Dear Quilting Friends,

Where did this summer go? In Ohio, schools are back in session and the Fulton County Fair is in full swing. That can only mean one thing… autumn has arrived and with it, more time to sew!

**Sew Fun, Sew Creative, and Sew Much More at a Quilting Retreat!**

Block out some time in your busy schedule to enjoy your passion for quilting. A quilting retreat is a fantastic way to find time to stitch that project you’ve been longing to make or to finish up all your UFO’s. As an extra bonus you’ll be able to spend time with quilting friends who inspire your creativity and are glad to share tips and techniques to advance your skills.

Our **Fall Weekday Retreat** is planned for Tuesday, September 30th - Thursday, October 2nd. If you have flexible time during the week and enjoy a smaller, more intimate group setting, this retreat is designed just for you! [Detailed information and registration is available on our website.]

**New This Year!** If you are registered for both the Fall weekday and weekend retreat you will be able to continue sewing all through Thursday evening and into the weekend. Or, if you are registered only for the weekend retreat but are planning on checking into your guest room at the Inn on Thursday, for an additional $20.00 fee (payable in cash at the door) you may set up your machine and start sewing as early as 3:00 pm Thursday afternoon to get a head start on all the projects you can’t wait to stitch.
After the hectic holidays, give yourself some time and space to sew in a relaxed atmosphere at our **Winter Retreat on Friday January 16th-Sunday January 18th**. The Sauder Heritage Inn is a cozy winter getaway and with sewing rooms, hotel rooms and dining areas all under one roof, you won’t ever need to go out in the cold for the entire weekend. Come while away the winter hours with us! **Register today for the Winter Retreat.**

Believe it or not, **registration for our Spring Quilting Retreat** is scheduled to go live online **Friday, September 26 at 8:00 am**. The dates for that event are March 6-8 and the Thursday evening sewing option will be available on the **registration form**. Retreats fill quickly, so be sure to register as soon as possible.

### Creative Classes

#### Paper Piecing

Paper piecing opens up a whole new world in quilt making. This beginner class will show the basic techniques used for paper piecing. This class is intended for those who are taking Saturday Sampler and anyone else interested in learning how to paper piece.

*Saturday, Sept. 13
10:00 - 12:00 am.*  
**Instructor:** Glora Belle Yoder  
**Skill Level:** All  
**Class Fee:** $15.00 / 13.50 member  
**Class Size:** Min 4 / Max 10

#### Chevron Zig

Chevrons are in, so join the craze and create a fun and fast chevron quilt. We will use a simple rail fence method of zig-zagging. Spend the day with us and zig zag home with the beginning of this eye-catching quilt.  
*Saturday, September 20
10:00 - 4:00 pm.*  
**Instructor:** Lorraine McNeal  
**Skill Level:** Advanced Beginner  
**Class Fee:** $30.00 / $27.00 member  
**Class Size:** Min 4 / Max 10

#### The Gingko

Learn to make this art quilt by using a gingko stencil and a bleach product to make the background of your fabric. Other embellishments as can be used such as ribbon for stems,
yarn and beads to give depth to the tree. This quilt will make a fun and interesting wall hanging.

**Saturday, October 11**

**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Instructor:** Cheryl Troth  
**Skill Level:** Advanced Beginner  
**Class Fee:** $30.00 / $27.00 members  
**Class Size:** Min 4 / Max 10

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### Fabulous Fabrics

For all you Kim Diehl fans, her fabric groups never seem to have enough beiges and creams for backgrounds. Apparently that has come to her attention so she has remedied that with her latest fabric line **Butter Churn** which consists of twelve beige and cream prints to coordinate with all of her other colors. We currently have all twelve of those fabrics on display and available for you.

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Blue and beige are a classic combination that never goes out of style. Designers Polly Minick and Laurie Simpson are known for their classic colors and style which is evident in their new **Lexington** fabric line for Moda. Twenty bolts in wonderful variety of print styles and shades of blue and tan create a great display in our new arrivals section.
For those of you who love a more modern look, **Cotton and Steel fabrics** have just arrived! Thirteen cotton prints by various designers all mix and match with each other. Add in the four coordinating canvas prints and you have a great palette for quilts, bags, clothing and home décor items. These designers have been featured in many of the quilting and sewing magazines so I’m sure you’ve seen the ads. Now stop in to check out the fabric in “person”.

**Nifty Notions**

Great news! **Steam-a-Seam II and Steam-a-Seam II Lite** have been redesigned and improved and will be back in shops in early October! Ever since they took these products off the market to make some changes, we have struggled to find a good replacement. Now they have improved the adhesive so shelf life is no longer an issue and they have also printed a grid on the side of the paper on which you draw your design. No more guessing which side should come off first! They were demonstrating the new product at Checker Distributor’s Open House last weekend and we’re excited about this new and improved product. Well done Warm and Company!

What goes around comes around. If you can remember the 1970’s you probably remember the popular **Folded Star** design. Well, it is back and is all the rage on both the east and west coasts. To make the process simpler, Plum Easy Patterns has designed a sparkling clear
acrylic stencil for creating perfect 8-pt stars. With it you can make stars in 5 sizes from 3-1/2in to 8in. It can be used to create stars blocks that have 22.5, 45, and 90 degree angles. It can be used to trace Plum Easy's Folded Star Hot Pad positions or the new Easy Star block. Patterns are available for 8in Circle or Square Hot Pad, pincushion or table runner with easy instructions for machine sewing. This revolutionary New Fast & Easy Technique is great for beginners!

Spray adhesives are great timesavers but the fumes and messy overspray have always been a serious downside to using them. Now, with Mettler’s Web Bond Temporary Spray Adhesive those concerns are a thing of the past. Web Bond can be used on all fabric and craft projects. Spray onto the back of batting, appliqué pieces, paper pieces, patterns, templates and more and place your project in the perfect location for a temporary hold. Use web spray for less mess and better coverage. No smell, no spotting, CFC free, Acid Free and transparent.

And Sew On...

Whenever we have time we continue to sew new shop samples and enjoy displaying them in process on our design wall. Skipping Stones is a large lap or twin size quilt sewn with fabrics from the Stonehenge Abstractions collection from Northcott. It sews up quickly and its neutral color will look good in almost any home décor color scheme.

Currently on the design wall is a Dr. Seuss Alphabetical quilt. Finishing at 52” x 62” this quilt will be dearly loved by children of any age. The combination of bright stripes, dots and all Dr. Seuss’s favorite characters would brighten up any child’s room and bring smiles to their face while they learn their ABC’s.
Also new to Threads of Tradition are a variety of styles of 2015 wall calendars featuring beautiful quilts on each page. It’s hard to believe but now is the time to buy a new calendar so you can record all the quilting events you won’t want to miss in the coming year!

I’ll close with some fun but true words from our wooden signs by Cousin Farms.

So our wish for you is…

Feeling  

**Sew Blessed**  

_to be part of this wonderful quilting community,

**Linda**
Thank you for your interest in our newsletter, "Current Threads".
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