

September 17, 2017

Hello Quilting Friends,

What a good day for surprises! This afternoon after church, Ray and I speedily drove up north to Alpena for Curt's fifth birthday party at the park. Today was the second time to Alpena is less than a month, a three-hour drive one way. The drive was beautiful, lovely trees starting to turn brilliant reds, golden yellows, and oranges. Many areas were still green. Just a few more weeks and it will truly be awesome!

Mike and Julie did not know that we planned on driving up to the birthday party today (yes, we were invited...). What a great surprise when Julie spotted us walking up to the park. She called out to Curt while he was playing with his school friends to stop and see who was coming to the party too, Grampy and Grammy. His face showed true excitement and pure joy, with our surprise arrival. It was a lovely day to spend with the kids and kiddos, enjoying birthday cake and ice cream, ripping open presents and just loving time shared together. There's no way would we have missed it. Much to Julie's dismay, Grampy taught Curt how to climb trees "so he will be good at it to hunt in a few years", per Grampy. Oh my... what is next?

### **The exciting classes and events happening at our quilt shop –**

**To help celebrate the arrival of autumn this week – All fall and Halloween fabrics will be on sale 20 % off on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hooray for fall!**

**\*Charming Tote Bag Class** with Elisa on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am – 4pm. Elisa will be showing you how to make a charming tote bag from a variety of fabrics. Come in and see her super cute sample of the tote bag that you will be making in class. The cost is \$35 which includes the pattern. Fabrics are not included. A supply list is available at the quilt shop. This is an intermediate class. Sign up today (989) 317-8700.



Charming Tote Bag

**\*Due to popularity - Come and paper piece** with us on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30 – 1pm to make cute pumpkins and fall leaves to help celebrate the arrival of fall. We will be showing you how to paper piece on Saturday, so grab your orange fabrics and fall leaf colors and join us that morning. The cost is only \$10 which includes all the patterns needed to complete your new fall wall hanging or table runner. Fabrics are not included. Call to save your spot for this fun activity. (989) 317-8700.

**\*Make It and Take It Class** – Making Decorative Fabric Balls with Nancy on Saturday afternoon, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 1- 4pm. This will be a fun activity to make super cute decorative fabric balls using a styrofoam ball, fabric and ribbons. You will have a wonderful time with Nancy as she shows you how to make this fun project.

The kit for the project is only \$15 which includes the class. Nancy has several different decorative balls at the quilt shop for you to see. Stop by today to sign up for this fun make it and take it class. (989) 317-8700.



Decorative Foam Ball

**\*Folded Wreath Center Piece class** on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4pm come and learn how to make a lovely folded wreath center piece from Kathy Leiter. She will be sharing how to make this fun wreath. A supply list is available at the quilt shop. The cost is \$30 which includes the pattern and Bosal foam needed for this project. Fabrics are not included. Come and join us in this new class, sign up now! (989) 317-8700

**\*Going to Pieces!** Our paper piecing club is meeting for another night of fun together on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 9pm. We will be teaching how to make a fun paper pieced thanksgiving turkey that night (and some other surprises as well!). Call today to sign up for this fun event. All are welcome to join in. We have GREAT TIME laughing and sewing together. The cost is only \$10 for a night of fun!

**\*Basket Block of the Month Club** is on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 11:30am. Hooray for our new October block. Come and bring your completed September block to show off. See you on Saturday morning for more fun!

**\*Quilt Till You Wilt – Every Friday.** Come and join us for a fun day sewing! Bring in your own sewing project and enjoy the day. There is not a charge for this event which begins when we open at 10am. Remember we celebrate 3pm every Friday with ice cream!

**\* Announcing! Our Festive Fall Retreat** which will be held on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am – 8pm at the Chippewa Township Hall, Mt. Pleasant. The Chippewa Township Hall is a WONDERFUL facility approximately seven miles east of Mt. Pleasant on M-20. We are planning lots of fun activities and games throughout the day, lots of time for you to sew on your own projects, hourly door prizes, delicious food from our favorite cook (Janet Freeze) and fun hanging out with other quilters. The cost is only \$60 for the entire day, all the activities and food. There will be a couple of sewing challenges if you would like to participate. Space is limited. So, if you wait too long and you might miss out on this fun event! 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 send a day. (989) 317-8700

Just a quick note...we are making lots of plans for upcoming fun classes at the quilt shop like “make it, and take it” classes, more open sewing days, and late-night adventures too.

See you soon at the quilt shop!

Your quilting buddies,

Gerolyn, the ladies, Jan and Judy