

Threading Community:

How to Build a Successful Sewing Makerspace



Ravenna Public Library
Joy Kyhn

Sew Sistas
Bonnie Williams & Kim Cronin

Ravenna Public Library Makerspace

“Opened” - April 2020

Epilog Laser

Sublimation Printer

Heat Press

Graphtec CE6000 Vinyl Cutter

Button Maker

Snap-On Tools

\$16,000 Donation

\$10,000 Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund Grant

\$8,000 Snap-On Donation



Catherine "Kay" J. Ripp

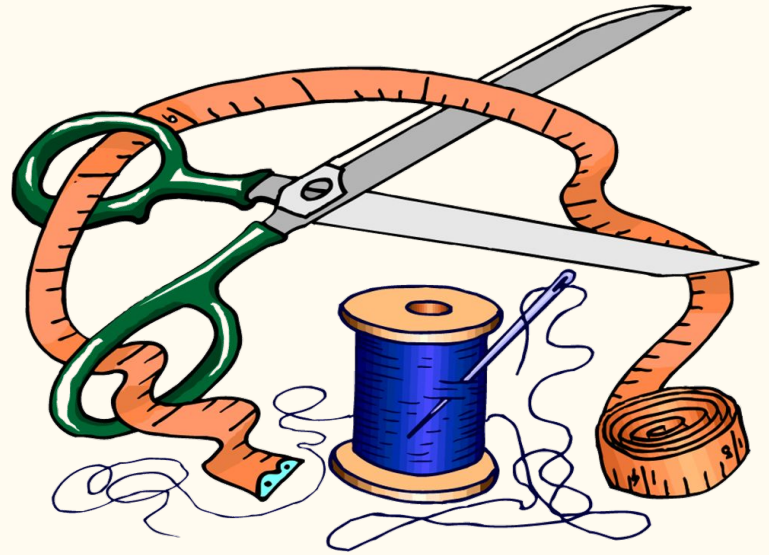
April 15, 1929 - December 13, 2019

Kay had a love for all things quilting and crafting. Kay would spend countless hours in her sewing room piecing together quilts, clothing and hats for babies to donate, and teaching her granddaughters how to sew.

Kay truly had a heart for teaching and service. She served as 4-H leader for Buffalo County Extension devoting thousands of hours to the 4-H youth teaching them sewing and baking. She was also very active in the UNL Extension Majors Neighborhood, Kearney Quilt Guild, and she along with a group of her friends pioneered the Ravenna Quilt Guild where she served as President in 2001. Kay found so much joy in teaching others how to sew. Her daughters, nieces and grandchildren spent many hours learning from her and sharing the love for quilting.

Kay's Legacy

- Sewing Machine
- Serger Machine
- Iron
- Thread
- Cutting Mats
- Rotary Cutters
- Rulers
- Annevar Quilt Guild - President's Quilt 2001
- Memorial Funds
 - Accuquilt Die Cutter
 - 20 Dies



Sew Sistas - 2021

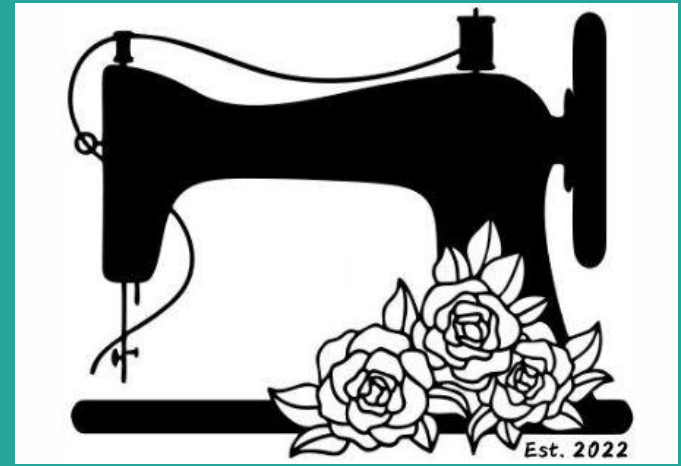
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Meet Twice a Month

Library's Community Room

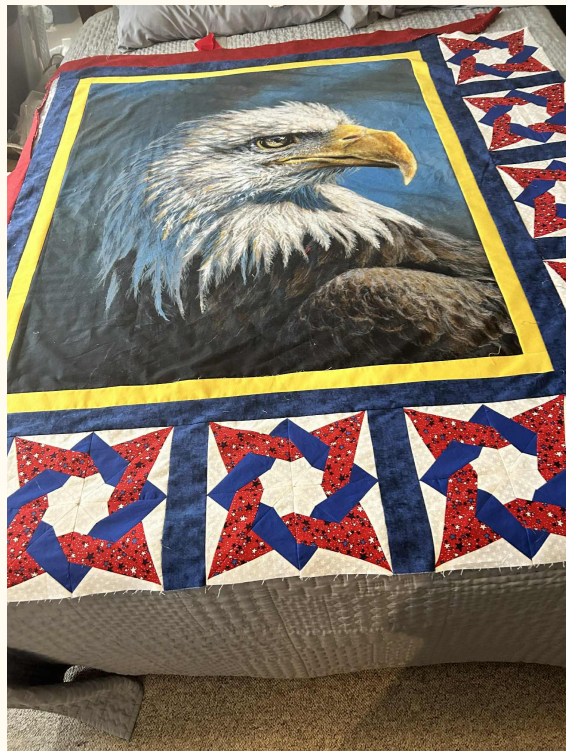
Started with 3 members in Kim's Basement

