

February 24, 2020

Hello Quilting Friends,

What another gorgeous weekend! A little time outside, shopping with Jenna for make up and fabric in Midland, and a Sunday afternoon nap with Rennie, my little Schnauzer. Ray made homemade bread and sticky buns on Sunday afternoon too. What a great weekend! With this awesome weather it almost makes me think that spring is just around the corner. (Don't look at the weather forecast for Tuesday...more snow!)

New ideas and programs are in the works at the quilt shop for this spring! I'm so EXCITED! Several new programs that you won't find anywhere else. Nope! You need to watch our weekly newsletters for all the juicy details. Plus, a new summer block of the month quilt that Jan and I have been scheming too. The final preparations are almost in place for an embroidery block of the month program to start very soon (April). All the embroidered blocks are complete, but not the quilt put together. Don't forget our favorite – wool! New wool classes are currently being scheduled too. A super cute spring wool candle mat class will be offered in March. Keep watching!

Fat Tuesday is celebrated on Tuesday, February 25th with a **large fat quarter sale!** All fat quarters will be on sale Tuesday only. All pre-cut and ones that you would love to be cut too! This includes batiks and flannels. Regular fat quarters will be only \$2.50 each, batik and flannels are just \$3.00 each, plus all our clearance fat quarters are only \$1 each.

We may eat a paczki or two that day (only 510 calories each!) What is a paczki you ask? They are filled doughnuts found in Polish cuisine. Polish people needed to use up their eggs and lard before lent started. So, they made paczkis! Just another one of the wonderful Polish foods that are out there for us to enjoy! (Ray)

New classes and events happening in February and March -

Fat Tuesday Fat Quarter SALE is here on Tuesday, February 25th – All pre-cut fat quarters are on SALE! Beautiful florals, children's prints, solids and white on whites, dots galore, zany batiks, and fuzzy flannels and so many more pre-cut fat quarters and ones you just love to be cut will be on SALE! Regular priced fat quarters will be just \$2.50 each, plus all pre-cut batik and flannels are only \$3.00 each. Bonus – all clearance fat quarters will be \$1 each. Only on Fat Tuesday, February 25th. Come early at 10 am for the best selection!

Congratulations, Janell Utterback! Janell is our winner this week. We have a current issue of the Missouri Star Quilt Company Block book for her. Awesome! Thank you for using cash or writing a check when paying for your purchases at the quilt shop. We are continuing our Saturday drawings for wonderful prizes.

All MSQC Block books are on sale this week 20% off – this week only! Current and previous issues in stock. Check them out for great quilting ideas!

Mark Your Calendar – Middle of the Mitten Shop Hop 2020

It's time to start planning your shopping excursion! **Middle of the Mitten Shop Hop, A Holly Jolly Event** is just around the corner. So, mark your calendar for **Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th** to take part in the best shop hop around.

Join Elm Creek in Farwell, Keepsake Quilts in Mt. Pleasant, and Material Mart in Midland for fun, games, discounts, gifts and prizes. **20% off fabric, patterns, books, gifts and notions during the shop hop 2020! Passports will be going on sale soon for only \$10.**

***Quilt Till You Wilt Friday is planned for Friday, February 28th from 10 am – 4 pm.**

Do you need a little time away to work on a quilting project and hang out with other fun quilting ladies? Our Quilt till you wilt Friday is just what you need. This is a great time to work on your own projects in the comfort of our classroom area. There is not a charge for this sewing time. Bring your own sewing machine and supplies, and a project or two to work on.

***Quilts of Valor – Stars and Stripes Forever chapter is meeting on Monday, March 2nd from 10:00 am and again on Monday evening from 6 – 7 pm.**

***NEW Beginning Paper Piecing class is planned for Thursday, March 5th from 10 am – 1 pm.** Come and learn how to paper piece while making these adorable bird houses. Paper piecing is fun and easy! This is a class designed to show you the basics of paper piecing. All the instruction and foundation papers will be provided. Grab a handful of scrap fabrics and your sewing machine and plan on having fun! The cost for the class and pattern is just \$15. But you need to call to sign up (989) 317-8700.

***Mark Your Calendar – Our Friday Night Sew In is scheduled for Friday, March 6th from 4 – 10 pm.** What a better way to spend your Friday night sewing with friends? Grab your sewing machine and a project or two and plan to sew the night away with us. The cost is only \$10 which included a delicious dinner and snacks. But you need to call quickly to sign up, if you don't you may miss out on the fun! (989) 317-8700.

***Beginning Quilting Classes are now being offered at Keepsake Quilts – Starting on Monday, March 16th through April 1st we are offering this fantastic beginning quilting classes from 6 – 9 pm.** This class is designed to help guide new quilters through the process of picking out fabrics, measuring and cutting out your individual blocks, designing and quilting the basic blocks to the final completion on the quilt top in class each week. Each student will be making their own quilt. We will be meeting on the following dates – Wednesday, March 16th, Wednesday, March 18th and Monday, March 23rd and Wednesday, March 25th and Monday, March 30th and Wednesday, April 1st for a total of six evening sessions. The cost is only \$50 for all the lessons and patterns. Sorry, this cost does not include the fabrics needed. Together, we will be making a large throw size quilt. Space is limited. Please call today to sign up or answer any questions you may have. (989) 317-8700

***Blueberry Stars Block of the Month new block for March class is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th from 6 – 7 pm and Saturday morning, March 14th from 10:30 – 11:30 am.** If you are interested in join our block of month program, please call or stop by the quilt shop soon. Remember, Monday, March 2nd is the last day to join in on the fun!



***Quilts of Valor, Stars and Stripes Forever Sew Day is planned for April 9th from 10 am – 4 pm.** QOV ladies, this is a great time to sew and have fun with other ladies. A potluck lunch will be planned at our monthly meeting on Monday, March 2nd.

***Migrating Flying Geese Class is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th from 6 – 9 pm.** This is wonderful opportunity to learn a new method for making migrating flying geese that is so much FUN! Sign up for this new class and learn how to arrange your fabrics to design a new exciting border to any quilt. Different sizes of geese are available. Grab a bunch of fabrics and your sewing machine and plan to have FUN! The cost for this new class is just \$18 which includes the pattern. You will be making geese in no time at all. Call today (989) 317-8700

How is Ella doing? Ella, our Rhode Island Red chickie is a very happy house chicken. She continues to gain her strength and weight while enjoying time in the house. I visited with Dr. Pol on Wednesday (6th time) regarding Ella's return to the chicken coop soon. He again, reminded me that Ella is not a healthy chicken at this time and that the other ladies see her as "sick". So, our little Ella enjoys munching on Cheerios with me in the morning and lots of cuddles in the evening. I often wonder...why would she want to go back outside in the winter? However, we keep their coop warm and comfortable during the winter month. Remember, happy ladies lay more eggs!

Did you know that chickens purr? They do! I was rocking Ella one evening after returning home from an evening quilting class at the shop. She was cuddled down in a fluffy towel in my lap while I visited with Ray about the day when I heard Ella make a funny noise that sounded like a cat purring. Ray instantly Googled "chickens purring" and found out that chicken do in fact purr when they are content and happy. Ella purrs!

Your quilting buddy,

Gerolyn

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