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Hello Quilting Friends,

An incredibly special thank you to all our fellow quilters who continue to come in and support our quilt shop. Without our fantastic quilting family, our shop could not survive during this terrible pandemic time that has impacted the world. Many small businesses struggle due to the ease of on-line shopping, but all small businesses need the support of people who are willing to shop locally to help support them. We are truly thankful for the opportunity to continue to serve and provide excellent customer service, a friendly smile, and beautiful quilting fabrics and notions. I am thankful that quilters are still excited about coming into our shop, looking at and feeling all of the new fabrics, and just seeking inspiration. I feel blessed for every opportunity to help my quilting family and together, we will overcome this challenging time.

Many ladies have made hundreds of masks for family members and friends to help protect them by pushing through their fabric stashes and purchasing new fabrics too. However, now quilters are looking forward to new projects just in time for the holidays. This Christmas season will bring new challenges, shopping habits, and new ideas for holiday gift giving. Together, Ray and I are looking forward to the Christmas holiday season. I have started some of our family member's gifts with excitement and eagerness.

Events Happening at Our Quilt Shop –

***Our Cottage Embroidery Block of the Month Club will be meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd from 6 – 7 pm.** We will be sharing information about our September cottage and hints on pressing our finished embroidered blocks. Always helpful hints and tricks to make all your stitching the best it can be. This month please bring with you something to “show and share” with the other stitchers. It's always fun to see what others are working on!

***The Featherweight Stitchers Club will be meeting on Thursday, September 24th from 1 – 4 pm.** We still have room available in this club day for ladies who have a cute little featherweight sewing machine and would love to sew together with others. Both groups have a small number of ladies participating. Call for more information (989) 317-8700.

***Hooray for sewing time - Quilt Till You Wilt, our open sewing time will be held on Friday, September 25th from 10 am – 4 pm.** This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come into the shop and have a fun time sewing on your own project on Friday. You will have ample room to spread out your quilting supplies and sew. All we ask is that you give us a call to let us know that you are planning on coming. Space is limited. (989) 317-8700. There is not a charge to attend.

Save The Dates – Monday, September 28th thru Wednesday, September 30th

It's our \$8 a yard sale at the quilt shop – we will be selecting over fifty bolts of beautiful fabrics for this fantastic event! There will be florals, holidays, baby, kids print, landscapes, Christmas, and so much more. Big bolts and small bolts! Fabrics selected for this historic event will be only \$8 a yard. Huge savings!! So, plan to come early for the best choices.

***Friday Night Sew Together scheduled for Friday, October 2nd from 4 – 10 pm.** Grab your sewing machine, something delicious to snack on, and a couple of projects to work on and sew the evening away with friends. This is an awesome opportunity to hang out and sew for just \$5! Space will be limited so call early to reserve your seat. (989) 317-8700

***Quilts of Valor – Stars and Stripes Forever** monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 5th at 10 am. Ladies, don't forget to bring in your quilt blocks with you to be dropped off. It's time to start putting our quilt together. You are welcome to bring in your blocks earlier if needed.

***Going to Pieces Paper Piecing Club will be meeting on Thursday evening, October 8th from 6 – 9 pm.** This will be a fun time to hang out together and paper piece a fall project together. More information will be coming soon regarding the project selected and cost. You are welcome to register early. Space will be limited. (989) 317-8700

Fabric Challenge Contest!

Hooray, our fourth annual "fabric challenge" contest will officially start on Thursday, October 1st and will last through Saturday, October 24th.

Here is your opportunity to have fun and win a great prize, one of three gift baskets full of awesome sewing items for first through third place! We have selected four 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 "challenge" 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 Saturday, October 24th to be entered. Starting Monday, November 1st through Saturday, November 28th customers will be casting their individual vote on their favorite project from all the entries. (Not employees of the quilt shop). All the entries will be placed in the front of the quilt shop and assigned a number so customers will not know who made the individual projects. It will be top secret! So, stop by the quilt shop in November to see all the creative entries and vote for your favorite project!

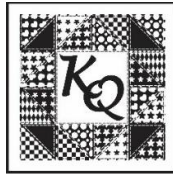
Hooray for Cindy Delong for being our cash / check winner for this week! We are excited for Cindy. She has won the latest MSQC Block Book chuck full of new quilt projects and ideas. Congratulations, Cindy!

Thank you, ladies for your willingness to use cash or to write a check for payment. 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!

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. I look forward to seeing all of our quilting friends.

We are open our regular hours Monday through Friday from 10 am to 5pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

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