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November 2009 Newsletter

Greetings from Threads 'N Treasures Quilt Shop. Hope all are well at your house and that you are finding time to bust your stash.

Quilt and Craft Show. Westland Christian Union Church, 1046 N. Wayne Road, Westland –Saturday, November 7, 2009. 9AM-5PM sponsored by Ladies United Voice.

I know many are using stash to economize in these tough economic times. I've been ordering many exciting books and patterns to show some ways to use your stash. They are not the humdrum run-of-the-mill.

I have some teachers and classes "tentatively" lined up for January, February, and March when the winter doldrums begin to set in. Do you look forward to hunkering down in your warm cozy sewing space while the snow and cold chill the outside world? What a beautiful picture. That reminds me, there is a contest tied into this. You can submit a photo of yourself sewing/quilting/ hiding/ whatever in your favorite spot for hunkering down to sew/quilt. The photos will be judged on depicting the best hunkering down by a quilter. Deadline April 1, 2010.

REMEMBER: The Mini Quilt contest deadline is January 5, 2010. Drop your quilts off for display and voting. The rules are: must be made in 2009. Must be a mini and submitted by January 5, 2010.

Civil War Tribute Quilt. Have you been collecting a stash of Civil War fabric and now waiting for the perfect project to put it into? Call or email me about the **Civil War Tribute Quilt** block of the month project to begin in January 2010. Must sign up by 1st of December. Save your cash, use your stash!

Hand or Machine Appliqué Block of the Month. To begin in January. Have to ask you to sign up before end of December so I know how many to plan for.

Mystery Quilt to start in February 2010. Sign up deadline mid January 2010. Everyone seems to love my mystery quilts 'cause I kinda cheat when asked re fabric selection and give a few more clues than required.

Shop Hoppers: Even tho I'm not part of a shop hop, if you are and contact me in advance, I'll offer you Threads 'N Treasures' version of a hop with sale of notions, books, patterns, door prize drawing, and of course fabric is always 25% off-1/2 yard cut or more. Just show up-show your passport and the sale are yours. And of course, plan to eat while you're here. Be sure to let me know in advance the date and number of guests coming so I can plan food and extra help.

On the subject of food, I had a hair-brained idea to offer a bread co-op. You empty nesters know how frustrating it is to buy a loaf of bread and watch it turn to cardboard from waiting to be eaten up or getting it from the freezer and trying to get it to taste like fresh? My Bread Co-op would mean you bring your favorite loaf of bread to the store and place it in the middle of the table with others and we all go around and pick-up slices according to the number of participants. You'd have a collection of different bread. Smart? No! You'd still have a loaf of bread to turn to cardboard. So, I decided to stock and sell packaged Gourmet Soup mixes (makes 1/2 gallon) by just adding milk and water and you would use up your bread in a jiffy if you like soup and sandwich luncheons or dinners.

I'll be having samples cooked up on Saturdays for a taste test. We can call it Souper Saturday. Yummmm! Very reasonable prices. Have some dip mixes as well. Salesman said I was the first quilt shop he heard of doing this. Told him my fat quarters are calorie free and I have to keep my customers well nourished. (He didn't know what a fat quarter is).

Very nice collections of Christmas fabric have been coming in. I'm going to offer a Christmas project of the month beginning February 2011. Small things that would be a good learning experience and would make up for a nice gift as well. You could look forward to having all your gifts or decorations made up by the end of October 2010.

This would be our **Christmas Club 2010**.

Asian prints arriving very frequently.

Aprons are the in thing. Anyone want to join the monthly apron club?

Rag Dolls seem to be gaining in popularity. Make them for a gift or sale.

Beginning Quilters do you need a boost? I offer classes. **Binding** got you in a bind? A guaranteed class will make you into an expert. **Mitered borders** got you cornered? You name the process we can teach it-no job too big, no job too small. **Matching colors or choosing fabrics** a real chore for you? There is hope for you. Help available (as much or as little as you need) to pick and choose fabrics for your projects- just ask in advance to schedule a time.

I found a wonderful **Hawaiian Quilt** project. Hope to at least get a picture available.

Lots of **batiks** coming in.

Make a **Rag Quilt** without all the tedious snipping.

Make a Quilt AS You Go. Sample coming soon.

Many thanks to those of you who are supporting the Michigan quilters whose patterns I have been providing at Threads 'N Treasures. I love to see them succeed. They could make nice stocking stuffers for your quilting/sewing friends. The handicrafters who have things in the shop are thankful for your business. I'm passing their thanks on to you.

Penrickton Center for the Blind (for children 1 year to 12 years) is in need of funds for operation. They get no state or federal funds. I have a canister that you can drop your spare change (or bills) into. Every penny will count.

My thanks especially to those who have shopped with me and helped keep the lights on, a roof over our heads, and fabric on the shelves.

My sincere wishes for a happy healthy Hanukah, a Blessed Kwanzaa, and a Merry Christmas to all. **Kay Atkins**