

November 5, 2018

Hello Quilting Friends,

A very special day is coming up quickly, Veterans Day on Sunday, November 11th.

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938.

In the USA, Veterans Day annually falls on November 11th. This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans are thanked for their services to the United States on Veterans Day.

Many young men and a special young lady have been called to service of our nation from the Freeze, Papefnus, and Gates families. My father, Ivan Gates served the US Army during the Korean War, Mitch, my nephew is now serving in the Air Force, and Ray's Grandfather, Robert Papefnus served in the Navy during WW II in the Philippines, his son, our uncle Jerry Papefnus served in the Navy in Vietnam. Robert and Tiffany, Ray's son and daughter have been active in the Army, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our families have been humbly honored by their individual call to serve our nation.

To everyone that are serving or who have serviced, a huge thank you! You are very special people.

Quilters come and support our military family!

Don't miss out on this VERY SPECIAL opportunity - Quilts of Valor Quilt Show and sewing day on Thursday, November 8th at 10:30am. We will be having a special event, a quilt show given by the Big Rapids Quilts of Valor group. The ladies will be sharing their Quilts of Valor with us on Thursday morning at 10:30am. Stay after the trunk show if you would like and make a QOV block with Mary Picucci and the Big Rapids ladies. The ladies will be showing us how to make a QOV block to be donated to this wonderful organization. Kits will be provided. Remember to bring your sewing machine and supplies. Please call to sign up for this wonderful event quilt show so that we have plenty of chairs for everyone (989) 317-8700.

Classes and events happening at our very busy quilt shop –

All Fall and Halloween fabrics are now 30% off this week, plus all of our clearance fabrics are only \$6 a yard (a lot more added to the shelves) – final week

Ugly Fabric Contest! Wow! They have wonderful projects needing your vote.

Our quilting friends have been busy designing and making their "ugly fabric" projects this past month, now is the time to showcase their designs. During the week of Monday, November 5th through Saturday, November 10th customers will be casting their individual vote on their favorite projects from all the entries. (Not employees of the quilt shop). All of the entries will be placed in the front of the quilt shop and assigned a number so customers will not know who made the projects. It will be top secret! So, stop by the quilt shop and vote for your favorite project!! Three prizes will be awarded to the winners!

***Quilt Till You Wilt every Friday from 10am – 5pm or until you wilt.** Come and sew with us this Friday. Bring your sewing project and sewing machine for a day of sewing and building new friendships. This is a free event at Keepsake Quilts.

***Going to Pieces Paper Piecing Club will be meeting on Thursday evening, November 8th from 6 – 9 pm and another class will be held on Saturday afternoon, November 17th from noon to 3pm.** Deb Vanderhoof has found the most adorable Christmas candy cane for us to make together in November. Just in time for Christmas! All you need is your sewing machine and supplies, red, white, and green fabrics to make a delightful candy cane for yourself. They would make a cute mug rug or placemat...ideas are endless. The cost is only \$10 for the pattern and foundation papers. Sign up now! (989) 317-8700

***Mitten Monday on Monday morning, November 12th from 10am – 2pm.** Come and make fun and easy fleece mittens for 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).

***Beginning Paper Piecing class on Monday, November 12th from 6 – 9pm.** In this class, we will be teaching you the basics of paper piecing. We will be making cute, adorable pumpkins just in time for Thanksgiving. Grab your sewing machine and supplies, a bunch of orange fabrics and join in this class. The cost is just \$15 to learn how to paper piece and the pattern. Call today to sign up (989) 317-8700.

***Painting A Wooden Barn Quilt with Deb Rutkowski (Brush with Bravata) Another opportunity to make your own barn square on Wednesday, November 14th from noon – 3pm.** 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 different 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. Call today to sign up (989) 317-8700.

Deer Hunting Day celebration and sale is planned for Thursday, November 15th at our quilt shop. Come and join us for a fun day of sewing together and a delicious luncheon while Ray and gals (Belinda and Jenna too) are out hunting for the BIG buck. **Plus, you get to hunt for great bargains throughout the quilt shop.** We will be serving hot soups for lunch and other yummys. Grab your sewing machine and a dish to pass and join us celebrate this historic day together. Please call to register that you are planning to attend. There is not a charge for attending this fun event! (989) 317-8700

***Pizza Box Sampler Block of the Month will be meeting on Thursday evening, November 15th from 6 – 7pm and again on Saturday morning, November 17th from 10:30 am – 11:30 am.**

We will be closing early on Wednesday, November 21st at 2pm to get ready for Thanksgiving. Plus, we will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd for Thanksgiving. Hooray for Black Friday, that means a big store wide sale! Happy Thanksgiving everyone 😊

*We will not be hosting **Quilt Till You Wilt open sewing** on Friday, November 23rd due to our Black Friday Sale.

Keepsake Quilts will be participating again in **the Holly Jolly Christmas Parade in Shepherd** to help kick off the Christmas holiday season on Thursday, November 29th. Then participate in the **Mt. Pleasant Downtown Christmas Holiday Parade** on Saturday night December 1st. Come to the parade to see what we have designed (cobbled together) for this year's float. Approximately 50 pounds of candy has been purchased so far to pass out to the kiddos.

Dave's Real Sharp Sharpening is coming to our quilt shop on Saturday, December 1st from 10am – 2pm by popular demand! This is a great time to have all your scissors, kitchen knives, and lawn tools sharpened by a local expert, Dave! His prices are very reasonable too, only \$8 per pair. You are welcome to drop off your scissors a couple of days early, prepayment will be required. Call if you have any questions. (989) 317-8700

Mark your calendar! Friday Night Sewing In on Friday, December 7th 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 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, December 7th (989) 317-8700.

Wow, there are a lot of fun and exciting events happening at the quilt shop. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. We love it!

Your quilting buddy,
Gerolyn