 and August 12

FREE

Coordinator: Pat Clark

2009 Block of the Month

Block of the Month started in February, ~~but there is still time to join~~ (THIS CLASS IS CURRENTLY FULL - SEE PAGE 5 FOR OUR MID-YEAR BLOCK OF THE MONTH). The rest of the year we will meet the 1st Saturday* at 10 a.m. or the 1st Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. of each month. Cost is \$15 to join. Finish the first block by the next month and you will receive that month's block free. A sample is on display in the store. There are a limited number of kits, so sign up early.

* July meeting will be Friday, July 3

Instructor: Sandy Szlodek

CREATIVE CLASSES CONTINUED

Bernina 830 Table Runner

Create an elegant table runner using Endless Embroidery, quilting-in-the-hoop embroidery techniques and BSR free-motion quilting.

Tuesdays, Aug. 4 & 11 (2p - 5p)

TUITION: \$35

Instructor: Linda Huhta

Create a Card

Unique uses for those orphaned stitch outs and quilt blocks. Join Marla for 3 hours of creativity. Turn those stitch outs and quilt blocks into mini quilts. The mini quilts will be attached to a card using decorative stitches on your sewing machine.

Saturday, July 11 (11a - 2p)

TUITION: \$5, plus material fee of \$1 per card w/envelope (paid to teacher at beginning of class)

Instructor: Marla Renner

Creative Café

Come and join fellow creative spirits for coffee, chocolate, chatter, and creativity at our latest sewing group. This is designed for sewers 18 and over who would like to work "out of the box" and do projects such as decorating purchased clothing, making items for the home, and bringing their own ideas to life. Susan may do a brief optional demonstration of a creative technique. We provide refreshments, machines and equipment - you provide the imagination. Knitters and crafters are also welcome to join us.

4th Tuesdays (6:30p - 9p)

No meeting in July

August 25 (Annual ice Cream Social)

TUITION: \$59/nine classes

Instructor: Susan Slesinger

Lace Edgings with Your Bernina

You won't believe the beautiful hand crocheted look you will get combining decorative stitches on the edge of a hankie. This is addicting and you won't want to stop creating. Book required (available at SewVac Ltd.).

Monday, August 17 (2p - 5p)

TUITION: \$30

Instructor: Linda Huhta

Nighty Night

Students will make a feminine camisole or short night gown which is perfect for warm summer nights while expanding their repertoire of sewing techniques by learning ruffling, attaching lace and alternate seam finishes, such as French seams. You can also make it in a child's size for a special gift.

Tues, July 14, 21 & 28 (6p - 9p)

TUITION: \$49

Instructor: Susan Slesinger

QuiltCut Class

This is an opportunity for you to see the many ways that the Alto's QuiltCut 2 fabric cutting system can be used for both cutting and as an aid when piecing. Bring an open and inquisitive mind! Whether you have this fabric cutting system or are thinking of purchasing one, this class is for you. Carol Bledsoe will begin by teaching you the basics of cutting. You will learn how to use this versatile tool to its full potential. Students will cut out a project of their choosing. Please pick up supply list prior to class.

Tuesday, July 28 (11a - 2p)

TUITION: \$25

Instructor: Carol Bledsoe

Quilts of Valor

Quilts of Valor is a non-profit foundation whose goal is to cover our combat wounded. We make quilts that are presented to our Veterans who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan. We are always looking for volunteers to help cut, sew, or press fabrics. We also need long-arm quilters.

For details, contact Barbara Winkler at (562) 925-7673 or email socalgov@aol.com. This is not about politics - it's about people!
Meets Thursdays from 1p - 5p

Sew Cool

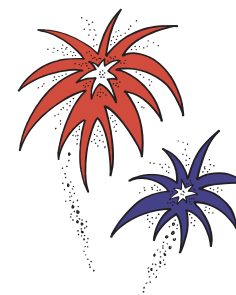
Get out of the house and give yourself the gift of some uninterrupted sewing time. Come and relax in SewVac's air conditioned classroom as you get peace (and help) with your sewing, quilting and knitting projects. We will serve lemonade and cool summer snacks to keep you energized and you can even use one of our classroom Berninas!

