



# Where Quilting & Sewing Meet

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## It's Time To Retire From Stitching On State

**Dear Friends,**

This has definitely been an unusual year. Who would have ever thought that, in addition to the everyday obstacles of running a small business, we would also face a pandemic? Despite the challenges of 2020, we are proud to say that our shop has remained strong and viable. We have our wonderful customers and employees to thank for that!

In addition to focusing on the shop, the events of this year have given Mike and me the opportunity to pause and reflect on our lives. This year has been a reminder that life is fragile and nothing, especially time and good health, can be taken for granted.

With that said, we have decided to retire and close the brick-and-mortar portion of Stitching On State at the end of 2020. **OUR TENTATIVE CLOSING DATE IS DECEMBER 19th.** It's time for us to move on to the next chapter in our lives. We want to devote more time to our family and grandchildren, and, after 43 years of marriage, we still have many things left on our bucket list.

This was not an easy decision, but we feel it is the right one for us. Not only are you our customers, but you've also become our friends. Your ongoing and unwavering friendship, kindness, and support has made all the hard work worthwhile, and we will sincerely miss our daily visits. It goes without saying that without our incredible staff we would not be the wonderful shop we are. They are our heart and soul and have made Stitching On State possible. We are sincerely grateful to them!

So, what's next?

We are fortunate in that we own the building in addition to the business, so we are able to flex final dates if needed. Here is what we have planned right now:

**JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT SALE STARTING October 13th.** Our retirement sale will continue until we close our showroom doors. Our target date is December 19th. Please note that our retirement sale is in-person only and is first come, first served. We will not be able to "hold" items before or during the sale. We will not be able to take phone orders or ship once our sale begins. All sales will be final.

**Store Hours:** Store hours will continue to be Tuesday thru Saturday 10am-2pm. We will continue to be closed on Sunday and Monday and will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Please visit our website ([www.stitchingonstate.com](http://www.stitchingonstate.com)) and Facebook page ([www.Facebook.com/StitchingOnState](http://www.Facebook.com/StitchingOnState)), as well as sign up for our email blasts ([info@StitchingOnState.com](mailto:info@StitchingOnState.com)) for updates or any unexpected closures due to inclement weather.

**Safety:** Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be required. If necessary, we may have to ask you to wait on the porch if our customer number makes it difficult to social distance. Everyone's safety remains our biggest concern.

**\$25 Reward Receipts:** If you have been holding on to a \$25 Reward receipt it must be redeemed **prior to October 13th**. No additional rewards receipts will be generated once our sale begins, and no additional reward receipts will be honored. Please note, you can use **one** rewards receipt per visit.

**Fabric:** All fabric on the bolt, precuts, and kits will be 30% off the regular price starting Tuesday, October 13th. One yard minimum cuts for on-the-bolt fabric.

We will continue to receive new fabric through December so be sure to stop in often.

\*Once our sale begins, the staff will not be able to help you plan new projects if we have several customers in the shop. If it is not busy, we are happy to do so!

**Books, Patterns, Notions, Machine Accessories, and Software:** All in-store merchandise will be available at 30% off regular price starting Tuesday, October 13th.

**Clearance Merchandise:** All clearance merchandise will continue to be discounted 50% from the marked price. Clearance items will be clearly marked.

**Special Orders:** There will be no new special orders taken as of Tuesday, October 6th. If a special order you have been waiting on has arrived, please don't forget to pick it up. Special orders already placed and paid for are not eligible for further discounts and may not be returned. \*Any unpaid merchandise being "held" behind the desk will be put back into stock.

**Machines Sales:** All floor model sewing machines will be available at **Up To 40% off MSRP**. Prices are as marked and additional discounts will not be taken. These are new machines and have full manufacturer warranties. Trade-ins will not be taken on these sales, and all sales are final. Please note that we will not be ordering additional machines.

**Machine repairs:** As of right now, Mike has service appointments on the calendar through December 8th. **He will service these machines as**

**scheduled.** We will not be booking any new appointments. If your machine is in need of service and you don't currently have an appointment, please go to the Pfaff ([www.Pfaff.com](http://www.Pfaff.com)) or Bernina ([www.Bernina.com](http://www.Bernina.com)) websites. Their store locator features will help you find the nearest authorized service center. They will take good care of your machine!

**Machine education:** For those of you who have recently purchased a new sewing machine from us, we will follow up with you and ensure you get the training you need to enjoy your new sewing machine.

**Gift Cards:** Previously purchased gift cards will be honored until our close date. No additional gift cards will be sold, however.

**Etsy: Our Etsy Shop is not being closed.** Once we close the brick-and-mortar portion of the shop, all remaining store items will be listed on Etsy in addition to new merchandise.

**Store fixtures:** As we get closer to December, we will begin pricing those store fixtures that belong to the shop. Many of the store samples, decorations and fixtures are privately owned and these will not be available. Is there something you have fallen in love with? Please ask.

Thank you again for supporting our little quilt shop in the country and for bringing creativity, friendship, and laughter into our lives each day. This was not an easy decision, and we spent many sleepless nights making it. In our hearts, however, we know it is the right one for us.

Take care,

*Elaine and Mike*

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