

October 1, 2018

Hello Quilting Friends,

Ugly Fabric Contest! Yep, our annual ugly fabric contest is starting now, Monday, October 1st through Saturday, November 3rd.

Here is your opportunity to have fun and win great prizes! We have selected five different fabrics for our contest (not really that ugly, so I have been told by other quilters). Purchase one fat quarter for just \$3 and make anything that you would like from the "ugly" fabric during the month of October. You will be competing against other wonderful quilters so put on your "thinking cap" and make something great. Yes, it is possible to add other fabrics in your project. It can be a table runner, tote bag, wall hanging, storage project...hopefully you are getting some ideas.

Turn in your project by November 3rd to be entered. 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!!

Then on Saturday afternoon, November 10th we will select a quilter friend to count all the votes. We will announce all the winners in our weekly news blast (November 12th).

Plus, this is a big week! On Thursday, November 8th we will be having a special event, a trunk show by the Big Rapids Quilts of Valor group. They will be sharing their Quilts of Valor with us on Thursday morning at 10:30am. Stay after the trunk show and make a QOV block with Mary Picucci and the Big Rapids ladies. Kits will be provided. Please call to sign up for this wonderful event (989) 317-8700. More information will be coming!

Mitten Monday - Thank you to all the ladies who joined us to make warm fleece mittens this week! Together, we have fourteen pairs completed so far. But many more pairs are needed. Please think about joining us on Thursday, October 11th. More information is given in our list of events!

The exciting classes and events happening at our quilt shop –

We are continuing to celebrate fall and Halloween this week! All fall and Halloween fabrics and panels are 20% off starting Monday, October 1st through Saturday, October 6th

***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 sewing and building new friendships. This is a free event at Keepsake Quilts.

***Fall Festival Retreat on Friday, October 19th from 1 – 7pm and Saturday, October 20th from 10am to 8pm at the Chippewa Township Hall, hosted by Keepsake Quilts. (Just a few spaces available!)**

We are planning fun activities throughout the day on Saturday including a scavenger hunt, fabric exchanges, and lots of great prizes and surprises too! Delicious food will be provided both days. Grab a couple of your girlfriends and plan to attend this awesome sewing retreat close to home. This is a good time to work on your sewing projects or start something new. I am planning a couple of fun, quick projects if you would like to participate in them. Plus, I would like to demonstrate a new ruler too! The cost is \$75 for both days, or \$60 just for Saturday. Call today to reserve your spot. Payment

is due at sign up to secure your spot to attend. Sorry, we will not be giving refunds for this event. This is a wonderful experience and a fun way to spend a day or two. (989) 317-8700

***Final Opportunity - Bargello Breeze Class on Tuesday evening, October 2nd from 6 – 8pm.** Come and learn how to make the Bargello Breeze table runner using the split diamond ruler! It's fun and very easy to make use the diamond ruler. Grab your ruler and pattern, join us to make a fun runner together. The class is only \$10, plus supplies. Remember to give us a call soon (989) 317-8700.

***Mitten Thursday, October 11th from 10am – 2pm. Come and make a pair of children's fleece mittens on Thursday morning.** We will be making fleece mittens and hats for our fall charity program this year. Keepsake Quilts will provide the pattern and fleece needed to make very easy mittens and hats, all we need is your help to make them. Liz and Jan have already cut out the mittens for you! The hats and mittens will be donated to a local Mt. Pleasant elementary school. Join in to help to keep a child's fingers and head warm this winter. If you would like to donate fleece or flannel fabrics (hooray!!) we would gladly use it to make more! Call us today to let us know that you would like to help with this awesome charity program for kids. Grab a few girlfriends, your sewing machine and come sew with us! Please stay as long as you would like! (989) 317-8700.

***Going to Pieces Paper Piecing Club will be meeting on Thursday evening, October 11th from 6 – 9pm.** Everyone is welcome come to join in on the fun. We are looking into a couple of neat fall projects. More information will be coming soon. Sorry, we are cancelling our Saturday morning class – Ray and I will be traveling to the UP to meet our new grand daughter that weekend.

***Beginning Paper Piecing class on Monday, October 15th from 10am – 1pm.** In this class, we will be teaching you the basics of paper piecing. We will be making cute, adorable pumpkins. 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.

We will be offering this class again on Thursday, October 25th from 6 – 9pm.

***Travel Iron Caddy class on Wednesday, October 17th from 10am – 1pm.** Do you have a small travel iron that you like taking to classes or retreats and you don't like traveling with it hot? Well, this is the class for you. We will be teaching you how to make a travel iron caddy! The caddy has heat resistant fabric on the inside to protect your iron, plus the caddy opens to provide an ironing pad for convenience. For this class you will only need a small amount of your favorite fabric. The class is \$25 which includes the pattern, and the heat resistant fabric too. It's a great class! Sign up now. (989) 317-8700

***Jelly Roll Rug class with Nancy Long on Tuesday, October 23rd from 10am – 2pm.** Come and learn from a pro, Nancy how to make a jelly roll rug. Grab your favorite jelly roll, cotton batting and sewing machine to make a rug that measures 30" x 44" when finished. This a great opportunity! The cost is \$30 which includes the pattern. Sign up now (989) 317-8700.

***Pizza Box Sampler BOM will be held on Thursday evening, October 18th and again on Saturday morning, October 27th from 10:30 – 11:30am.** We are looking forward to seeing your September blocks!

***Painting A Wooden Barn Quilts with Deb Rutkowski (Brush with Bravata) on Friday evening, October 26th from 6 – 9pm.** 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. I can't wait for this unique class. Call today to sign up (989) 317-8700.

Your quilting buddy,
Gerolyn