

## **Retreat is almost here!**

Here is some useful information as you get ready for 3 ½ days of quilting.

### **Checking in**

We will be opening the doors to the spacious reception room at 9:00 am on Monday morning, March 6. The retreat committee members will be there to assist you with unloading your vehicle and transporting your quilting supplies to the sewing area. You should be able to check into your hotel room by mid afternoon or as soon as your room is ready.

### **Community necessities provided in the large sewing room**

- A large table on risers with a cutting mat
- Two ironing stations with irons
- Several design walls
- Coffee, tea and fixins for a great cup of caffeine
- Snack table • Paper plates, napkins and plastic cutlery
- Extension cords

### **Individual Sewing Space**

Your personal sewing space includes a 6 ft table and a chair. We will be arranging groups of four personal tables together. No table assignments will be made – you need only claim your space when you arrive.

You may bring a small side table, no larger than a TV tray, to use next to your personal sewing table. We will monitor the amount of space taken up by small side tables to assure there is enough space to exit the room quickly in case of an emergency.

You may bring your own adjustable chair if you like. The chairs provided in the reception room are the traditional padded chairs you find in most large group rooms. You might consider bringing a seat pad to bolster your comfort level.

The sewing room has a bank of large windows on one side of the room, providing loads of natural light. The over head lighting is sufficient for most quilters, however, you may want to bring a small lamp, such as an Ott Light, to assure lighting in your space meets your personal needs.

### **Food**

Continental breakfast is provided by the hotel. Lunch is on your own. You may go out to a local restaurant, carry in or have your lunch delivered by Grub Hub, or eat up any leftovers from the previous night's dinner. Dinner meals will be catered in. This year we will be enjoying dinners from Golden Coral, Panera, Olive Garden .

We encourage you to bring snack items for the community snack table. Individually wrapped items are always appreciated. Cookies, candy, chips and fruit are always popular.

**Remember, consumption of mass quantities of chocolate always makes for happy quilters!**

Coffee and tea will be provided all day or as demand requires. No matter what beverage you enjoy while quilting, spills happen, but **lids help keep the mess to a minimum.**

### **Planned Activities**

We will be playing some fun games during our retreat. Participation is voluntary and great prizes will be awarded.

1. **Left/Right/Center.** This is a quick game played with special dice. If you want to play, please bring three fat quarters. If you win, you'll be taking home all the new fat quarters!
2. **Relay Race.** No running involved! In fact, you will be seated during the entire race so everyone can play.
3. **Seran Wrap Chase.** Unwrap hidden goodies as fast as you can before your turn is up. You unwrap it, you keep it.
4. **Bingo**
5. **More surprises to come!!**

### **Unplanned Activities**

If you want to take time out from quilting to explore all that Branson has to offer, you may want to shop the several great fabric stores, antique malls and flea markets, outlet mall and more. There are many entertainment venues that offer afternoon matinee performances and evening shows.

We have been given great discounts at the **Quilted Cow** quilt shop!! You might want to check it out!

**This is your time away from home – spend it the way that makes you happy!**

### **Checking out**

Hotel check out is 11:00 am on Thursday, March 9. We will close down the sewing room at 12 noon.

### **Your personal supply checklist**

To help you remember all you may want to bring along to retreat, here is a list of possibilities. Be sure to add your name or identifying mark on your tools to assure you keep what is yours.

- Sewing machine, foot pedal and power cord
- Presser feet and other machine accessories
- Quilting/sewing projects
- Personal chair or seat pad
- Small side table
- Rotary cutter, extra blades, scissors, seam ripper
- Specialty rulers, marking tools
- Mini iron and small pressing surface
- Extra machine needles, pins and pincushion

- Thread and bobbins
- Thread catcher or small trash can
- Small table light
- Extra extension cords or power strip
- Comfortable clothing