

Hi Quilting Friends,

I have been asked to update the retreat info. First, I want to thank everyone for understanding the need to change the dates. I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused everyone. I feel that in the long run that the new dates are beneficial. We avoid the hurricane season, the holidays are over, and the prices are cheaper. I think that the total saving will be about \$100 per person. Who can't use a \$100 saving.

The new dates are Thursday January 11 – Sunday January 14.

Location: same... Holiday Inn & Conference Center, Melbourne, FL.

Price: Due to new schedule the price is REDUCED to \$210 pp for retreat, patterns, meals, etc. (meals include Breakfasts, lunches, and Meet & Greet snacks). Dinner is on your own (as was scheduled in previous schedule). The hotel has a restaurant, and there are several restaurants nearby. Also, we are not allowed to bring food into the conference area from an outside source. Safety reasons.

The projects are the same.

Project #1: choice of one of two

The Bird House with thread painted chickadee

The Beach Scene with thread painted blue heron and logs

Project #2 choice of one of five

Panda Bear

Koala Bear

Butterfly with Flowers

Teddy bear (Christmas, or you can change to another season)

Panel with Borders. I have a few of Flamingo or Sea Turtle panels. Or you can bring your own. Price of my panels is \$15 each....my cost

Please let me know when you register if you wish one of my panels..so I can save for you.

I will have a class on the thread painting during the retreat. They are really quite simple. Great opportunity to learn something new.

The hotel rep got back to me today. The hotel rooms are \$109 per night per room...plus tax. Cheaper than the November rate.

Tentative schedule: Pretty much the same as last year.

Thursday: check into conference area about 2 – 3 pm. Pick up your patterns, bring in your stuff, pick your seat, get set up. Then check in to Hotel.

About 3:30 pm is the Meet and Greet. Get re-acquainted with friends, have a snack.

About 4 pm let's get started with Project # 1

About 5:30 break for supper

6:30 pm lets get back to project....sew til about 10 pm....or later.

Friday: Room open at about 7 am. Work on your project.

At about 8:30 let's have some breakfast. About 9 am, back to work.

12:30 pm ish lets take a break for lunch.

About 1 pm I will teach Thread painting for chickadee and Blue Heron. After which continue with project.

At about 4 pm we can play game number 1...Strip Poker...remember to bring your 2.5" x wof strips ...bring at least 9. Same as we did last year. Remember the fun. Check out my web site to see some pictures of everyone having fun!

About 5:30 break for supper...then back to work on project.

Saturday: Pretty much the same as Friday. Except we will work on Project #2, and do game #2. Molly will teach the borders for this project. More sewing til about 10 pm...or later. Game #2. Everyone is to bring a same wrapped gift, no name, plain paper. It can be a home made one, a funny one, or what every you wish to share. Nothing expensive.....about a \$10 – 15.

Sunday: Room open at about 7 am. Work on project. Breakfast at about 9 am. Continue to sew until about 1 pm. We then say “toodle Do” until the next time. Not good bye. We all hope to see each other again.

Amy and I are flexible. Let’s enjoy the retreat and the friends we have made. Oh, the projects too.

Please let me know your intentions of whether or not your plan to attend this even better retreat.

If you have not already sent in your registration, please send along with your deposit of \$60 by August 15. Final payment of \$150 is October 15. If you need a registration form let me know and I will send to you. If not, just use the previous one, make the date changes and \$ amounts.

At some time during the retreat, we will raffle off the gift baskets provided by Cut Up & Sew, Boutique 4 Quilters, Quilts & lace, and Me.

Again, thank you so much for understanding the need for the change in schedule. Hopefully it will work out better for everyone. I look forward to seeing everyone in January.

If you have any questions, PLEASE feel free to contact me. I am here for you.