

May 2017 Newsletter



Hi Everyone,

The weather is certainly changing now that May has arrived. I struggle to find clothing suitable for the cold mornings that I'm still comfortable in by lunchtime!



I enjoyed a lovely lunch with family for Mother's Day and I hope all you mothers got equally spoiled by your families. The sunshine for the day was lovely and even the wind was gentle.

New Bernette Range

Today we are launching a new range of Bernette sewing machines. These machines boast a modern new look and are easy to use. They have our **Bernette 5 year warranty**, including a free service from Nick after 1 year to keep the machine at its optimum performance.



Come and see us in store for a free demonstration on these **Bernette Sewing Machines**

Nick's Tip from the Workshop

When you pull your sewing out from under the presser foot on your machine, ensure the needle is just beyond its highest position. This can sometimes be easier to see by checking the take up lever has just gone beyond its highest position. If your work is releasing with additional threads on the underside rotate the hand wheel while watching where your needle is.

Bernina Northland Fashion Awards 2017

Now is the time to be planning and begin making your entry for the Bernina Northland Fashion Awards 2017. *This year is particularly special as it is the 40th Anniversary of this event.* **Show date is Saturday 7th October** and pre-judging will be held over the weekend of 16th and 17th September. There are many categories to choose from Wearable Art and Fashion sections. **A complete list of categories and entry forms are now available in store.**

If you have questions come in and talk to us about how you can be part of this great event. You don't have to be the best designer or sewist to enter. We run this event in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Whangarei South who also distributes the proceeds to local charities.

Try **Student Street Wear** - Casual / street wear designed by you. Make your mark with a well-constructed garment of original design suitable for daytime wearing. Judges will be looking at the cut, fit, finish and originality of your design. They are looking for a garment that is beyond just following a pattern. This category is open to all students up to and including year 13

Or try **Open Wearable Art** - This is art that you make and wear - costumes, daring and beautiful. No theme and no limits to the materials you use however your garment must be able to withstand two parades (pre judging and the event). Judges will be looking at design concept, construction and technique, creativity, visual impact, and best use of materials. This category is open to all ages from tertiary education level students to adults.

Come and talk with us in the store about your ideas and pick up an entry form

Workshops, Classes and Clubs

Canoe Work Basket

Saturday 20th May; 9:00am – 4:00pm. Class cost is \$60 + kit.



Choose your theme and colour to make this work basket. Once you make one you will make many more – these baskets make great gift baskets to fill and give away too.

Secure your place in the class with a \$40.00 deposit, balance due prior to class starting. The deposit will be refunded only if minimum class numbers are not forthcoming.

Easy Table Runner

Tuesday 23rd May, 5:30pm – 8:30pm; \$30 + kit

This table runner is fun and easy to make and the pattern can also be used to make co-ordinating placemats. Choose your colourway of fabrics with us then secure your place in the class with a \$20.00 deposit, balance due prior to the workshop starting.

The deposit will be refunded only if minimum class numbers are not forthcoming.

Minimum 6 people; Maximum 10 people



Challenge 2017

Northland will host the first game of the 2017 Lion's Rugby Tour. My challenge for you is to make a small wall hanging (between A3 and A1 size) to commemorate this event. Choose either 'Lions' or 'All Blacks' as your focus and incorporate the challenge fabric into your wall hanging. We will make a special window display with the completed wall hangings for the month of June.

Pick up the challenge fabric when you are next in the store and have your wall hanging completed for Thursday 31st May so we can have the window display completed for the Northland match scheduled on Saturday 3rd June.

Bernina Club 2017

Bernina Club is usually held on the second Thursday of each month, February - November.

The next class is on **Thursday 1st June 2017**, 5:30 – 8:30pm

Come along and learn more about using and caring for your **Bernina** machine. Each month I prepare a kit for the project we will be working on.

Cost is \$70 for the year plus each month's kit.

Limited to 10 people



Bernette Club 2017

Bernette Club is held on the last Monday of each month, February - November.

The next class is on **Monday 29th May 2017**, 5:30 – 8:30pm

Come along and learn more about using and caring for your **Bernette** machine. Each month I prepare a kit for the project we will be working on.

Cost is \$70 for the year plus each month's kit.

Limited to 10 people



Overlocker Club 2017

Overlocker Club is held on the third Thursday of each month, February - November.

The next class is on **Thursday 18th May 2017**; 5:30 – 8:30pm.

If you have a **Bernina or Bernette overlocker** this is a wonderful class to learn more about your machine. Each month I prepare a kit for the project we will be working on.

Cost is \$70 for the year plus each month's kit.

Limited to 10 people



Expressions of Interest for Bernina and Bernette Machine Embroidery Club

Beginning in July, running until November. Cost: \$30 for 5 months + kit cost each month. To be held on the first Saturday afternoon of each month 1pm-3pm

Learn from the basics onwards, including hooping, threads, stabilisers and more

A Rose By Any Other Name BOM (block of the month)



This fabulous quilt was first designed for the 2016 Northern Shop Hop and we have received many requests to offer it as a BOM. Beginning May 2017 over 11 months, \$46:40p/m. Book your place now to receive the first month's kit in May.

An added bonus is the optional demonstration of the process, stitches used, and the quirky skills used on 31st May 5:30pm – Bookings essential for this free demonstration.

Yarn

Liz and I have been busy making sample of many of our new yarns.



I'm currently knitting a lovely triangular shawl in the Debbie Bliss Fine Donegal yarn. I'm using an easy pattern that is making a soft and flowing shawl for the coming colder months.

This yarn is Slouch and Couch – great for blankets for the coming cold months.
1 Packet (10 hanks) made this



New Fabric

Absolutely Beautiful!!!! We have purchased the entire range of Garden Delights.

Queen's Birthday Weekend

We will be closing for Queen's Birthday weekend 3rd – 5th June, re-opening Tuesday 6th June, which will also mark our first year since moving to the Strand Arcade. WOW – where has the time gone?



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Happy stitching!

The Team @ Bernina Northland

Sandy, Maree, Liz, Amanda, Leeann, Tim, Nick, and Tiffany

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