Friday, July 31 (1p - 5p)

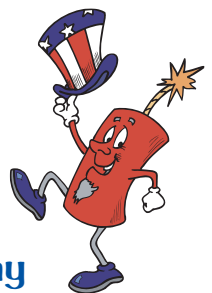
TUITION: \$10

Instructor: Susan Slesinger

Closed for the 4th of July



SewVac Ltd.
will be closed



Saturday July 4
and Sunday
July 5 for
Independence Day

SOFTWARE CLASSES

Editor Lite v4 & v5

Learn the icons and menus and how you can create designs and add lettering, while exploring your Editor Lite software.

Wednesday, July 22 (2p - 4p)

TUITION: \$50 (free for SewVac Ltd. purchasers) Instructor: Linda Huhta

Bernina Software Part 1

Start learning some of the WOW's of your software. V5 Editor Plus and Designer Plus owners: this is where you begin. Friday, August 7 (2p - 5p)

TUITION: \$50 (free for SewVac Ltd. purchasers) Instructor: Linda Huhta

Bernina Software Part 2

This class will cover Auto-digitizing, the Cross Stich Program, PhotoSnap, the Quilter program and Portfolio. v.5

Friday, August 14 (2p - 5p)

TUITION: \$50 (free for SewVac Ltd. purchasers) Instructor: Linda Huhta

Bernina Software Part 3

This class is for V5 Designer Plus level owners. You must complete Parts 1 & 2 above before taking this class. This class will cover manual digitizing, multi-hooping, and appliqué.

Friday, August 28 (2p - 5p)

TUITION: \$50 (free for SewVac Ltd. purchasers) Instructor: Linda Huhta

Explorations Software

Part 1. All levels welcome. We will explore the toolbar and menus, create beautiful lettering, and much more. For version 1.5 (older versions don't have all the features).

Monday, July 20 (2p - 5p)

TUITION: \$50 (free for SewVac Ltd. purchasers) Instructor: Linda Huhta

Part 2, for Classic & Galaxy levels.

Discover how to display designs on actual articles and visually see how they will look. Explore the different stitch types available and use cookie cutters to create designs. For version 1.5 (older versions don't have all the features).

Monday, July 27 (2p - 5p)

TUITION: \$50 (free for SewVac Ltd. purchasers) Instructor: Linda Huhta

PARKS & RECREATION CLASSES

Adult Beginning Sewing:

The Apron. Learn to use a sewing machine, patterns and successfully complete at least one project to be proud of! You will only need a pencil, paper and folder for handouts at the first class meeting. Optional beginning sewing book available for purchase. Four parts.

Saturdays, Aug. 8, 15, 22 & 29

(2p - 4:30p) TUITION: \$49

Instructor: Susan Slesinger

Adult Beginning Sewing:

The Tote Bag. Students will learn several sewing techniques including rotary cutting (great for quilting!), zipper application, seam finishing, and how to use and care for a sewing machine. In this class students will make a large zippered tote. This class is great for future quilters and home dec sewers. Fee includes pattern and use of sewing machine. Five parts.

Wed. July 8, 15, 22, 29, & Aug. 12
(6p - 9p) TUITION: \$59

Instructor: Susan Slesinger

Beyond Beginning Sewing

Students will make a cute skirt, tunic top or pajama bottoms in a choice of lengths, while learning skills, such as sleeve insertion, waistband construction, use of interfacing, seam finishes and basic pattern fitting. Class fee includes one pattern and use of a sewing machine. Pre requisite: Adult Beginning Sewing or similar level. Please call (562) 498-6684 for supply list before class.

Mon, July 6, 13 & 22 (6p - 9p)

TUITION: \$45

Instructor: Susan Slesinger

Beyond Beginning Sewing

The Jammies. Students will make adult or children's pajamas (bottom in choice of lengths and a top or camisole) while increasing their sewing skills. Techniques include buttonholes, setting sleeves, creating ties and elementary pattern fitting. Class fee includes one pattern and use of a sewing machine. Pre requisite: Adult Beginning Sewing or similar level. Please call (562) 498-6684 for supply list before class.

Mon, August 10, 17, 24 & 31 (6p - 9p)

TUITION: \$49

Instructor: Susan Slesinger

Parks and Recreation Classes must be enrolled through the

**LONG BEACH PARKS &
RECREATION DEPARTMENT
(562) 570-3111**

Space is limited, so register early to avoid disappointment.

Sewing Machine Boot Camp

Do you have a sewing machine which you do not know how to use? Are you nervous about using your machine? Come and learn how to use your machine and how to perform basic maintenance on it. Please call (562) 498-6684 for a supply list prior to class. Please, NO TOY MACHINES.

