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Winter 2010 Newsletter

Greetings to you in the midst of the "January Thaw". Hope everyone is doing o.k. at your house. I decided with this week of warm weather that I would work to melt down the high cost of you doing business with me. Effective immediately, all patterns, all notions, and SOME books will be marked 20% off until further notice.

Additionally, the TNTVSC members will receive an invitation to shop every quarter with a special offer. TNTVSC members will receive a letter outlining the plan.

Here's to us and our "Thaw".

Mini quilts were on display in early January. Viewers Choice went to Pat DeParvine who made the Red, White, and Blue 9-patch. She won a \$20 store gift certificate from Threads 'N Treasures and a \$5 gift card from Main Street Flowers on Main Street, Belleville. From all the ballots entered into the ballot box, a ballot was drawn and the winner is Viola Wittersheim who also won a \$5 gift card from Main Street Flowers.

I will be offering a Mystery Quilt beginning in February—date to be announced. \$3.00 a month. If you're interested in participating, please contact me so I know how to plan the date and space.

Fun 'N Done – Free session with purchase of pattern and ruler. Lots to choose from. This is the process that enables you to finish your quilt as you go.

Project of the month–Get out of the house and make a quick project that can be accumulated to get a head start on gifts throughout the year. Beginning in February. Call or email to reserve your spot. \$5 plus pattern.

Beginning quilter? I will do a class for you.

Choosing fabric colors a chore? I can help.

Super Souper Bowl Sunday –Feb 7 10AM–5PM. Reserve your spot if you want to spend your day with other quilters instead of planted in front of the TV. I'll cook and furnish the soup and bread and you bring a dessert to pass. Bring whatever you wish to work on. Space is limited, reserve your spot soon. We will kick off the UFO program.

I decided not to do a formal Civil War Quilt block of the month. But, will offer some history if you care to come by and catch up on the history of the Civil War. Let me know if you are interested – date and time to be determined. Need more Civil War Fabric for your collection, let me know.

Gees Bend fabric is in and lo and behold, some are buying the entire bolt. It is a must see.

Shop Hoppers: I have the best soup recipe and will make some to serve with the most delicious bread for you and your hopping friends if you let me know well in advance that you will be stopping by during your shop hop. Will offer a door prize drawing each day of the hop and of course, you can always count on the great everyday discounts on fabric, notions, books and patterns. If I need to open earlier than my normal hours or later than my closing hours, let me know and I will take your request under consideration.

Sewing Circles have you in a sewing frenzy? Stop by for your free demo on how to sew a circle without a hitch. An advance notice would be nice. My shelves of Batiks are bulging with all the new pieces coming in. Someone said I need a larger shop-No, I need to sell more fabric. Can you help me?

How about a challenge resolution for 2010? Beginning February 7, we will begin our session with a real list of your UFO's. On the UFO sewing day (to be determined on 2/7), you will choose from your list and bring it, finish it (or get well along with it). The next sewing day bring another and continue on and at the end of the year, she who completes the most UFO's will win a generous gift certificate from Threads 'N Treasures. Are you up to the challenge?

I've had several requests for acrylic templates that may be difficult to find. I have a source for any size you need made in order that you can use your rotary cutter to cut your pieces. If I can help, let me know.

Girl Scout fabric will be in soon. Nice collection.

I found a good source for the Bubble Jet Rinse and Set that some of you have requested to put photos to fabric. If you need it still, I'll order it in for you.

I think this is all the rambling I have for this time.

Some time worn quilting tips, but who knows, you may find a new one.

When pin basting a quilt, begin from the center and work your way to the edges.

To remove rust stains, make a paste of lemon juice and salt, apply to spot. Hold over steam until the stain disappears.

Removing a scorch, if not too brown, will disappear if dipped in borax (I DID NOT SAY CLORAX) and water then dried in the sun.

Looking for something and you can't find it at your favorite quilt shop?
Let me know, I'll get the Snoop Sisters on it right away to see if we can get
it in for you.

Hope to see you soon. Your friend,

Kay Atkins