

***GENERAL INFORMATION***

***PACKET***

***FOR ALL QUILTER’S DREAM RETREATS***

**YOUR CHECKLIST in addition to your sewing supplies**

* **Sleeping Bag & Pillow (For Cabins only)**
* **Personal toiletries (shampoo, toothbrush, towels, washcloth, ear plugs, etc.)**
* **Money to shop at our guest fabric store, massage therapist, machine tune up, and scissor sharpener.**
* **Flashlight (it's very dark at night)**
* **Beverages, non-alcoholic - coffee, tea, cocoa, and hot water will be provided.**
* **Cookies and/or snacks for the famous all hour’s junk food/cookie/snack/take a break, kitchen raid (snack suggestions: veggie tray, fruit, single serve juices, popcorn, cookies, candy, cake, brownies, (ALL CALORIES REMOVED AND LEFT AT HOME)**
* **Showcase of Accomplishments (Bring all those projects you want to show off. You can “Show & Share” at the meals)**
* **HEADPHONES if you want to listen to your music.  Please have respect for your neighbor; they might not want to listen to your music.**
* **A spirit of adventure,**
* **A large measure of helpfulness**
* **PLEASE NOTE –When setting up – be VERY conservative with the space. BE courteous and considerate. We always have a full house!**

**BASIC SEWING SUPPLIES FOR FALL & SPRING RETREATS**

**Please mark everything with your name and bring your –**

**Sewing Machine (in good working order), cord, pedal, (and instruction book is helpful)**

* **Extra lighting**
* **Seam ripper**
* **Neutral thread (or a variety for many projects)**
* **Marker of some kind - pencil, chalk, etc**
* **Scissors - small & big, paper & cloth**
* **Cutting tools - rotary cutter, mat, rulers**
* **Table - Tables - Tables (We have several, but if you rather not share, or like to stretch out, bring your own if you can)**
* **Your favorite chair (folding chairs are available)**
* **NO IRONS, iron stations will be provided.**

**\*\* RETREAT CLASS BASIC SUPPLIES**

* **All fabrics (unless otherwise specified) should be 100% quilter's cotton, prewashed & ironed**
* **Measure & cut your pieces very carefully if you have pre-class instructions, to insure accurate and successful results.**
* **If you have any pre-class questions, please contact us and we will get an answer for you before any mistakes are made.**
* **Check & double check to make sure you can sew an accurate scant 1/4" seam allowance; have someone you trust check it for you.**
* **Re-read & check if your class instructions, to be sure you bring all class supplies.**
* **Power strips, extension cords, and extra lighting.**

**TABLES, all you can bring, we never seem to have enough. Be conservative in the space you take!!!**

**SHOWCASE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SHOW & SHARE**

This is your opportunity to show off your projects!! A stepladder will be available for you to hang all your show and tell projects. You may want to purchase a helpful item that works well and is reusable to hang your quilts; it is made by 3M Company called "Large or Jumbo Hook with Command Adhesive." Each hook holds 5 lbs, you place on the wall, wait 1 hour, then you can hang your quilts with a safety pin on the hooks.  
We would love it, if you put your name, pattern name, and any other neat info on the quilts.

ALSO –we all bring our quilts and quilty projects to the meals to show them off.  
We love all the participation we get for this activity.

**PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 10:30AM *You will not be admitted before 10:30AM. We need time to prepare for your arrival.  
Please do not expect to set up early if you arrive early.***

**Information about the Accommodations & Bed Areas**

A few people have had questions on the difference between the Lodge and Guest rooms.  
   
We have new cabin accommodations!! All quilters will have lower bunks with 3 toilets (1 is handicap accessible), 3 showers (1 is handicap accessible), and 3 sinks all in separate areas for every 11 bunks.

The bunk houses are all handicap accessible. The bunk mattress is a 3"-4” thick firm foam pad. Most find they do not need extra pad; however, you may want to bring a foam or egg crate pad. You will need to bring your own bedding and towels.

We try to arrange the cabins as to friends you would like to share a cabin with.

The upgraded accommodations are all reserved and a waiting list has been established.  
These people will be able to reserve their spot 1-year in advance by paying in full. (See refund policy if not reserved for the following year.) However, this will not guarantee the same upgraded room. The upgraded beds are twin beds with sheets and blankets, there are 2 twin beds per room and most rooms have their own bathrooms or you only have to share with one other bedroom. It's a lot like a motel/hotel living; some have living rooms and kitchens.  
Names will be listed on one of the outside entrance doors and a list and map will be at the registration table.

