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Hello Quilting Friends,

Really, Mother Nature are you kidding! More snow in April! We are all sick and tired of terrible snow, freezing rain, sub-freezing temperatures, and more snow. We are extremely ready for spring tulips and daffodils, budding trees, more summer birds, and wearing our sandals sporting our pretty painted toenails. Please take pity on us, delightful sunshine and warmer temperatures please! No more snow!

Classes and events happening at our quilt shop in April and May–

Middle of the Mitten Shop Hop 2019 – It's almost time for our "Sew Like A Pirate Shop Hop" on Friday, April 26th and Saturday, April 27th. Again, this year we will be participating in the Middle of Mitten Shop Hop 2019 with fellow quilt shops, Elm Creek in Farwell, and Material Mart in Midland. I am SO EXCITED about all the fun we will be having this year. All you need to do to join in, is purchase your individual passport at our quilt shop before the shop hop event. Then visit all three shops during the shop hop to receive 20% off all purchases at each store and have a chance to win a variety of prizes too! **I have only a very few passports left. You can call and pay for your passport over the phone, just give us a call and we will happily hold a passport tote for YOU! (989) 317-8700.**

"The ladies" have been extremely busy getting our quilt shop ready and prepared for the shop hop coming up. You must stop by soon to see some of the magically things they have been up to. Don't forget to purchase your passports for only \$10, plus you will receive additional surprises in your passport totes at our quilt shop. Plan to spend the day shopping at fantastic quilt shops, looking at beautiful quilts and projects, learn new techniques, and take home a big bag of fun!

***Sunny Days Table Runner or Placemats Class will be on Tuesday morning, April 16th from 10 am – 1 pm.** This is a "quilt as you go" method table runner or placemats with adorable Dresden flowers. We will be teaching two different quilting techniques in one class. The "quilt as you go" method will allow you to easily complete this fun project quickly without requiring longarm services. Plus, the Dresden flowers will brighten up any room in your house. The cost is only \$30 which includes the Creative Grids 15° ruler, the pattern and class. But you have to call to sign up for this fun and educational class (989) 317-8700.

***Sunny Days Table Runner Class** - We will be offering this fun class again on Tuesday, April 30th from 6 – 9 pm. Call today to sign up (989) 317-8700

***Solid as a Rock Block of the Month quilt has just started in February. We will be closing the window to join this program on April 30th.** This program lasts one year, a new and different block each month. Two different color ways will be available, black and brights, also gray and brights. The quilt is hanging in our quilt shop! The monthly cost is just \$10 for the monthly block

and pattern. The March blocks (black and gray backgrounds) can be picked up now. Call today to sign up, time is running out! (989) 317-8700.

***Solid as a Rock Block on the Month meeting for April will be held on Thursday evening, April 18th from 6 – 7 pm and again on Saturday morning, April 20th from 10:30 – 11:30 am.** Our April block will be available starting on Thursday, April 18th and it's a beauty!

Quilt Till You Wilt every Friday from 10am – 5pm or until you wilt. Come and sew with us on Fridays. This is time set aside for you to sew with other fun quilting ladies. Bring your projects and sewing machine. Friday is a good time to complete a UFO or start something new. (Open sewing time – Not a class time). Priceless!

***We will not have Quilt Till You Wilt on Friday, April 26th due to our shop hop and in the morning only on Friday, May 3rd.**

***Isabella County Barn Square Quilt Trail informational meeting is planned for Friday morning, May 3rd at 10:30am lead by Cathy McCune.** Do you have a barn quilt or would you like one? Do you wonder about the meaning behind the barn quilt movement? An informational meeting will be held at the quilt shop on Friday, May 3rd at 10:30 am. If you have a barn quilt bring a picture to share...if you'd like a barn quilt, bring your ideas to share. Gratiot and Clare Counties already have great barn quilt trails, we need one in the middle, Isabella County. If you would like more information, please contact Cathy McCune at mccunefamilyfarm@yahoo.com or at the quilt shop (989) 317-8700.

***Friday Night Sew In is planned for Friday, May 3rd from 4 – 10 pm.** Come on ladies and have fun with us sewing, eating, and laughing together. All you need to do is bring your own personal project to work, your sewing machine and supplies, plus a delicious snack to share! We will be providing a hot and nutritious dinner and the sewing is up to you! The cost is just \$10 for a night of fun hanging out with other fun ladies! Sign up now at (989) 317-8700.

***Stars and Stripes Forever – Quilts of Valor club meeting and sewing afternoon is planned for May 6th from 10 am – 1 pm.** We will be having a short informational and planning meeting until eleven, then the afternoon is open for sewing and having fun working on our Quilts of Valor projects. If you are interested in join our group, please call for more information (989) 317-8700.

***Beginning Quilting Class will be starting on Monday, May 6th from 6 – 9 pm.** This is a beginning quilting class that will be a five-week class, meeting once each week. You will be shown how to use a rotary cutter and do easy strip piecing. Some of the blocks you will learn to make are half square triangles, nine patch, flying geese, the pinwheel and several others. We will help you choose your fabrics for this class and by the end of the class you will have completed the top of your new lap size quilt. The cost is \$50 for all instruction, but fabrics are an additional cost and bringing your own sewing machine is a requirement. Dates are May 6th, May 13th, May 20th, June 3rd, and June 10th. Space is limited for this class and it can also be a great way to become even more precise with your quilting techniques for some veteran quilters too. It's not too early to sign up now! (989) 317-8700

(If you know of someone who has talked about wanting to learn to quilt, let them know about this opportunity!)

***New Block of the Month Sampler program using Thangles will be starting on Tuesday, May 14th for 6 – 7 pm. Come and learn more about this wonderful new block of the month starting soon. This is a six-month program with three different color ways!** More information will be shared in our weekly newsletter, so watch for additional details. Yes, you can sign up now! (989) 317-8700.

Come on mates...don't be missing out on the fun during our Middle of Mitten Shop Hop coming up in just a few days. If you do...we may make you walk the plank...

Thank you everyone for the words of encouragement as I take on the challenge of running a 5K with my granddaughter, Bella. Yes, I have been running and walking several times a week with my fabulous personal trainer, Belinda. Just this week she said that I needed to be careful while I was running to make sure that I fully pick up my feet or my running shoes will scuff on the cement and I will fall. That would not be good at all! Run on!

Your quilting buddy,
Gerolyn



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