



# The New Ewe News

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“A nice place to visit”

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**PENCIL IN APRIL 21  
FOR ANOTHER  
SPECIAL DAY AT  
THE NEW EWE.  
YOU WON'T BE SORRY  
Watch for more informa-  
tion  
in your email**

*Hope...*

*As many of you may know, I had an accident this past summer resulting in a torn rotary cuff. The surgery went well and then there was therapy. Many folks warned me of the importance of a good physical therapist. Some even said that therapy may be more painful than the actual surgery. So, I find myself, with fear and trepidation, walking through the doors of Living Hope Physical Therapy in uptown Newaygo. The first thing I saw in the office were the positive wall plaques displayed around the waiting area. “Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible.” “When hope dies what else lives?” “Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5). As I was waiting for my appointment with David, the physical therapist (and owner), my thoughts went to hope! There is ‘Hope Network’. Then, I remembered all the songs written about “Hope”, the churches named “Hope”, research and relief organizations, and of course, the towns named “Hope”. (I think a former president was born in Hope.) There was even a Bob Hope! Hope i.e. to cherish a desire with anticipation. Yes, I had hope. I definitely had the desire and the expectation to regain my strength. David helped me focus on the end result with a minimum of pain! What is your hope? Do you have the desire along with anticipation that you will receive a good outcome? Look ahead with anticipation, work hard, and you will receive the greatest reward.*

*Blessings  
Mary Vos*

When the world says, “Give up,”  
Hope whispers, “Try one more time.”

## The Mystery of Good Fabric

Why is it that fabric costs more at quilt shops than in the chains? The chains can buy in larger quantities. Mostly though, it's because the goods are significantly different. Cheaper fabrics are stiff or ‘board-y’ to the touch, because they haven't had the benefits of the finishing processes that make good fabric feel so silky. The major manufacturers sell their first run, first quality fabrics only to quilt shops. If too much of a particular fabric is printed, occasionally some ‘good’ fabric might end up in the chains but not often. Your time and your money are hard to come by. Make sure your quilts will withstand use and laundering. Don't risk your time on fabric that won't hold up, or whose dyes bleed or fade too fast. Here's a case where quality really counts—your time and talents

## It is time to say Thank You...

As customers and friends, you have been extremely supportive of The New Ewe. And we want to say Thank You! For those of you that joined us for the "Soup's On Sale With Chocolate" probably will agree, it was a terrific & fun day. It was you, our customer, that made the day so awesome. Thank you! Thank you!

If you have ever joined us to knit, crochet, or stopped by for a cup of coffee on a Wednesday or Thursday night...you know what amazing groups we have. It is not only a ladies coffee klutz enjoying time out but one of our greatest fan's, Nathan Tibbe joins us whenever he can. He creates scarves, hats, and socks on looms and gives them all away to friends and acquaintances. Thank you, loyal friends, for coming to fellowship with us at the New Ewe. To our other special acquaintances, please feel free to join us, starting about 6:30 on Wednesday and/or Thursday night. We will save a seat by the fire just for you.

What a pleasure it is to come into the shop on the first Monday evening of the month and see the "Quilters Against Cancer" working so diligently on a joint venture for a tremendous cause. Marilyn Vogt has informed us that she has received several quilts ready for auction. Fellow quilters, come join us on the first Monday evening of each month at 6:30 and quilt the night away. (Marilyn makes the best chocolate treats to relieve your cravings for a real, long time.) A very special thank you to the Ravenna Quilters for the beautiful quilts presented to us for QAC. We appreciate your desire to help out this worth while project.

Thank you ALL for stopping in just because, taking time to sit and chat and even enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. We appreciate your devotion and thank you for it. **I love where we live but I especially love the people who live here.**

The best bridge  
between hope and  
despair is often a good  
night's sleep.



Nathan Tibbe, 25, relaxes at The New Ewe enjoying the conversation and his knitting. Nathan is finishing up classes and will be earning his GED and will be graduating soon. He lives with his parents in Grant and recently adopted a Chocolate Lab named Jordan. Thanks, Nathan, for being a good friend of The New Ewe.

## Dates to Remember

**April 27** - Special Day @ The New Ewe (Hint: Lots of Specials and great give aways).

**May 5** - Mother & Daughter Quilting . An extraordinary day w/ many surprises.

**May 21** - Closed for employee education

**May 25 & 26** - Sidewalk sale in conjunction with the New-waygo Memorial Day Celebrations.

May 27 & 28 - Closed, A day for remembering.

## Gentle Reminders...

### Happy Birthday To You!

Don't forget to come into the store for **personal purchases up to \$100.00**, with a discount of 1/2 your age. You can "cash in" during the week of your birthday. Example: If you are 75 years old, you will receive 37.5% off your one day purchase . Remember birthdays are good for you, the more you have the longer you live!

### Reminder to Groups

If you have a group of 5 or more that would like to get together for a class, or merely a shopping adventure, be sure to call us with requests. We will have the proper staff available, probably some snacks, always coffee...and a 10% discount to boot!

