

Dear Friends,

I like to think that I know quite a bit about quilting. When I come across something I don't know, I have some very talented friends and associates in the industry that I can call upon for help. With 17 years as a shop owner under my belt, I have seen hundreds - make that thousands, of quilts. Even with all of my expertise and daily emersion in the quilt world, your insurance company could care less about my opinion when it comes to putting a value on your quilt. That is why I am very excited about the opportunity to host Dee and Molly, certified quilt appraisers from "I Have A Quilt" for a fun evening lecture and to also make them available right here in the shop to provide you with qualified quilt appraisals.

I think you will be shocked to learn the value of some of your work. A quilt doesn't have to be old to have value. If you are the caretaker of a family treasure, wouldn't you like to know what it is worth? I encourage you to join the fun of the evening lecture and make an appointment to have your quilts appraised. Appointments are limited to Saturday, so don't wait too long and miss this rare opportunity.

This fall schedule took lots of juggling and a shoe horn to squeeze in all of the events we have planned. We are kicking off September with "Meet the Ruler" Saturday. I have been lucky enough to be given the opportunity to design a ruler for the Creative Grid group. I have to say that I am pretty excited about it. I wasn't looking to design a ruler, things just fell into place. If you would have asked me years ago if I ever thought I would do this, I would have probably said "No, but if I do, I want it to be a Creative Grid". I love their products. I don't think the quilt world needs another "one hit wonder" ruler that has only one specific use. I wanted my ruler to be one that you will LOVE using. I wanted a ruler that helps you be a better quilter, makes you more accurate and is fun to use. By George - I think I have done it! Stop by the shop on Saturday Sept. 4th between 10:00 and noon to give the ruler a try. We will provide the rulers and the fabrics and you can put it to the test by stitching up the block of your choice on our Bernina sewing machines.

Speaking of Bernina, as always, they have a million things going on. We have specials on floor models, specials that include embroidery software, specials on feet, Holiday CD's, new machine accessories, Demo's, downloads, webinars, you name it. If you are in the market for a machine, I would love to have you stop by and see what we have to offer. My

goal is to cut through all of the hoopla and simply offer the best price possible on every machine, every single day. No sales tricks, no secret prices, everything we sell is clearly marked and we do our best to keep them in stock so you can take it home with you. I couldn't possibly squeeze all of the Bernina info into this schedule, but I will keep you posted with E-updates as the events happen.

Blockwatcher's Club, First Friday / First Saturday Clubs are back after their summer hiatus. These staples of our club program have a very consistant following and are always filled, with a waiting list. This fall we have decided to add another club to the mix. Debby is going to be hosting "Be There, Get Your Square" on Monday evenings. It follows the same format as our \$5 Club, but the projects are a twist on something we have already done in First Friday/Saturday. This should give a whole new group of people the opportunity to join in the fun.

If you like to plan, feel free to mark your calendar for our traditonal Holiday Open House SALE that will take place November 4.5.6 with 20% off everything in the store. That will be quickly followed by our popular Handmade for the Holidays demo series that start the second week in November and end the week before Christmas. - Did I just type CHRISTMAS? It is 90 degrees out, the kids aren't even back in school, my tomatoes are barely ripe! I would like to delude myself into believing snowflakes and freezing temperatures are a long way off!

Let's all take our time and savor every moment of this fall schedule and make it last as long as possible. Take a class, join a club, spend an evening working with Bonnie and the Quilts of Valor Project. Enjoy doing what you love and sharing it with others. Splurge on yourself and join us for our Sandcrest Retreat weekend for a relaxing three days of food, sewing, sharing and laughter.

Now someone needs to figure out how to sock a big bundle of this heat away so that we can let it out mid January to keep those snowflakes from building up!

Karen