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I appreciate all of you and the manner in which you continue to support Threads 'N Treasures Quilt Shop and by referring your friends to the shop. A heartfelt "Thank you" to all. Please stop by when you're in the neighborhood and I'll put the coffee on.

New Year's Resolutions

Have you made and broken your New Year's resolutions yet? My resolution this year is to encourage my customers to pull fabrics from their stash to make up some stunning projects this year. If you bring picks from *your* stash to the shop, I'll help you pick coordinates from *my* stash. USE WHAT YOU HAVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

What's New

- Elvis is "back in the building"! The Patriotic Elvis fabric came to Threads 'N Treasures several weeks ago, along with two coordinates. Believe it or now, he's still looking swell.
- Twelve to seventeen bolt collections of Kona Bay Orientals are coming in every other month this year. Yummy! Don't know what to do with them? I'll be working on some ideas of my own design.
- Stunning panels are here. Check them out. Get ideas or take a class on how to use these new panels.
- Also check out the latest "widgets". A quilter can never have too many cool things!
- NEW! Washable markers coming to the store soon.

Class Ideas

Due to the teachers' schedules and all the things going on in our lives, it is necessary that you pay in full for your class when you sign up. If you give a 48-hour notice that you must cancel, your money will be refunded. So, in order to prevent hard feelings or misunderstandings, please be sure if you sign up you attend unless you give a notice otherwise. It is the fair thing to do. Thanks for your understanding.

- **Panels:** Use panels for quick sew-together gifts. (Do you have panels and you just don't know what to do with them other than add borders and more borders?) I love playing with border prints and we can do a class with three or more people. This is a good way to use your stash to make a large quilt from a small panel.

- **Finishing UFO's:** Need help finishing projects in your sewing room? Why not "dig" them out and come in for a 2-3 hour class assist? I can accommodate 2-3 people at a time. While working amidst a variety of projects, you might pick up ideas and techniques for a future project or another project in your stash at home.
- **Memory Quilts:** These quilts are a great Mother's Day or Father's Day gift (not that far off, really). We can get you started on a Memory Quilt using photos and other memorabilia during a three-hour class.
- **One Block Wonder:** Classes are continuing to be scheduled. Just three hours and you are well on your way to a perfectly beautiful, simple quilt. Call to reserve your spot and time. If you have a group of 3 or 4 we will special schedule just for you and your friends.
- **Weaver Fever:** Details for this class will be available soon.
- **Binding:** How many quilts are piled up waiting for binding? We can show you in a one-hour class OR we will bind them for you. We machine sew down the binding on the quilt top and hand stitch the back.
- **Basic Quilting Class:** This class is limited to no more than two or three people per class. I want you to learn how to make and finish a small project from start to finish. Call for details and appointment.
- **Stitch 'N Swap:** This class is to be scheduled soon. Want in? Call to reserve your spot.
- **Ricky Tims Convergence Class:** Spots for this class are still available. Let me know if you're interested.
- **Spinning Star:** If you signed up, you're first on the list to be notified as soon as a schedule is available. See the sample in the shop.
- **Elongated Bargello:** We are still taking names. (Sample in the shop).
- **Private Classes:** If you have 3 or 4 friends who would like a private class on a technique of your choice, give me a call. I'll get a teacher and reserve the classroom for you.
- **Art Quilts:** Do you make art quilts and don't know it? Would you like to make an art quilt? We have a teacher for those projects who will teach 3-5 people per class.
- **Knitting and Crocheting:** We've had requests for a crocheting and knitting class/group. We can do that for 3 or more people. Call me.

Did You Know?

- **Batting:** I understand JoAnn's is no longer selling Hobb's batting. We are creatures of habit and sometimes it is hard to change. If you want it, I can order it for you - let me know. I currently carry Dream Batting in many fibers and loft choices.
- **Quilt Show:** The Belleville Area Museum Annual Quilt Show and sale is scheduled for the month of March. Quilts will be offered for sale. Sign up to show your quilts by contacting the Museum at (734) 697-1944. It is a non-judged show, although, a Viewer's Choice Award is being sponsored by Sandy's Sew & Vac and Threads 'N Treasures. The Quilt Show schedule is March 1 through March 29, Tuesday through Saturday, Noon - 4PM. Closed Easter Weekend March 21 - 24. Admission: Adults \$1.00, Children 50 cents and Family \$3.00.
- **Methodist Children's Home - Quilts for Boys:** Anyone who made a quilt and turned it into Threads 'N Treasures, please give me a call ASAP!
- **Shop Hop:** Gas prices eating up your budget? We will plan a one-stop Shop Hop for your group of 8 or more. Call or stop by for details. Food, fun and sales.
- **Quilt Shop Heaven:** Visit www.quiltshopheaven.com and see we are the featured quilt shop! We've finally made it to the "Big Time"!
- **Art Quilt "Club":** An Art Quilt Club is now forming. Call for details and to join.
- **Quilt Planning:** When planning a new quilt, always stitch up a sample block to test the pattern, and make any adjustments before cutting all the patches for your quilt top.
- **Famous Cats Are Back:** Laurel Burch's collection (Fanciful Felines) arrived in December. It was in the "works" before her death and came out after she passed away. She will be missed; although last I heard her family will continue to present some of her work that was in progress.

Freebies

- **Free:** DON'T YOU JUST LOVE "FREE"? We do several "FREE".
- **Rotary Cutting:** Need to learn the basics of rotary cutting and too intimidated to ask for help? We'll teach you in our classroom for up to one hour - FREE. Bring a rotary cutter, ruler, and mat with your fabric (or you can buy some of mine). Call for an appointment.

- **Guys' Night Out:** NEW! NEW! NEW! Gentlemen, start your engines! How many guys need a Guys' ONLY quilt group to meet with? We have a group forming now. FREE.
- **Meetings:** If your group needs a meeting place, Threads 'N Treasures will open the classroom for you - FREE. Call for details. Our tables are available by appointment for laying out or basting projects - FREE.
- **Monday Sit And Stitch:** 10am - 6pm. Every Monday - FREE!
- **Third Friday Night Sit And Stitch:** Join our Girl's Night Out. Every third Friday of the month, beginning at 5:30 pm, we meet until we finish our projects; get tired; eat all the snacks; whichever comes first. Bring whatever you want to work on, or you can just visit. FREE.

Are your eyes tired yet? I know there's a lot going on but I hope to see you soon. It's never too early to start on this year's gifts. Thanks for everything you do for me. It's wonderful having such a large extended family. I'm blessed!

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