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Hello Quilting Friends,

Happy New Year 2021! Out with the old and in with the new...

Each new year brings a refreshed perspective for the year. There's a certain thrill that comes along with the anticipation for what awaits, whether it's the changing of seasons, the first stages of a new project, or a brand-new year. I never tire of that first-time feeling, the delight of untapped possibility. Time to look back at the previous year and dream of what will come.

This year I have several new quilting and home projects in the plans. Ray is dreaming and preparing to build a new pole barn and porch. A place to store our cars, and his grand dad's old wooden boat, and a future camper. I am imagining planting a bigger garden with additional raised garden boxes loaded with more delicious fruits including strawberries and raspberries (waiting for those beloved seed catalogs). Maybe even a summer weekend trip to the sand dunes at Silver Lake and the thrill of a dune buggy ride filled with shrieks and screams. Hopefully, this summer will bring the enjoyment of our local country fairs, farm animals, and scrumptious elephant ears. Don't forget a couple of highly anticipated home projects, such as remodeling our small, outdated bathroom, and a functioning kitchen pantry. I am continually perusing Pinterest for ideas to share with Ray. You should see the delight in his face when I mention another idea that I have discovered. Most of all, time with family, and grand kids. What can be better?

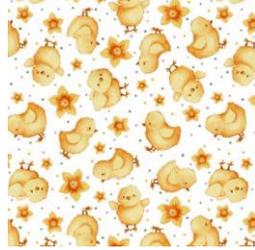
A new year filled with hopes and dreams, a time to reflect and plan for what will come.

## **New Happenings and Events at Keepsake Quilts**

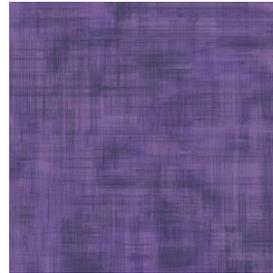
New fabrics are arriving each week – See what is NEW



Hearts from Henry Glass



Easter Fun will delight you – Henry Glass



Simone Florals from Quilting Treasure

### **New Hot Pad Program at Keepsake Quilts**

These are the two new cute hot pads for January. Starting on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> we will have the two individual hot pad kits available for purchase. You are welcome to pick up your complete kits anytime during the month of January. Each kit contains everything you will need to complete one hot pad, including all the fabrics, batting, Insul-Bright, and pattern / directions for just \$6 each.

Due to the large number of people participating, we will be limiting the number of kits to only one kit of each style per person. If you would like to sign up for this fun year long program, remember this is not a class, in case you get an email that calls for a class time from our point of sale system that is auto-generated, please call the quilt shop for all the details (989) 317-8700.



Patchwork Hot Pad – front and back



Round Country Hot Pad – 8" circle

**\*Our December Blueberry Stars block of the month kit is currently available.** Please make plans to pick up your block and finishing directions. I hope that you had a good time making this beautiful quilt. Stop by and see my almost finished quilt!

**\*The Cottage Hand Embroidery BOM for December is now available.** Please feel free to stop by the quilt shop to pick up yours soon. Again, I am happy to mail it to you as well, just contact me at the quilt shop (989) 317-8700.

**\*The Cottage Hand Embroidery BOM for January meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7 pm.** If you are not comfortable with a small group setting, please feel free to pick up your block anytime during the month of January.

**\*Quilt Till You Wilt, our open sewing time is starting in January! On Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our open sewing time from 10 am – 3 pm.** This will be a great time to work on your own quilting project. We will limit the number of ladies participating to only 6. Each person will have a six-foot table to themselves. But you must sign up before Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. We have greatly missed seeing all of our quilting friends during our open sewing time. There is not a charge for this event. Just give us a call to sign up (989) 317-8700.

Congratulations, Polly Collum! Polly is our cash/check winner for this past week at Keepsake Quilts. We are excited to give Polly the newest MSQC Block book to enjoy! Thank you, Polly for your willingness to use cash or check to pay for your purchases.

It does make a huge difference. If you choose to use cash or write a check, your name will go into a drawing for a free quilting gift. It means less in credit card fees for me and a chance to win a great informational book for you (MSQC Block book). So many cool quilt projects inside one book!

Due to the latest Covid 19 restrictions for Michigan, we have decided to limit all gatherings at the quilt shop for everyone's health and safety. **However, the quilt shop will remain open for customers to shop for and pick up fabric and**

**supplies.** We will continue to clean thoroughly throughout the day and require masks to be always wore.

\*Curbside service and mailing packages are always available

\*Private appointments are available as well, just give me a call to set up an appointment (989) 317-8700. I am happy to schedule a special time with YOU after 4 PM or before 10 AM!

This is a very difficult time for everyone! Small businesses like our quilt shop still need your support. Every purchase, no matter how big or small, everything helps all of us stay in business. We do appreciate when you choose to purchase from us and not grab it from an online group somewhere. We do have online sales on our store website too though. I will do my best to meet all your sewing needs during this pandemic. Please give me a call and I will help you in any way that is possible.

We will continue to watch the number of guests that we allow into the store to provide social distancing and the most comfortable shopping experience for you. We ask that you continue to wear a mask while you shop with us. Please know that our staff still works each day to sanitize throughout the shop to provide a safe environment for everyone. Thanks for helping with this initiative during a truly unusual time.

If you would like to schedule a private time to come in and shop, please give me a call (989) 317-8700 and we can make necessary arrangements. We still offer curbside pickup, mailing packages, and local deliveries too. I look forward to seeing all our quilting friends.

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