Thursday, Aug. 20 (6p - 9p)

TUITION: \$25 Instructor: Susan Slesinger

Garment Sewing Camp for ages 9 - 18

Choose between 2 different sessions, or sign up your youngster for all of them! Each session is a week of summer fun, combined with the thrill of learning something creative and new!



Instructor: Helen Bleitko

Tuition: \$199 per session

SESSION 2 TOP AND SKIRT

Students will complete a blouse/top and skirt. For the boys - a shirt! Students will choose their own fabric and learn about correct sizing for pattern layout. They will cut out their garments and then follow directions for sewing them together. Students will also learn about the machines they will be using, basic sewing terms, notions and how-tos. Students learn about button holes and buttons, and fitting collars. The kids will model their outfits at the end of the week.

July 13 - 17 (11a - 3p)

SESSION 3

STUDENT'S CHOICE

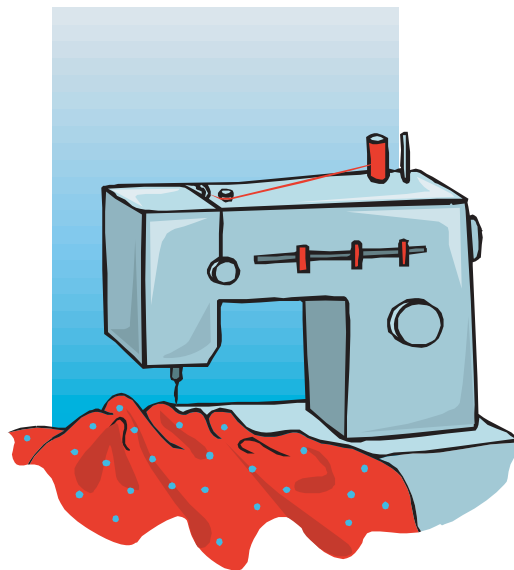
This is a special treat for those students who have attended the first two sessions making PJs, top and skirt. They will be able to choose, within reason, their own choice of garment to sew. First time students will be making Pajama pants and a pillowcase. They will cut out garments and then follow directions for sewing them together. Students will learn about the machines they will be using, basic sewing terms, notions and how-tos. The kids will model their outfits at the end of the week.

August 10 - 14 (11a - 3p)

SPECIAL CAMP PACKAGES

For just \$399 your child can get one Kids' Camp program and a BRAND NEW entry level sewing machine, along with a basics guide class!

For just \$699, your child can get all Kids' Camp programs and a BRAND NEW entry level sewing machine, along with a basics guide class.



Mid-Year Block of the Month

We're beginning another of our popular Block-of-the-Month programs in July. This program consists of 12 monthly meetings, and you'll end up with a lovely sampler-style quilt!

Introduction and Overview

Come learn about the new BOM program and learn to select fabric. Nina will have you come in and pick out just which fabric you'll use to construct your quilt top. You may use all, or part, of your stash or come and pick out new and fresh colors from us (and get a discount), or combine the two. This first get-together is FREE, and will give you the lay-of-the-land for our new BOM.

Friday, June 12 (6pm)

Actual Mid-Year BOM Program

By using Nina's quilt as a template (hanging in the store now) you learn to design, by color, your Mid-Year Block-of-the-Month project over the course of the next year. Make a new block each month, live, in our classroom.

The cost for this program is \$10 per month, or \$99 for the whole year. Once you've picked out your colors, Nina will be teaching you how to make the block in the store each month. Learn new techniques, see new ways of making quilting easier, and learn how to put fabric colors together in new ways. Depending on the sign-ups, we may schedule a daytime and an evening class.

3rd Saturdays, beginning July 18
Class times to be announced

Instructor: Nina Anderson

SEW VAC LTD CLUBS

Bernina Software Club \$59/year
 After you've taken your basic software classes, then what? Let's take it further and apply it to real projects. This club is geared toward Designer Plus users; Editor Plus users are welcome, but may not be able to finish all projects.
 Prerequisite: Software Mastery 1, 2, and 3. Meets the 3rd Wednesdays each month. (2:00p - 5:00p)
 Coordinator: Linda Huhta

Embroidery Club \$59/year
 Ever wanted to use all those stitches you paid for but were afraid to try? At last - a club for you! Have fun creating different sewing & embroidery projects on any sewing machine each month. (For non-embroidery machine owners, embroidery machines will be available compliments of SewVac Ltd.) 3rd Thursdays. Instructor: Marla Renner
 (10:30a - 12:30p) OR (6:30p - 8:30p)

