

THRILLING THREADS' WORKSHOP with Shawnee Miller

DATE: Glendale Guild - Saturday, June 17, 2017

Time: 9:00 – 4:00

95% of all issues sewers (embroideryists, quilters & longarmers) face with their machines can be corrected without a trip to the repair department.

Tips and tricks and secrets everyone can use in their next project.

And – learn essential techniques to utilize any and all threads & machines.

Let thread educator, Shawnee Miller, show you how to use many elements of your sewing machine in a concise thread play workshop while fixing many of the thread issues that drive us nuts.

Create a small thread sampler to keep in your sewing area as a reminder to use those wonderful stitches and threads we have always wanted to use.

Includes: Thrilling Threads lecture and “Thread Play Sampler”. PLUS – free use of Superior Threads in class and LOTS of handouts!!! *This is the class for questions and answers about our machines that we don't know who to ask.* Other class instructors are busy teaching, the machine repairperson is usually too busy, or doesn't know what we are talking about, and the machine sales person is way too busy, or forgets.

THREAD PLAY THREAD SAMPLER

- Learn while using my threads! Not necessary for each student to buy threads for class.
- How to use a variety of threads – **while learning how to correct thread issues as they happen.**
- Learn to achieve many different effects on fabric using the hidden talents of your sewing machine
- When to use natural threads, specialty threads, and **HOW** to make them work!
- How to create a “Thread Journal” and start using it. Document all your playtime with threads.
- Learn techniques that show how to use all those orphan threads in cabinets and drawers.
- Bring some of your own problem threads and/or machine problems.
- HANDOUTS.

What will be included:

- Play with my inventory of specialty threads – hands on experience using your machine and some one else's thread (all Superior Threads);
- Learn how to ‘fix’ those nasty thread and needle issues we all have with our sewing machines, i.e. birds' nests, thread shredding; thread breaks, broken needles;
- I provide a Thread Sampler Kit of fabric, yarn, ribbon, cords, beads, and of course, threads;
- Learn how to couch, put ribbon in bobbins and apply to a project.
- Use very thick thread, metallic, Hologram (flat, mylar film), and embroidery thread like it was ordinary polyester!
- Learn how to use those mysterious “hand-look” and “sculpture” quilt stitches and even sew on beads with your machine.

Each student will receive a kit containing a hand-dyed fabric sandwich, beads, and embellishments for the thread sampler. All included in the price of the workshop.

Bring some of your personal thread nightmares to class and learn how to fix them.

STUDENT SUPPLIES:

Sewing Machine and MANUAL!

Clean, well oiled and in good working order. We do not want to spend class time working on machines.
Regular sewing notions, i.e. scissors, etc.

Sewing machine table if you have one;

Feet – bring them if you have them. Bring any specialty feet you own like applique foot, beading, couching, cording, etc.

Knee lift if you have one

Sewing machine power cord and pedal (some students forget these)

Extension cord or surge protector if possible

Sample of THREAD PLAY thread sampler

Thread Play workshop thread sampler after (5) couching yarn bits, (2) ribbon bobbin works, machine beading and 'hand-look' dec stitches (machine). All that is left to do is finish with multiple decorative stitches using Glitter, metallic, and variegated threads, and a few hand stitches. This is what approximately 3 hours will accomplish.

