

July 16, 2018

Greeting from Marietta, Georgia!

Ray and I traveled down to Dixie bright and early Saturday morning, July 14 (on our 11th wedding anniversary) to spend a week with my cousin, Judy (Judy Watson). The drive was without drama, short, with quick stops along the way for food and gas. It brought about two naps, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, time to work on a new wool project, listen to the radio to hear the Detroit Tigers loose to the Astros, and look for barn quilts along the highway.

The week is filled to the brim with adventures to local quilt shops to scope out new projects and fabrics, hanging out with family (going out for dinner at William's Brothers for southern barbeque – this is one of those places that you just want to pick up the plate and lick it clean!) and meeting up with the ladies from Cartersville, Georgia for dinner (no sweet tea – yuck!) and go to their guild meeting. It's always fun listening to the ladies talk about their quilting projects, families, and listening to them talk (if you know what I mean). The vacation week will go by quickly with fun activities, shopping, time to relax, and visit a couple of lumber yards too. It's hot just like at home... but not as dry.

The exciting classes and events happening at our quilt shop –

**** We have closed the quilt shop from Saturday, July 14th through Saturday, July 21st for a family vacation. The quilt shop will reopen on Monday morning, July 23^d at 10am.***

***National Threading the Needle Day is celebrated on Wednesday, July 25th.** Stop by and try your hand at a couple of fun hand sewing activities planned for Wednesday, plus receive a gift from Keepsake Quilts.

***Pizza Box Sampler BOM will be meeting on Saturday morning, July 28th from 10:30am – noon.** We will show you our July block and pick out fabrics. Don't forget to bring your "challenge" project too. It will be exciting to see all those fun projects and maybe you will win prizes too!

*** Sunday, July 15th is National Ice Cream Day.** Yep, a glorious holiday to celebrate one of my very favorite foods, ice cream! So, mark your calendars and plan on attending our very own **ice cream social evening on Tuesday evening, July 31st from 6 – 8pm.** We will be devouring delicious homemade ice cream with gooey chocolate and caramel, whip cream and nuts, and lots of other yummy things you can add to your sundae. But the best part is, there will be more demonstrations of new rulers and patterns from Creative Grids rulers and Cut Loose patterns. If you missed out on our afternoon tea, this is your opportunity to come and see the demonstrations I shared and several new ones too. So much to learn while enjoying ice cream! Call our quilt shop to reserve your spot today (989) 317-8700. This event will fill up fast! The cost is just \$5.

***Split Diamond Table Topper class on Thursday evening, August 2nd from 6 - 8pm.** This is an opportunity to learn hands on how to cut out the split diamond blocks and sew them together to form a super easy table topper or placemats. Grab your sewing machine and supplies, fabrics and learn how to make a new table topper. The Creative Grids 45° Diamond ruler and Cut Loose patterns are available to purchase for the class. The cost of the class is just \$10 plus supplies. Space is limited for this educational event. Call today (989) 317-8700.

***Mark your calendar! Friday Night Sewing In on Friday, August 3rd 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 a bunch of 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, August 3rd. (989) 317-8700.

***Quilt Till You Wilt every Friday from 10am – 5pm or until you wilt.** Come and join in the fun every Friday with us. Bring your sewing project and sewing machine for a day of laughter, storytelling and a few jokes too, and ice cream (Klondike ice cream sandwiches) served at 3pm by Auntie Kay. There is no charge for a magnificent day of sewing together!

*** Row by Row Sew Musical 2018** – Our RBR Sew Musical is still available! Our row is delightful and fun to make. The cost is just \$11.75.

This week will go by quickly. I can't wait to come back to see ya all soon!

Your quilting buddy,
Gerolyn