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BERNINA DEALER TO HOST FOREVER FRIENDS GREAT DANE RESCUE ON APRIL 13 IN LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS

Thimbles invites anyone making a donation that day to use the new DesignWorks Software and B 780 E machine to create their own treats pouch

AURORA, Ill. – March 29, 2013 – BERNINA of America, the premier manufacturer of sewing, embroidery and quilting machines, is pleased to announce that Thimbles, a BERNINA Dealer in Lockport, Ill., will host a meet-and-greet with Forever Friends Great Dane Rescue (FFGDR) on Saturday, April 13. FFGDR is a non-profit dog rescue serving Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. Thimbles, 940 S. State St., invites the public to come and visit with volunteers and Great Danes from the non-profit between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Antler chew toys, t-shirts and magnets will be on sale, with proceeds benefitting the rescue. Also, anyone making a donation to the rescue will have a chance to use BERNINA's new PaintWork and CrystalWork tools on a BERNINA 780 E (Embroidery) machine to create their own treats pouch bearing the image of a dog with a red crystal collar.

BERNINA's new 7 Series line of sewing, quilting and embroidery machines features the BERNINA 780 E, the BERNINA 750 QE (Quilter's Edition), and the BERNINA 710. Each 7 Series machine includes an extended freearm area with 10 inches of space to the right of the needle and a practical extension table with ample space to hold larger sewing projects. The 7 Series is also equipped with a color touchscreen and the integrated BERNINA Dual Feed, which tames hard-to-manage and fine fabrics. BERNINA's PaintWork and CrystalWork are components to the DesignWorks Software Suite, which turns BERNINA embroidery machines into mixed media tools. PaintWork allows users to apply pen drawings to fabric and textiles, while CrystalWork can be used to create crystal appliqué patterns.

Forever Friends Great Dane Rescue accepts Great Danes of all ages and from all types of situations. The rescue is not a shelter; the dogs live in foster homes as part of a family until their medical and emotional needs have been met and they are ready for their permanent homes. FFGDR also welcomes the opportunity to speak to children and groups. For more information about the rescue, please visit www.foreverfriendsgdri.com.

Thimbles is an authorized BERNINA Dealer providing top-quality service to area residents. The Dealer sells BERNINA sewing machines and software, and also provides a variety of sewing, embroidery and quilting classes for people of all skill levels. Thimbles is also active in its community and supports several groups through club activities. For more information about the Dealer, please visit www.thimblesquilts.com.

About BERNINA

Founded in Switzerland more than 100 years ago, BERNINA is the world's premier manufacturer with a proven reputation for offering state-of-the-art sewing and embroidery systems, sergers and embroidery software. BERNINA's leadership is marked by an impressive number of industry leaders, influencers and artisans who chose to partner with the company.

BERNINA products are sold in the United States through a network of approximately 450 fully trained independent dealerships. In 2008, the company introduced the revolutionary BERNINA 830, a machine designed to change the home sewing industry. To learn more and to find a dealer, visit www.bernina.com or call (630)978-2500.

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