(Call @ 231-652-5262)

### NCCS Christmas Program 2007

Doesn't it seem a little early to think about Christmas? This past Christmas 3,126 children were able to receive gifts, many of them made with your loving hands. Please start your donation gifts early. Last year we collected about 150 items. Do you think we can do more this year? **I encourage you to continue serving our community.** The basket for drop off is in the front of the store. If you would like to join a group & knit for charity - Call the store for time and date.

### Sock of the Month

Jane is here the first Saturday of every month @ 10:00 am **SHARP** with instruction for you to construct your sock. Therefore, if you are late you will miss her important tutoring. If you love to knit socks but have not started the class and would like to join this elite group, please check out the section on classes offered to get the details.

### Ramblin' Rose Meets Jamestown

Your block kit will be ready to pick up anytime on the first Friday or Saturday of each month. Vicki will be in the store if you have any questions. Remember to bring in your finished block to get the

# Quilting Classes

When attending a class or working on a project in the store, please take your working sewing machine & the sewing tools you will need to do your project.

## **Quilting 101**

Learn the basics of making a quilt. This three session class will be offered on Monday mornings, April 23, 30, & May 7 from 10:30 - 12:30. The class also be offered on Thursday evening's from 6:30 - 8:30 on May 17, 24, and 30. The pattern we have selected comes from the book Plentiful Possibilities by Mulligan/Smith. You can purchase this beautiful book at \$27.95 with a 15% discount at the time of the class or rely on the class information. The book has several very beautiful patterns with endless possibilities for spectacular quilts. Cost: \$40.00, plus materials.

## **Flower Garden**

It is time to start thinking about your beautiful spring and summer flowers. How about planting a lovely basket of flowers on a striking wall hanging. Jackie will be coaching while you make a floral appliquéd wall hanging. Join her for a three hour workshop and go home with a good-looking basket of flowers. Cost: \$20.00, plus materials. Call today to register. Workshop on April 14, beginning at 10:00 until 2:00.

## **Simple Vest Class**

Judi Brown (with one i...ask us about this sometime) will again teach a unique class. This time you will be turning a lifeless piece of fabric into a great looking vest. You will make a pattern that fits you perfectly and complete the project in this 3 hour workshop. Join Judy on Wednesday, May 9 at 10:30 - 1:30 pm. Cost of this class will be \$25.00, pattern included and a sandwich and fruit will be provided. Call to register ASAP. This class will fill up soon.

## **Mother - Daughter Quilt**

Mark your calendar now for the first ever Mother - Daughter Quilt Class. Pick up your daughter (mother) and be prepared for a day of fun and relaxation. Mom's/daughter's **of any age** can participate as long as they can sew a straight line. You will be making a "Take Five Quilt" in a workshop from 9:00am - 2:00pm on Saturday, May 5. Please come in prior to the class to register and pick out your fabric for the quilt. Note: You can bring two sewing machines, but will be making one quilt OR if you have one machine, one of you will do the cutting and ironing while the other is at the machine. We promise...you will have fun. Cost: \$50.00 + material, a sandwich and some fruit is included. Class limited to 5 moms and 5 daughters, if you don't have a mom or daughter feel free to adopt one for the day!

## **"Ramblin Rose meets Jamestown"**

Remember to pick up your next quilt block on the first Friday or Saturday of each month. Don't forget to bring your finished block in to get the discount on the fabric. NO EXCEPTIONS. **NOTE:** Some of you asked if we have additional quilt patterns for the Marti Michell Templates. Look inside the instruction folder for ideas for using Set A & C templates. You can also look on frommarti.com. Another wonderful source is The Encyclopedia of Patch-

# Knitting Classes

You must register for the class which you would like to take.  
Cost of class is due at registration.

You've gotta have hope.  
Without hope life is  
meaningless. Without hope life  
is meaning less and less.  
Author Unknown

## Beyond Scarves. Now What? (New) Top Down Sweater

Join Jane, as she will be instructing you how to build your first sweater from the top down. This is a fun and easy project you can truly be proud of. You will learn how to check your gauge, to increase and decrease, knit in the round, and so much more. Cost for the three session class will be \$40.00, plus materials. The pattern book is \$5.00, with sizes from 2 toddler to adult 52. Starting April 11 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, with the next two classes to be held on April 25 & May 16. Level: Beginner +.

## Crochet

Learn to crochet just like grandma. Crochet is becoming a lost art. This class is available for all levels. Jane will help pick a pattern just for you. 3 - 2 hour sessions: April 11, 18, & 25 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Cost for the three sessions will be \$40.00 plus materials.

## Gauge & Finishing (with homework)

2 hour workshop that will teach you some short cuts in gauge checking, how to substitute different yarns and needles to get the correct gauge. You will also learn the many techniques of finishing a garment. The finishing can make or break a beautiful piece of handwork. Join Jane on Saturday, April 14 from 10:00—12:00 for this informative class. If you have a project waiting to be put together, please bring it with you to class. You will receive a homework card at the time of registration. \$20.00. Any skill level.

Private Knitting Lessons Spend one hour privately with Jane. She will teach lessons for beginners to experts.