**MEAL SERVICES**

Camp Arnold has quality chiefs and kitchen workers to provide us with a superb meal service. Meals are served family or buffet style in their dining room.  
Most of the quilters attending the retreat bring snacks for all to share.  
There is always a large table filled to the brim with snacks, treats, fruit, nuts, chips, and a wide variety of tasty morsels for all of us to share. Brunch -10:30AM Dinner – 4:30PM

**SEWING AREA**

We have a large area for sewing, but we still need to remind everyone to be courteous when setting up your sewing area. Share your cutting table. Keep extra things stored away as much as possible. Work together to make it work. We set up our own sewing area in a full size carpeted indoor gym. Everyone brings her own sewing machine, tables (if you can, bring your own), basic sewing supplies, a spirit of adventure, a large measure of helpfulness, and a sense of humor. We have a limit of about 100 persons per retreat.

**NEW BASTING STATION**

We will have a 4’ X 8’ sheet of plywood on 2 height adjustable sawhorses for you to baste your quilt tops. Team up with a friend and get a quilt basted for each of you!

Bring your tops, backs and batting ready to go. More info will be on the website and at retreat.

**NEW QUILT SHOP – THE FABRIC FIX  
  
Quilter's Dream is pleased to welcome The Fabric Fix to our retreat. Kris and John Norton will be ringing The Fabric Fix from Bellingham to our retreat. We will see exciting new fabrics, fabrics by the pound, pre-cuts and go- togethers, beautiful kits, and fresh trending bolts of fabrics. There will be lots of the latest greatest fabrics to pick from. Perfect for supplementing your stash, finishing, or starting a project.**

**GREAT SEWING MACHINE NEEDLES**

Debra Burgess will have premium sewing machine needles for sale at great prices.

Take advantage of these and stock up.

**~~SHARPEN THOSE DULL SPOTS~~ NOT AVAILABLE FOR APRIL 2023**

~~On Friday or Saturday - Bob Beran owner of Northwest Sharpening, in Redmond, will be with us all day Friday or Saturday to sharpen all your scissors, knives, and just about any small cutting utensils.  
Prices vary from $1.00 to $5.00 approximately each.  
Bring all your dull scissors and knives for sharpening. This is a great service at great prices. Make sure you take advantage of this opportunity.~~

**PAMPER YOURSELF**  
We will have 2 massage therapists, Mark and Becky for your tired muscles and backs throughout the retreat. (Note – increased price.)  
$20 per 15-minute massage minimum @ & 15-minute additional intervals.

This is a great opportunity to unwind & rewind with a relaxing massage!

Get those sewing kinks out with a massage for 15, 30, 45, or 1 hour increments!

It’s amazing!

**FLOTSAM AND JETSAM FUNDRAISER  
(Flotsam & Jetsam means useless items; odds and ends, literally cargo thrown overboard.)**Actually, we mean, quilt/sewing related items that you no longer use and might have value to someone else.  
Extra rotary cutters, fabrics, scissors, quilt books & magazines, UFO's that will never get finished, things that might be of value to some other quilters. We will set up a table in the front entrance for you to "shop" at and donate what you feel is affordable or appropriate. All donations and proceeds from this sale go to help keep the costs down for all of us at these retreats.  
\*\*\*\*Oh, one more thing, IF you bring something for this table, if it is still there on Sunday when you leave, you must take it home with you!!  
\*\*Please note! This is not a garage sale, sewing and quilt items only!

**FAT QUARTER LOTTERY – April Retreat Only**

Want to expand your fat quarter stash? Bring your fat quarters for a chance to win 10 in a bundle. Each fat quarter gets you one chance to win a bundle of 10. We have had as much as 400 fat quarters entered. Very Fun!

**CHALLEGE BLOCK – April Retreat Only**

A 7” approx. challenge fabric swatch will be sent to you with your retreat confirmation. Make a 12 ½” unfinished block for a chance to win some of the challenge blocks entered. There are 4 winners. Applique, pieced, creative, and a random winner. Everyone entered will have a chance to win.