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Life has many changes and we have certainly experienced a few this winter - - - - -

Let me start by saying – I am a blessed woman!! By God’s grace – and in answer to the many prayers you have lifted up on our behalf - we have welcomed our granddaughter’s birth on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and she and momma are doing great!! Many of you know there were some serious health issues during Stephanie’s pregnancy and we just wanted to thank everyone for their prayers – and to give God the glory and praise for bringing them through this storm. I look forward to sharing lots of pictures and baby ideas in the near future!!! (and yes – she is THE prettiest, THE smartest, THE best baby ever and I’m sure she will be speaking in full sentences by Month 2 – oops – there comes the momaw out in me – lol)

On a bittersweet note – the other change in my life is saying goodbye to Valerie as she retired from the work force on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Valerie is not only family and friend but definitely my right-hand for the last 3 years at the shop – She is currently on a winter vacation on the sunny beaches of Florida – after which she plans on coming back to be a full-time grandma for her two granddaughters – lots of plans of camping, traveling and just enjoying her family. While we are going to miss her infectious laugh around the shop we are ecstatic to see the joy in her eyes as she begins her newest adventure!!! ( I’m sure she will have to have some fabric to make all those American girl doll clothes while teaching Lilly and Emma to sew!!)

We have been experiencing a lot of “facility” problems, - i.e. heating, lighting and bathroom issues for most of the winter; we are thankful to say we have heat – and they are currently trying to get electrician under contract to replace many of our light fixtures. We ask that you bear with us while we are undergoing yet another chapter of our lives. We will resume our full schedule of classes in April after everything gets repaired.

I’m trusting everyone has been busy finishing up some of 2017(and beyond) UFO’s during all these cold days – but now it’s time to start a few new projects.

**Clothesline Coasters:** Pat Habenschuss is going to lead us in a quick make it /take it class that will allow us to use some of those scraps we have accumulated. Great gift idea to have on hand – make out of Christmas fabric, Valentine theme or just your favorite colors!! This class is a great way to get away from home and catch up with all your quilting friends, break those winter blues and learn a new technique.

Class date: Wednesday – February 7<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am - ?? Instructor fee - \$10.00



Coasters

**Alteration Class:** Dee Lieghey has heard your request for this class and has graciously agreed to teach you how to alter your pattern or a garment you already have. Do you have a jacket pattern you started but just wasn't happy with the fit? This is the class to learn how to finish or alter those "favorite jacket patterns".

Class dates: Tuesday – February 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 3:00pm – Instructor fee: \$30.00

**Labyrinth Walk** – Dee Lieghey will instruct you through this two-block wonder (no Y Seams) that will turn your light and dark fabrics into an AMAZING 3-D quilt.

Class dates: Thursday – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 3:00pm – Fee - \$45.00



**Twisted Nine-Patch:** Pat Habenschuss has a new twist on an old traditional pattern that gives a totally modern look – This Quilt in a Day pattern and ruler will be one you will use many times – making quilts, placemats, or wallhangings. This technique will soon become a favorite in your quilting room!!

Class dates: Wednesday – February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 12:00noon - Fee: \$20.00



**Summertime:** This 21" x 21" quilt pattern features wool applique branches of leaves and berries, crossed in the center of the quilt and surrounded with a pieced border. Teresa Allison's **original pattern and wool kit will be included in this class** as Teresa instructs you on hand applique techniques.

Class dates: Tuesday – February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 3:00pm – Fee: \$40.00



**Double Dresden:** Clara Poe will be teaching a technique class on using the double Dresden ruler – this new twist on another old favorite will sure to tempt you to make a few table runners, placemats or perhaps a bed size quilt. Come learn the technique or spend the day to make several blocks.

Class date: Thursday – March 15<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am - ??? Instructor fee \$10.00



**Friday UFO days** – Each Friday we will be having our open sew – with a different twist - Starting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am – 3:00pm I will be working on T-shirt quilts. Anyone interested in joining can bring their T-shirts, a sharp pair of scissors, rotary cutter and mat. Others can bring in PHD's and enjoy some fellowship while getting things completed. This is not "a class" but we are always here to help and answer questions. Each month I will be announcing a new project that I will be working on so be sure to check back often on Facebook and website. Again, you don't have to work on the project I am doing – but are welcome to join me or just come in and observe!!

Pigeon Forge Trip – March 20-23, 2018 – We still have a few seats left – need to have payment in by February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Itinerary is on website or call the shop for more info.