You may move at your own pace. The time will be entirely devoted to you. Don't let anyone tell you, it's not all about you! Call for your private time. 1 hour— \$25.00. Semi-private lessons? Take a friend and split the cost.

## Continental Knitting

Learn how to knit with either/both hands. You'll complete a beautiful face cloth that will look & feel so good. It is a easy knit. You will want to make it over and over again. You can knit faster carrying the yarn in the left hand. Therefore, you can knit more! \$20.00. Monday, 1:00—3:00 pm. \$20.00, yarn included. Please take a pair of #4 or #5 needles with you to class.

## Lace is Coming

Please join The New Ewe knitting team in a lace class. It is not as hard as it looks. Jane will help you pick your project according to your skill. With a series of yarn over and knit together stitches, you can make a beautiful garment or doily that all will be envious of. This 3 session class will be on Monday afternoons from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. Class #1 will begin on April 16, followed by April 23 and May 14. Cost: \$40.00 plus materials.

## Sock of the Month Class

Please join us on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am **SHARP** ending **PROMPLEY** at 11:00 am. Your first class will cost you \$15.00, however when you bring one finished sock back on the first Saturday of the next month, you pay only \$8.00. You will receive 15% off all supplies for this class (including yarn & needles), plus a free pattern. What a deal. So join this fun loving group on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am and we assure you that you will have a great start to your day. **DATE CHANGE: JANE WILL BE ON VACATION IN MAY & HAS ANOTHER OBLIGATION ON JUNE 2. YOUR CLASS WILL BE HELD MAY 14 AND JUNE 9 @ 10:00 AM. MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!**

## Knitted Flowers

Hey Kids...Come to The New Ewe on April 28. Jan will be teaching a fun class just for you but you need to know how to knit. You will be making cute knitted flowers. You can decorate a package, give them as a gift (remember Mother's Day is coming), hang them in your locker, or keep them in a vase. You rule, you decide! The class will begin at 10:00am until 12:00 noon. Cost: \$25.00, yarn and pattern included. Just bring (or buy) a pair of #7 or 8 double points. **Take a friend and get your registration at 1/2 price.**

## Cozy Toe Slippers

Remember when you were a kid and your parents bought you a pair of Mary Jane's only for church or dress up? Well, now is the time to knit a pair of Mary Jane's you can wear all the time. Join Jan on Wednesday evenings, May 16th and May 23rd from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and learn the secrets of felting a funky slipper to fit your foot. Once you

## April—Organ Donation Month

Some of you may know, in 1999 I had a liver transplant at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. I was very sick with maybe a month or less to live. We went to Florida because there just were no liver's in Michigan for transplant. On the eve of my 52nd birthday, I was standing on the lanai pleading in prayer that there would be a liver for me soon, even on my birthday. "Oh Lord...what a present!" You see, time was running out fast and I was seeing my life slip away. God answered my prayer. At 3 minutes after 12:00 midnight on my birthday, we received a call that a liver was available and I needed to come to the hospital to get the procedure under way. WOW! The narrative about all my procedures is rather lengthy so I will end it here. Why would I tell you this little story? April is organ donation awareness month. Are you aware that over 50 people can be helped and live a more productive life when you give "The Gift of Life"? Imagine if you are blind and somebody whom you do not know designates their body for transplant. You may receive the donors cornea and now you can see. What if you were burned so badly that you needed a skin graft? What if you had only a month to live and needed a healthy liver?

When you come into The New Ewe during April, please seek out our beautiful green ribbon quilt pieced by Teresa Blossom and quilted by Vicki Breuker. The rich, dark green is the designated color for organ donation. We will also have a table set up with donation information, donor cards, and state registration cards. "Don't take your organs to heaven, heaven knows we need them here".

Only four steps to donation:

1. Register with the state donor registry.
2. Designate your decision on your drivers license.
3. Sign a donor card
4. Talk your decision over with your Family & loved ones.

I will be near by to answer any questions you may have. Please think very seriously about "The Gift of Life".

### PMS...Anybody?

Now what do you think? I think we should get together the third Friday of the month to finish (or start) a

worthy project. What about the PMS thing? Ever hear of Pizza, Munchies, Sewing/Knitting?

Well, grab a buddy

and have some fun. You will meet new friends and get some work done, too. Join us on Fridays,

**You asked for it...**

**Thank you for all the compliments on the Chicken Soup and Chili during the "Soups On Sale". I really cannot take the credit for the recipe for the Chicken Soup. Yes, Gary & I prepared it, but it is my sisters recipe.**

**Here it is...**

4 Chicken Breast (8 pieces or more)  
2 quarts water  
1 Box Lipton Chicken Noodle Soup  
2 Cans Chicken Noodle soup  
2 Cans Water

**Joy's Chicken Soup**

3/4 Cup Rice  
3 Tablespoons Veggie Flakes  
3 Tablespoons Onion flakes  
Carrots - Chopped  
Celery - Chopped

Cut chicken in bite size pieces. Add remaining ingredients. Cook 1 1/2 hours until veggies are tender.

**Enjoy.**