Up to 22 members with 15 active members



Sew Sistas' Established March 2022

Quilts of Valor 2022 - Challenge to use the Accuquilt GO! & Sewing Makerspace



GO! Tangled Star-10" Finished Die - #55543

November 2022

Annevar Quilt Guild
Sew Sistas
Ravenna Public Library

Ravenna Community Foundation Grant - \$4800

- 6 Bernette Sewing Machines
- 6 Sewing Stations
 - Iron
 - Cutting mat
 - Rotary cutter
 - Bobbins & Threads
 - Rulers
 - Scissors
 - Seam Ripper

Creative Clover's 4-H Club 2023

1st sewing project
Potholder

GO! Rag Square-8
1/2" Die





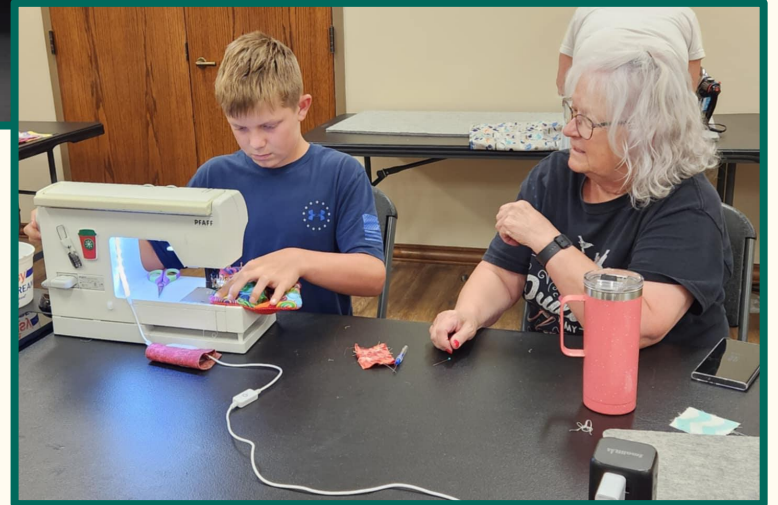
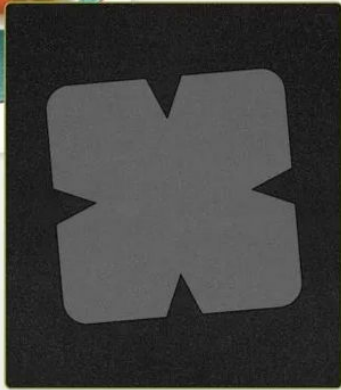
Accuquilt GO! Cutter lessons

Community Service Project - Pillow Cases for Buffalo County CASA

2024



2024 - Bowl Cozy





Sew Sistas

Quilts Donated 28 Quilts - 2023

65 Quilts - 2024

Buffalo County CASA - Foster Care Children

Quilt of Valor

Under Our Wings - 2024-25

Girls Group - Mia(13) Katie (12) Carly(11)



Quilt of Valor

Under Our Wings-2024-25

Boys Group - Arnold(16) Orin(12) Blane(11)



National Quilt of Valor Day - Block of the Year 2025 - Log Cabin February 1st



Accuquilt GO! Cutter
-
2.5 inch Strips



Ravenna Community Foundation Grant Funding

2025 - \$3500

- 6 - Janome Sewing Machines
- 6 - Machine Lights
- 6 - Portable Lights



CRAFT RETREAT

Bring whatever you are working on
**Quilting, Scrapbooking, Knitting,
Crocheting, Crafting**

**Need to get away and finish
some projects you've started and
haven't had time to finish?**

This Craft Retreat is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library to support ongoing library programs including: Makerspace, Summer Reading Program, Family Movie Nights, National Library Week and much more.

October

18th - 9am - 9pm

19th - 9am - 4pm

Deadline for sign up - October 11th



**Cost = \$20 - 1 Day
\$30 - 2 Days**

- ✓ Lunch on Your Own
- ✓ Snacks Provided
- ✓ Swag Bags for all Participants
- ✓ Additional Breakout Sessions
- ✓ Swap Exchange is Welcome

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YOUR SPOT TODAY



2024





2025



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3rd - 9am - 9pm

4th - 9am - 6pm

Deadline for sign up - September 26th



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Questions?

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