

December 3, 2018

Hello Quilting Friends,

This has been another crazy busy weekend for Ray and I. Yes, we enthusiastically participated in the Mt. Pleasant Christmas parade on Saturday evening. For a little while there was a cold rain and then drizzle stopped just in time for this wonderful lighted parade. My brother Bob, and Sister-in-law Sue, Kyle and Jenna loaded up the goodies for the floats and headed toward town with lighted Christmas floats in tow. Weaving down the streets, we arrived in downtown Mt. Pleasant for an evening of holiday celebration. The downtown streets were packed with big and little kiddos enjoying the festivities.

I found out that Denise, a favorite customer at the quilt shop is a cookie connoisseur just like myself. Not store-bought cookies, but delicious homemade cookies. Together, we scoped out the delicious treats and decided on a wonderful iced lemon cookie, a raspberry jam bar, and several sugar cookies. A very special thank you for the generosity of the people of the United Methodist Church for hosting the best hot chocolate and homemade cookies for all the float participants. This is a special part of the Christmas parade that I ALWAYS look forward to.

22 days until Christmas...I can hardly wait until our own cookie exchange at the quilt shop on Tuesday, December 11th! Bring on the cookies...

Classes and events happening at our very busy quilt shop in December –

Quilting Ladies, we now have a "want list" form available for you to fill out to help your family and loved ones know exactly what you would like for Christmas this year. Stop by and fill your list up with all the great quilting items that you want to find in your Christmas stocking!

Plus, we always have gift certificates available too! The perfect gift...you get the opportunity to pick up fabrics and notions that you need or would like to have.

***Kay's Charity Sewing Day is Tuesday, December 4th from 10 am – 2 pm at our quilt shop.** We need your help!! Come and sew with Kay and friends on Tuesday to help make a bunch of small lap size charity quilts for several local charity organizations. Kay will be cutting out and kitting small size quilts in preparation for this day for YOU! Just come and sew them together with her. Everything will be provided, all the fabrics and pattern, all you need to bring is your sewing machine and supplies, including thread and lots of girlfriends. I will be providing several crock pots of delicious soups for lunch, please bring a dish to pass (desserts are always welcomed too!!). Kay is constantly giving of her time and talents for others, now is the time to help support her and her efforts in a GREAT way! Please call to register for this honorable charity event today (989) 317-8700.

***NEW CLASS – Christmas Swedish Braid Wreath class on Wednesday evening, December 5th from 6 – 9 pm.** Sharlene will be teaching us how to make a lovely new Swedish braid wreath just in time for the holidays in this new class. She will be demonstrating how to fold Christmas fabric and then hot glue them onto a Styrofoam wreath. All you need is a pair of scissors and a hot glue gun for this class. The cost of the class is \$25 which includes all necessary supplies. Call quickly to sign up to make this beautiful Swedish wreath (989) 317-8700. Don't miss out!

***Pizza Box Block of the Month (final month) will be meeting on Thursday evening, December 6th from 6 – 8 pm and on Saturday, December 8th from 10:30 am – noon.** Come and learn about the final block and listen to ideas for finishing your personal quilt. Don't forget to

bring along your finished November blocks and a "show and share" item with you. I have lots of fun prizes this month just for YOU!

***Mark your calendar! Friday Night Sewing In on Friday, December 7th from 4 – 10pm.**

Come and join us as we sew the afternoon and evening away together. Grab your girlfriends, sewing machine and a project and plan to have a blast! A delicious dinner will be served and yummy snacks too. The cost is just \$10 but you need to call us to let us know that you are planning to come before Friday, December 7th (989) 317-8700.

***Jelly Roll Rug class on Monday morning, December 10th from 10am – 2pm.** Come and learn how to make a jelly roll rug. These rugs are extremely popular now and here is your opportunity to learn how to make one for yourself. Grab your favorite jelly roll, cotton batting, sewing machine, and learn to make a rug that measures 30" x 44" when finished. This will be a great experience! The cost is \$30 which includes the pattern. Sign up now (989) 317-8700.

***SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS COOKIES** – on Tuesday, December 11th from 1 – 2:30pm and 6 – 7:30pm for our second annual Cookie Exchange. Come and bring three dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to eat and share with other ladies (don't forget to bring photo copies of the recipe too!) From the three dozen, one dozen will be for eating/sampling and the other two dozen will be for sharing. So, you will be taking home two dozen cookies of the other ladies' favorite cookies too! If you have any questions or concern, please give me a phone call – Gerolyn (989) 317-8700. There's isn't a cookie that I didn't like!

***Going to Pieces Paper Piecing Club will be meeting on Thursday evening, December 13th from 6 – 9 pm.** We will be making a paper piecing snowman from Little Bits this month. An adorable snowman to brighten up your home during the winter months. Sharlene has made "Frosty" already as a cute sample for the quilt shop! Stop by and meet Frosty and then sign up to come and make one for yourself. She said that he was fast and fun! Everyone is welcome to come and join in on the wintery paper piecing excitement! The cost is just \$10 for the class and pattern. Call today to sign up (989) 317-8700.

***Quilt Till You Wilt every Friday from 10am – 5pm or until you wilt.** Come and sew with us this Friday. Bring your sewing project and sewing machine for a day of sewing and building new friendships. This is a free event at Keepsake Quilts.

Hey ladies, if you need a quiet place to sew to finish up a project or two before Christmas, please give us a call. You are always welcome and sew in our classroom area, just give us a call ahead of time. Plus, if you would like to use our classroom tables to wrap your Christmas presents, we are the place! I love to wrap presents!!! (psst...I help the guys wrap their wife's gifts too...)

We will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 24 – 26th to celebrate Christmas with the grandkids and family in Alpena. Over the river and through the woods heading north!

Your quilting buddy,
Gerolyn