

The New Ewe Newsletter

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Stuff

Today, there are so many reality shows on television, it is hard to keep in touch with them all. Turn one channel and tune into John and Kate + 8, another channel is airing America's Got Talent. There is a show that lets the world step into a house full of clothing and garbage in every corner, as well as, food and toys and stuff everywhere else. So let me set the scene. A group of professional handy men and women, decorators, and organizers approach the home owners and offer to make the house look like new if they agree to sell and get rid of all the extra stuff in their home. Stuff they just "cannot live without". So they go through the house and argue back and forth if they can get rid of an old picture the wife received from Aunt Maggie years ago or hubby will not get rid of that sweater that he was given as he received his letter in college, even though he is now a size 3X. Finally the big yard sale day approaches and there are piles of stuff everywhere. They usually have a good turn out and make a couple thousand dollars. As a reward, the family goes to a hotel for a few nights while the work bee begins in their home, cleaning up the family mess. The professionals are running the aisles of Home Depot getting new light fixtures, hard wood flooring, a new picture and gallons of paint. Don't you wish you could get all this for just having junk laying all around your house? Now, you may ask...What is she (meaning me) trying to get at today? I am talking about the reality of life and how just one moment can change the course of direction which you are headed. No, it is not about the professionals walking through your door one day offering to clean up your mess and it is not about arguing about a sweater that is 4 sizes too small. It is all about the stuff in our lives that we just need to rid ourselves of. I know what my stuff is and I am positive you know what your stuff is. **Get rid of it!** Recently the reality of life hit our family again. Gary, my husband, visited the emergency room for a problem related to his abdomen. It wasn't long and he was having scans, oxygen, and IV's. His problem was his heart, not his stomach. Isn't that the way our lives go? We need to free ourselves of the weight of the oxygen tank and lighten the load of our heart. Have you ever broke one of the 10 commandments? (Exodus 20) It is time you liberate yourself. Go to God and ask Him to forgive you, in Jesus' name. God will. Confess to your brother and ask for forgiveness for the hurt you may have caused him. I promise you, your heart will be lighter! Blessings, Mary Vos

Take Time for Yourself

"Crafters Sanctuary"

The Newaygo Ministry Center

Saturday, October 17, 2009

8:00 am—10:00 pm All food provided.

\$50.00 (\$25.00 due at registration)

Whatever your craft, we welcome you to bring your projects and supplies and spend the day getting acquainted with others who enjoy being creative. Register by calling (231) 652-1093 or (231) 446-8805.

Hosted by: Dee Herremans

Terry Rodriguez

Val Alkema-Hobbie

An elderly woman died. Having never married, she requested no male pall bearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead".

Quilting Fun!

Quilting 101– Vicki will be teaching this class from the ground up! Learn how to use a rotary cutter to binding off a quilt. Kits are available for \$68.00. 2 classes will be offered. Day time class will be Oct.28, Nov 11 & 18 from 10:30 - 12:30. The second class will be offered in the evening, December 9, 16, and 30 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Cost: \$35.00 + kit. Join in the fun and start your winter with an inside project that will warm your body, heart, and soul when you are finished.

Snowman Bag

Free...Class...Free...Class

You can take a free class making this adorable gift bag, designed by Nancy Myers. Grandmas...what a great way to tuck that little home-made gift into a bag for that sweet, little somebody. Call to reserve your space in the class. Class limited to 8. Kits will be available at a very low price. Two separate class days are scheduled. November 24 and December 15 from 10:30 - 12:30 pm. All you will need is your sewing machine and tools....everything else will be provided. Cost: \$5.00 (coffee included). Kits will be available to those who do not wish to take the class after Dec.15.



Autumn Bargello

Learn to strip piece colorful fall fabric hues and tones to create a lovely Bargello to use as a wall hanging or table top-per. Nancy will teach you how easy it is. Tuesday, October 27, noon to 3:00 pm. Cost: \$24.50 due at registration.



Class supply list will be available at sign up.

Dresden Turkey: Okay! Want a small (12" x 12") whimsical project for the holiday? This is the class! Join Nancy as she teaches you an easy technique of quilt-as-you-go that will have this plump turkey ready in no time for your Thanksgiving decorating or giving. Monday, November 16, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. See class supply list for what you need to bring. Cost: \$17.50 (kit included).

Open Sewing: Join Nancy the first Wednesday evening of each month and take along any project that you may be working on. Nancy will be working in our class room on her own projects, however if you are stuck and need some help, she will be there for you!. This is our way of saying "thank you" to all our customers and friends.

