

January 27, 2019

Hello Quilting Friends,

Mother Nature is coming to Michigan again with a vengeance it sounds like too! Lots of snow and more cold weather many area schools are starting to close for Monday already, in preparation for the blast. Ray and I have been enthusiastically planning for his school district to have a "snow day" on Monday. The snow blower has a full tank of gas, the chickies are safely tucked in their warm barn thanks to the warm glow of the heat lamp, Miss Kitty is sleeping snuggly in a beach towel lined box in the shelter of the garage, and Remie (my Mini Schnauzer) well, let's just say he will be sleeping in comfort at the end of my side of the bed snuggled in too.

Extra groceries have been purchased, including hot dogs and buns (watch our Facebook page on Monday to see what CRAZYNESS Ray has planned), and the wood house is packed full too. So, Mother Nature bring on the snow and blow, I will be having fun sewing the day away and hanging out with my favorite guy, Ray (school is closed on Monday for Ray already).

If we are closed on Monday, I will send out a news blast in the morning via email and posting it on our Facebook page. My prayer for you is that everyone is safe and secure!

Classes and events happening at our quilt shop in January and February -

***Friday Night Sew In on Friday, February 1st – we are currently full.**

***Mark your calendar – Saturday, February 2nd from 10 am – 3 pm for a day of celebrating our service men and women.** We will be making special star blocks to be donated to the Quilts of Valor organization to be put together with other groups. But we need your help to make blocks. Come and join us on Saturday! The QOV pattern will be available. Grab your favorite red, white, and blue fabrics and make blocks with us. It is a free activity. Please call to sign up (989) 317-8700.

***Learning to Make Scalloped Edged Quilt Class on Tuesday morning, February 5th from 10 10 am – noon. A second class is offered on Wednesday, February 13th from 6 – 8 pm.** Sign up for this instructional class to learn how to add lovely scalloped edges to your favorite quilt the fast and easy way. During this class, you will be able to learn and practice on several of my baby quilts at the shop. All you need to bring with you is your sewing machine and basic supplies, I will supply the quilts. The cost is just \$10, the scallop ruler is an additional cost if you plan on purchasing one for yourself. Call today to sign up for this interesting class (989) 317-8700.

***Rug Hooking with Char on Thursday afternoon, February 7th from 2 – 4 pm.** Have you ever wanted to learn more about wool rug hooking? Here is your opportunity! Come on in and see what it is all about. Char and I were talking one afternoon this past week about our love of wool rug hooking and decided to spend an afternoon hooking together at the quilt shop and thought it would be fun to invite you too! So, come and join us to learn more hooking or hook with us, and then tell a friend you are going to the quilt store to go hooking and watch the looks you will get! This is a free event! Just let us know that you are planning on attending (989) 317-8700.

***Going to Pieces Paper Piecing Class on Thursday, February 7th from 6 – 9pm.** With all this cold and snowy weather, what better time to make adorable paper pieced tea cups and mugs. These are super cute and easy to make. You will want to make a bunch! All ladies are welcome to join in on the fun. The cost is just \$8 for pattern and foundation papers to make several of each type. Don't forget to call now to sign up for this fun evening of piecing together! (989) 317-8700

***Mitten Monday on Wednesday, February 13th from 10 am – 2 pm.** Come and make fun, easy fleece mittens for local elementary kiddos. Kits will be provided for you, all you need to do is have fun sewing them together. There is not a charge for this charity event, just bring your sewing machine and supplies (scissors, thread, and pins).

***Wooden Barn Square Painting Class with Deb Rutkowski (Brush with Bravata) on Friday, February 8th from 5 – 9 pm and again on Friday, February 22nd from 5 – 9 pm.** Hooray, we are offering this very special opportunity to all our quilters, to paint a wooden barn square for your barn. Come and join us as we paint a wooden barn quilt with Deb. In this class, she will be teaching and showing us how to paint a 2' barn quilt of our own. Deb has four NEW designs to choose from. Everything will be provided, including the wooden quilt, paints and brushes for only \$45. Come to the shop and pick out your design and color choices. I can't wait for this unique class. Call today to sign up (989) 317-8700.

***Winter In-Store Retreat on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 19th and 20th from 10am – 5 pm.** What better way to spend a day than sewing with friends at the quilt shop? All are welcome to come, grab your sewing machine and supplies, a project or two (or three) and sign up for our in-store retreat. Just sew the days away! We will be providing a delicious lunch and lots of yummy goodies throughout the day (my favorite part – snacks!). The cost is only \$15 a day. Space is limited, so don't delay in signing up for two fun days! (989) 317-8700. If you can only make come one day, that is fine too.

***Solid as a Rock Block of the Month quilt kick off is planned for Thursday, February 21st from 6 – 7 pm and Saturday, February 23rd from 10:30 – 11:30 am.** More information will be coming soon. The beautiful quilt will be on display at the quilt shop. Stop by to see it.

Quilt Till You Wilt every Friday from 10am – 5pm or until you wilt. Come and sew with us and think about bring your UFO to work on! Bring your sewing machine for a day of sewing and building new friendships. This is a free event at Keepsake Quilts.

UFO Challenge -So, to help jump start the new year quilting, I am going to challenge YOU! Now just "how" do you ask? Easy...send me a picture in an email (email the picture of it to me or bring it in to show us) of any UFO project you are thinking about finishing, and then finish it, finally bring in your completely finished project to the quilt shop and let us celebrate with you by showing everyone your awesome project on our Facebook site. Yep, very easy! Just send me a picture, finish completely, and celebrate!

What is a UFO really? It is any unfinished object or project. Not a new project, or something that you have been collecting the fabrics for, but a project that you have started, lost interest in and didn't complete for some reason or another.

Can you bring in a project or two and show me at the quilt shop before you start? Yes, for sure.

Does it have to be a quilt? Nope, anything! A tote bag, table runner, hand stitching, wool project, etc.

How long do we have to complete our projects? Good question, until Saturday, February 16th.

Can we finish more than one thing? Oh yes, please work on as many UFO as possible! Your name will be added to our prize drawing. The project (quilt) must be completely finished, not just the top, but finished.

Any prizes? You know I love giving prizes! Yep, three gift certificates to the quilt shop. Hooray!!

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page to see more of my UFO projects. Oh my!

Sew on sewing friends and be safe!

Your quilting buddy,
Gerolyn