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I decided not to start my newsletter by reminding you that there are 62 days till Christmas. I have lots of appropriate prints that will make up into all kind of nice gift giving projects. Or, dig in your stash and stop by for some ideas.

Thanksgiving is coming and the goose is getting fat. But, if you spare the goose and cook a turkey and you have leftover turkey, try this easy creamed turkey and biscuit dish on a day you need to stitch those special Christmas gifts. You'll need:

½ large onion; 1-1/2 tsp butter; 4 cups chopped turkey; 1 (10-1/4 oz) cream of turkey or chicken soup; 1 cup sour cream; ½ cup milk; ½ cup chopped pimento; 1 cup shredded mild cheddar cheese, divided; 6 frozen biscuits, thawed.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease the bottom and sides of an 11 x 7" baking dish. Chop the onion. Heat butter in a small nonstick skillet over med. high heat until melted. Stir in onion. Sauté until tender. Combine onion, turkey, soup, sour cream, milk and pimento in a med. bowl and mix well. Spoon mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake 15 minute and remove from oven. Sprinkle baked layer with ¾ cup of the cheese. Arrange biscuits in a single layer over top. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake until biscuits are golden brown and sauce is bubbly, about 20 minutes longer. Serve immediately but before serving dust a little flour on your cheek and your shirt front. The family won't know you dashed from the sewing machine to whip up this dish. We fooled them again, eh?

I will custom make a quilt for you. Currently, I have hand quilted and machine quilted items for sale—shown by appointment.

Do you know I have an AccuCut machine that you can rent to cut projects (by appointment)? Or, I will cut for you. As a matter of fact, I ordered some Jelly Rolls, Charm packs, and some other size items to come in January/February.

I am tailoring individual courses based on your interest and your time schedule. Following is a partial list of what choices I'm offering. It is not all inclusive.

BEGINNING QUILTING CLASS: Make a small project from start to finish.

CATHEDRAL WINDOW: Make one window or 20 – a nice take with project.

HAND APPLIQUE: Win the battle against hand appliqué by doing a small sampler and a chance to win bragging rights.

POINSETTIA WALL HANGING: A dimensional wall hanging or table piece. Quick and easy and so beautiful.

QUILT IN A PILLOW: Make up a quick gift for a little one on your list or a big guy or gal.

MACHINE APPLIQUE: Master it now!

LONE STAR: Diamonds will be a girl's best friend when you finish this class using the Quilt Smart method.

HAND QUILTING: Yes, you can do it.

QUILTER'S CHOICE: Have a technique you want to master? You can do it here.

BARGELLO CLASS: Requires some pre planning your fabric selection – a two day experience.

DOUBLE WEDDING RING TABLE RUNNER: This is one class you won't regret.

STAINED GLASS: Add a project to your gift giving list that will make you proud.

FRENCH BRAID TABLE RUNNER: You will love the finished project.

USE A PANEL: Have a stash of panels? Will do a class – use them up (so you can buy more, of course).

FREE MOTION QUILTING: Get the instruction you need. You will become a master.

ATTIC WINDOW: Use any focus fabric to make a realistic scene.

ORIENTAL QUILT: Wait till you see this sample for a class. You can rest assured your oriental stash will be put to good use.

What, no paper piecing? I didn't forget. Do you need a class?

Main Street Flower Shop owner, Jane Vesche, at 210 Main Street in Belleville is collecting new or used children's books (ages birth-12) to be donated to Goodwill and area schools for children who would love to have a book of their own. You can contact Jane at 697-7400 for drop off times. You will warm the cockles of your heart by giving a child the gift of reading this Season.

I've had many requests to extend the quilt show at the Belleville Area Museum scheduled for March 2009 to include quilt displays in area businesses. Therefore, Threads 'N Treasures is sponsoring a city wide quilt show during March 2009. You can visit area businesses for more eye candy in Belleville during March 2009.

Remember, you can enter items for show/or sale at the Museum during the March show at the Museum. Contact Diane Wilson, Museum Director, at 697-1944 for more info and entry forms.

I recently got a nice collection of Boy Scout Fabric.

"New" aged muslin is in - I love it.

I have ordered some recent releases of Laurel Burch fabric.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar fabric is finally due to arrive sometime the week of October 26. This has the white background with green lettering and the caterpillar.

Remember, I am continuing to special order fabric (depending on availability from the manufacturer) at no extra cost to you. And, you don't need to buy the whole bolt.

Shop hoppers: If you have 8-10 friends who want to visit me, give me a call. I'll arrange a "hop" just for your group. Food is a must as well as special sales. Call in advance, of course, to arrange a date and time.

I am planning a quilt retreat the end of February if I get enough responses indicating interest. Probably a Friday, Saturday, and mid morning Sunday. Could have room for up to 40 people. Just think, you can stay in your jammies all day and night and just sew-sew. Call or email now to indicate your interest and to be added to the list to get specific info as it becomes available.

Monroe County Quilt Guild raffle quilts (3) are at the shop as well as \$1 raffle tickets. Will you help them out when you come by?

Need help finishing UFO'S? Will bind your quilts or help complete the UFO'S that have been begging to be finished for a reasonable cost. UFS'S require a miracle, so you must remember, I am a quilter, not God. Bring them by, we'll talk.

This will probably be the last newsletter for '08. But, if you miss me too much and you can't get out of the sewing room, remember, I think of all my customers as family and will look forward to seeing you all soon.

I want to wish everyone a blessed Holiday Season. May this poor economy find you and your family healthy financially and well physically.

God bless you, one and all.

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P.S. – Yes, the website is finally online!!!!!!! Be sure to check it out.