2009 Project of the Month

The last few classes for making the quilted projects from the book, *Simply Charming Seasons*, are nearing the end Nancy has mapped the schedule for the rest of the year. Get class supply list when you sign up.

All classes are held on Tuesday from 10:30 - 12:30.

October Pumpkin: October 13

November Cabin: November 10

December Snowmen: December 8

January Snowflake: January 7 (**This class is held on Thursday, instead of Tuesday.**)

Cost: \$12.50 for each class OR if you sign up for three classes your fee will be reduced to \$30.00.

What an astonishing surprise it was to receive all the emails and cards for my birthday. This celebration was not only for my "60 something" birthday but also for the extra 10 years God has given me with another liver. I can't figure out how you all were informed about this special day, but I think it has to be somebody very close to me. Thank you, Cyndy, I had a great birthday. Just as a reminder to you...Come into the store one week before or one week after your birthday and receive 1/2 off your age on your total purchase for that day. Only one time per birthday year.

Good friends are the rare jewels of life.
Difficult to find and impossible to replace.

More Socks

What a hit! We had a few great sock classes last month and this month sounds more exciting than ever!

Sock of the Month Club: Valarie will be teaching a new sock technique for the next 6 months. For those of you who like an adventure, jump outside your box, this is for you. This will be an one hour class, the first Saturday of the Month. If you sign up and pay for the complete package you will get your last class FREE. Class Cost: \$10.00 + materials. Remember, your last class will be free and you will be using all the techniques you have mastered in this class. Some of the things you will learn are: Judy's magic cast-on, eye of the partridge reinforced heels and toes, toe-up socks, learning to knit two socks at the same time, how to knit a custom sized sock, continental and English methods of knitting and so much more. Come, join the fun, starting December 5 @ 10:00 am Cost of Class: \$50.00 (due at registration)

PS: If you decide only one or two classes is your thing, that is fine, however the class will cost \$12.50 and no free 6th class!

Advanced Sock Knitting: An advanced sock knitting class will be taught in 3 two hour sessions. Thursday, Nov. 19, Dec. 3 & 10 at 1:30- 3:30 pm. You will be making a beautiful toe up lace sock with eye of partridge reinforced heal and toe. This pair of socks will prove to be a heirloom about to happen. Cost: \$25.00, due at registration + materials.

Basic Sock Class: The basic sock class will take place over the course of 4 weeks, with the third week free to catch up with knitting. We will be using a customized pattern, knit and purl only, and regardless of the yarn gauge and knitting gauge this pattern has resulted in a very practical and well fitted sock. Modles will be in the store soon. Dates: December 12, 19, and January 2 from 10:30 - 12:30. (Note: the last class could take place a little later, but on the same day) Cost: \$25.00 to be paid at registration. This class will fill up quickly, so register today!

Gift Certificates

Think Christmas!

Gift Certificates are where it is at !!!

Quarter or 25 Cents?

Quarterback Sale: Now that football season is here, we will celebrate by giving you back one quarter for every 1 yard of fabric or 1 skein of yarn you buy from October 15 - 31. This is just a fun way to celebrate all those football players who entertain our hubbies while we quilt or knit. Say "YES" to football!!!

Coming in 2010

Table Topper Kit of the Month

The New Ewe will offer you a **complete kit** for a table topper/runner. Come in and see the samples for each month, available on the 5th day of each month beginning in January. There will be a limited number of kits each month! We will keep you informed!

Quilt Kit of the Month

There will be a different **quilt kit** offered each month in the new year. These kits will be available on the 25th of that given month. These kits will be reasonably priced with the pattern and all the fabric to create the top. Number of kits will be limited. Watch for more information in the next newsletter.

Quilted Journal Project

Once a month, Nancy will teach you a new technique to enhance your quilting and create a more artful piece. A different journal quilt (8.5" x 11" project) each month will allow you to explore fusing, appliqué, machine quilting, thread play, stamping, pen work, photo transfer, beading and many more. The projects begin in January and will be the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:30 - 12:30. You choose the classes you are interested in attending. Classes are limited to 6 participants. Class supply lists will tell you what to bring. Listed are the first four month's classes:

January: photo; February: Thread Play; March: Fusing; April: Beading. Cost: Sign up for a single class @ \$15.00, 6 classes would cost \$75.00, or a year @ for \$120.00.