Garment Club \$59/year
 Meets the 3rd Tuesdays each month.
 (3:00p - 5:30p) OR (6:00 - 8:30p)
 Coordinator: Lana McMillan

Janome Club \$59/year
CALLING ALL Janome owners: we now have a club JUST for you! Join Helen and other proud Janome owners to learn about the wonderful world of Janome machines. This is a hands-on club, focusing on the "Sewing Side" of Janome machines. Meets the 1st Thursday of even numbered months.
 (6:00p - 8:30p) Coordinator: Helen Jo Bletko

QESS (pronounced kiss) Workshop \$59/year
 Join Marla and enjoy 2½ hours of relaxing, uninterrupted sewing time. Meets the 3rd Friday of even numbered months.
 (10:30a - 1:00p) OR (6:00p - 8:30p)
 Coordinator: Marla Renner

Seaside Doll Club \$59/year
 Have fun and express yourself through your favorite doll making medium. Although primarily cloth doll makers, all doll makers regardless of medium are welcome.
 First Mondays, (2:00p - 5:00p) Coordinator: Pat Clark

Sewing Club \$59/year
 Experiment with new and exciting ways to enhance your sewing experiences! Cheryl Guacci will show you new techniques featuring all the latest in sewing.
 Meets 1st Wednesdays (10:30a - 12:30p) OR (2:30p - 4:30p)
NOTE: July meeting will be 2nd Wednesday (July 8)
 Instructor: Cheryl Guacci

Sew Vac Kids' Club \$59/year
 2nd Thursday of each month OR 3rd Friday of each month
 (4:00p - 6:00p) Instructors: Helen Bletko

MACHINE USE CLASSES

Our **GUIDE CLASSES** are designed to introduce you to all the wonderful capabilities of your machine. These are hands-on programs and require bringing your machine to class.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Please stop by the store or call us at (562) 498-6684 to register.



Janome Basics

Attention Janome owners. We now have new and improved Janome classes! Whether you are beginning to learn how to sew and about your Janome machine, or you have been sewing since childhood and you finally have your Janome dream machine. Please sign up for the class or classes that best suit you and your Janome machine.

JANOME 1
 all Janome sewing machines
 Mon, August 10 (6p - 8:30p)

JANOME 2
 all Janome sewing machines
 Wed, August 12 (6p - 8:30p)

JANOME 1 & 2
 all Janome sewing machines
 Sat, July 11 (11a - 5p)

JANOME 3
 electronic sewing machines
 Tues, July 14 (6p - 8:30p)
 Wed, August 19 (6p - 8:30p)

JANOME 4
 embroidery/sewing or stand alone embroidery machines
 Mon, July 20 (6p - 8:30p)
 OR Tues, August 25 (6p - 8:30p)

Tuition: \$300
 (free for SewVac purchasers)

Bernina Basics

Designed for all Bernina computerized machines. Please enroll in the appropriate sessions for your Bernina model. Bernina 1, 2, & 3 are for all Berninas & Bernettes. Please sign up for all three of these classes as each builds upon the last. Bernina 4 is for Bernina Aurora Machines (EC/PC) only and Bernina 5 is for all Bernina Embroidery Machines.

BERNINA 1 & 2
 Tuesday July 7 (10:30a - 4:30p)

BERNINA 1
 Tues, August 11 (6 - 8:30p)

BERNINA 2
 Mon, August 17 (6 - 8:30p)

BERNINA 3
 Tuesday, July 14 (12:30p - 3p)
OR Mon, Aug. 24 (6p - 8:30p)

BERNINA 4 (EC on PC)
 (Bernina Auroras ONLY)
 Tuesday, July 21 (3p - 5p)
OR Wed, Aug. 26 (6p - 8p)

BERNINA 5
 Tues, July 28 (2p - 4:30p)
OR Thurs, Aug. 27 (6p - 8:30p)

Tuition: \$300 (FREE for SewVac purchasers)

DECO Basics

Designed for all DECO machines. By appointment only. Please call store at (562) 498-6684 to set up an appointment.
 Instructor: Staff
 Tuition: \$75
 (free for SewVac purchasers)

Serger Basics

Designed for all overlock and coverlock machines. One part for daytime classes and two part for night classes.
 Instructor: Staff

Monday, July 13
 (11:00a - 4:00p) OR
 Wednesdays, August 5 & 12
 (6:00 - 8:30p)

Tuition: \$150 (FREE for Sew Vac purchasers)