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Hello Quilting Friends,

On Friday, May 3rd we had the opportunity to learn more about the need to develop a barn square quilt trail in Isabella County from Cathy McCune and Deb and Rachel Rutkowski. I am extremely excited about helping with this awesome endeavor for our county. As Ray and I drive about in the country side, we see beautiful wooden barn quilt squares proudly displayed on barns. But there is not a way to see all the squares in an organized way. They are just dotted here and there, without knowing where to find them. Now, it's time to organize a trail for others to see and travel about to look for these lovely quilt squares too!

If you or someone you know has a wonderful wooden barn quilt square could you, please call the quilt shop to let me know. We would love to see if the owner would be willing to become registered to be added to the growing list of people who will be part of the new Isabella County quilt square trail. But I need your help! Learning more about this program is so important to the development of this trail to connect Gratiot and Clare County trails.

Our quilt shop is now one of a growing list of locations with a gorgeous wooden barn quilt square and we would love to have your square added too.

Classes and events happening at our quilt shop in May–

***Stars and Stripes Forever – Quilts of Valor club meeting and sewing afternoon is planned for May 6th from 10 am – 1 pm.** We will be having a short, informational, and planning meeting until eleven, then the afternoon is open for sewing and having fun working on our Quilts of Valor projects. If you are interested in join our group, please call for more information (989) 317-8700.

***Beginning Quilting Class will be starting on Monday, May 6th from 6 – 9 pm.** This is a beginning quilting class that will be a five-week class, meeting once each week. You will be shown how to use a rotary cutter and do easy strip piecing. Some of the blocks you will learn to make are half square triangles, nine patch, flying geese, the pinwheel and several others. We will help you choose your fabrics for this class and by the end of the class you will have completed the top of your new lap size quilt. The cost is \$50 for all instruction, but fabrics are an additional cost and bringing your own sewing machine is a requirement. Dates are May 6th, May 13th, May 20th, June 3rd, and June 10th. Space is limited for this class and it can also be a great way to become even more precise with your quilting techniques for some veteran quilters too. It's not too early to sign up now! (989) 317-8700

(If you know of someone who has talked about wanting to learn to quilt, let them know about this opportunity!)

*** Stay at Home Retreat at Keepsake Quilts** held on Tuesday, May 7th and Wednesday, May 8th from 10 am – 5 pm. Come and sew with us during the day while staying at home at night. We will be having a fun time working on our individual projects together. Bring your sewing machine and supplies, a several projects that you would like to work on. This is a wonderful time for you to sew away from home...(this is not a class, but open sewing time that we all need!). A yummy lunch will be provided and snacks throughout the day. The cost is just \$15 for the day or both days for \$20. We would be so happy to have you join us! Call today to sign up (989) 317-8700.

***Going to Pieces – Paper Piecing Class will be having a bunch of fun on Thursday, May 9th from 6 – 9 pm.** April showers brings May flowers, cute and easy tulips to be more exact. Deb has done it once again, found us a wonderful spring tulip sitting in a pot and a sweet little umbrella to paper piece on Thursday evening. You can choose to do either one or both if you would like. The cost is only \$10 for both patterns and the foundation papers too (sorry, fabrics are not included). Everyone is welcome to come and learn to paper piece! Just call to sign up for the fun evening (989) 317-8700.

***Super Fun “Make It and Take It Saturday” is planned for Saturday, May 11th starting at 10 am and throughout the day until 3 pm. Come when you can and stay a while. This is a free event!** On Saturday, we will be showing you how to make a super easy pouch bag. Great for storing all your small sewing supplies. We will be demonstrating how to make the bag, sharing tips and tricks to put in a VERY SIMPLE zipper, and helping you complete the pouch. A free pattern comes too. All you need to do is call and sign up that you are planning to come and have fun, bring your sewing machine and supplies (989) 317-8700. Don't wait too long to call to sign up for this fun Saturday event!

***New Block of the Month Sampler program using Thangles will be starting on Tuesday, May 14th for 6 – 7 pm. Come and learn more about this wonderful new block of the month starting soon.** This is a six-month program with three different color ways which includes, batik, brights, and country Moda! Each month, you will receive two different blocks in your color way. If you would like to do more than one color way, that is fine. This is a six month program so by the end you will have received twelve different blocks to complete. The cost is just \$12 a month for the two blocks. However, you will need to purchase a package of Thangles for each quilt. The Thangles are available at our quilt shop to purchase. The finished size is a large lap. Perfect to cuddle under during those long winter months. Yes, you can sign up now! We are excited about this new block of the month program. (989) 317-8700.

***Solid as a Rock new May block will be available starting on May 16th. Our May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16th from 6 – 7pm.** This is a great opportunity to learn more about the May block and watch a short demonstration on the design and sewing of this new block. Plus, we have wonderful prizes in store for YOU! We will not be having our Saturday, May 18th Solid as a Rock meeting due to Gerolyn running in the Girls on the Run event in Rogers City.

***Solid as a Rock Block of the Month April block is still available. Don't forget to pick up your monthly blocks.** If we start to notice that individual's blocks are not being picked up regularly, then we remove your name for our list. We don't want to cut too many blocks if they are not needed.

***Quilt Binding Classes on Tuesday, May 21st from 6 – 9 pm.** Come and learn how to bind your quilt the easy way. We will be teaching you how to sew on your binding, make mitered corners, and finish your binding. In this class, we will be making a cute pot holder – sewing on borders and binding it's the fast and easy way – stress free! The class is only \$15 everything is included. Bring your sewing machine and supplies (small cutting mat, ruler, and rotary cutter). Sign up today! (989) 317-8700.

Quilt Till You Wilt every Friday from 10am – 5pm or until you wilt. Come and sew with us on Fridays. This is time set aside for you to sew with other fun quilting ladies. Bring your projects and sewing machine. Friday is a good time to complete a UFO or start something new. (Open sewing time – Not a class time). Priceless!

We will be closed Saturday, May 25th and Monday, May 27th to celebration Memorial Day with our family. This is a special time to honor the men and women who are serving or have served our nation. Thank you so much for your dedication to our country!

Your quilting buddy,
Gerolyn

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