Autumn Tour of Shops

What a beautiful time of the year to get a car full of friends together and take a drive to your favorite quilt shops. We are focusing on a beautiful fall tote / project bag. Each store will be selling a kit for \$7.00 which includes the fabric and pattern of the portion of the bag. At the end of the tour, you will have a wonderful bag with many uses. Of course, for a bonus you will receive special gifts, goodies, and be given the opportunity to put your name in for the daily drawing **AND** a chance to win the Grand Prize...A Janome Sewing Machine worth approximately \$400.00 + 20% off everything in the store. What can be better than that? (Sale excludes product already on sale.) Go to one of the following shops to register (\$5.00) and receive the information you will need to complete the "Autumn Tour of Shops" Quilt Something (Fremont) The New Ewe (Newaygo), Patchwork Dreams (Howard City) The Quilters St'itch (Coopersville) Sonrise Fabrics (Manistee)

Date: October 21 - 24

Time: Wed & Thur from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Fri & Sat from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Knitting 101 - Knitting is a centuries old, tactile craft delighting the eye, warming those we care for and calming the spirit. Come learn the foundation skills of the knit and purl stitch, cast-on and bind-off, and increase and decrease in an atmosphere of camaraderie. Knitting 101 will be offered from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Wednesday, October 28, November 11 & 18. However, if a daytime class suits your needs better, the same class will be offered from 10:30 - 12:00 on Wednesday, December 9, 16, & 30 *Most of you will begin a project of a stocking cap or scarf by the second class, so please note the extra week of knitting time before the third class. This is a beginner class. Cost \$25.00 due at the time of registration. A material list will be available at sign up.

Fair Isle - A simple stocking cap, knit in the round and enhanced with color pattern knitting is the focus of this Saturday workshop. Lorna will teach this class on Saturday, October 31 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm Cost: \$17.50 due at registration for 2 hours of personal instruction. A sample and materials list is available at sign up. This class is for an intermediate beginner.

Fair Isle Headband: For those of you looking for an easier project with just a touch of fair isle, check out the head band sample in the store. Class is offered on Saturday, October 31, from 10:30 - 12:30. Your cost will be only \$15.00 + materials (due at registration) You must know how to knit and purl, Lorna will teach you the rest!

The Mighty Mitered Bag: Jan will help you work through the steps of this mitered bag designed by Dot Vander Pol, a local pattern designer. The bag comes in three sizes. This two session class will take place on Friday, November 20 & December 4 from 2:30 - 4:00. Cost: \$20.00 due at registration + materials.



Ribbed Cap

One ball of hand-dyed yarn plays out beautifully in a symphony of stripes in this uniquely colored cap.

<p>SIZE One size fits all. This cap is a standard-fitting style.</p> <p>KNITTED MEASUREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head circumference (slightly stretched) 21" / 53cm • Depth 7" / 18cm <p>MATERIALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 1 3/4 oz / 50g ball (each approx 108yd / 100m) of Noro/KYI's Kureyon #102 pink • One pair size 8 (5mm) straight needles or size to obtain gauge <p>GAUGE 20 sts and 28 rows to 4 1/2" / 11.5cm over k4, p4 rib using size 8 (5mm) straight needles.</p> <p>Take time to check gauge.</p> <p>k1, P1 RIB PATTERN Row 1 (RS) k2, *p4, k4, rep from *, and last rep k2 instead of k4. Row 2 K the knit and p the purl sts. Rep row 2 for k4, p4 rib pat.</p> <p>CAP Cast on 106 sts. Row 1 (RS) k1 (selvage st), work in k4, p4 rib pat to last st, k1 (selvage st). Work in k4, p4 rib pat as established (with k1 selvage st each side of row) until piece measures 6 7/15cm from beg, end with a WS row.</p>	<p>SHAPE TOP Row 1 (RS) k3, *p1, p2tog, p1, k1, k2tog, k1; rep from * to last 3 sts, end k3—81 sts. Row 2 K the knit and p the purl sts. Row 3 k3, *p2tog, p1, k2tog, k1; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3—56 sts. Row 4 K the knit and p the purl sts. Row 5 k3, *p2tog, k2; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3—43 sts. Row 6 K the knit and p the purl sts. Row 7 k1, *k2tog, p1; rep from * to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—29 sts. Row 8 k1, *p1, p2tog; rep from *, end k1—20 sts. Row 9 (k2tog) 10 times—10 sts. If plain hat without top knot is desired, move to Finishing. Next row P2tog, (p2tog) twice, p3tog—4 sts. Using 2 dpn, work I-cord as foll: *k3, slide sts to beg of needle to work sts from same position. Bring yarn around from back and rep from * until I-cord measures 6 7/15cm. Bind off. Knot twice.</p> <p>FINISHING Do not block or flatten rib. For plain hat, cut yarn leaving a long end for sewing back seam. Pull through rem 10 sts and draw up tightly to secure. For both styles, sew back seam.</p>
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