

The MMQG Garden Party Retreat is next month!

What should you do to prepare?

- ☐ Create your “What I saw in my quilter’s garden” outreach project block. You should have a square of blue fabric and [instructions](#).
- ☐ (Optional) Create your [challenge project](#), with at least one tulip. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as voted on by the retreat attendees. Maximum size: 24” for the largest dimension.
- ☐ Be sure your sewing machine has been cleaned of lint and thread bits, and has a good needle.
- ☐ Plan your wardrobe: each day you wear your Garden Party Retreat t-shirt earns you a door prize ticket!
- ☐ Go shopping at a Local Quilt Shop (not a big box store). Turn in receipts for purchases of \$10 or more for door prize tickets. One receipt per store per day = 1 ticket. These can be shops in other cities or towns, but receipts must be **dated April 7-20, 2024**.
- ☐ Check the [Earning Participation Tickets](#) handout for more ways to win!

What should you bring?

- ☐ **Your sewing machine**, with the foot pedal, power cord, extra bobbins, presser feet, a few colors of thread, extra needles and your extension table.
- ☐ **Your “travel” sewing kit** with
 - ☐ A small cutting mat
 - ☐ Rotary cutter with a good blade
 - ☐ Seam ripper
 - ☐ Pins and a pin cushion or dish, and/or Clover clips
 - ☐ Cutting rulers
 - ☐ Scissors
 - ☐ Pens, pencils, Frixion markers, etc.
 - ☐ Whatever else you need to sew when you’re away from home!
- ☐ **Snacks to share with the group!** (Last names A-H: Thursday, I-P: Friday, Q-Z: Saturday). We’ll have napkins and paper plates, as well as bottled water. We’ll have a Keurig coffee machine and some generic coffee K-pods (bring your own K-pods if you want something different), bring a mug if you don’t want a styrofoam cup. Tea drinkers: bring your travel cup with your favorite brew. Or you can walk down to Abide Coffee Shop, which is just below the Civic Center, for coffee or tea.
- ☐ **A happy desire to have fun** with your fellow quilters!
- ☐ **(optional)** The completed Tulip Challenge Project, in a non-transparent bag.

- ☐ **(optional)** Projects to work on. We'll have plenty of Outreach Group projects you can do to earn door prize tickets, including Quilts of Valor blocks, Comfort Quilt blocks, Heart to Heart projects, and Hugs and Kisses quilts!
- ☐ **(optional)** A good sewing chair, or seat cushion. The Civic Center chairs are padded stacking chairs, and a little low, once you put your sewing machine on the table.
- ☐ **(optional)** If you tend to spread out and use a lot of table space, you might bring a small TV tray table to give yourself some extra room for your "stuff."
- ☐ **(optional)** Quilt block boards: a 13" square of foam board, covered in batting, very useful to lay out blocks!

Lunch Menu (if you purchased lunches)

- **Thursday:** Assorted Sandwiches from G&G Bakery and Cafe, green salad, macaroni salad, potato salad, a platter of sweet treats.
- **Friday:** Chick-Fil-A Sandwiches (grilled or original), fruit salad, cookies
- **Saturday:** Pulled Pork BBQ, baked beans, mac & cheese, cabbage salad, bread, cobbler and ice cream.

What should you NOT bring?

- ☐ **Full-sized irons.** The electrical system in the Civic Center is not as robust as we would like. We will have 5 irons and multiple ironing boards for you to use. If you have a small, 30-watt project iron, you can bring that. Please iron your fabric before you come, as ironing capabilities are somewhat limited.
- ☐ **Other high-wattage electrical items**, such as incandescent lights (LED lights are OK), space heaters, heating pads, hair dryers, waffle irons, coffee pots, etc.

What is the schedule?

- ☐ **The check-in desk will not open until 9 am on Thursday.** You may **not** bring in any supplies or sewing machines, or "reserve" a seat before then (except for Retreat Committee members). If you arrive early, we will put you to work setting up for the retreat!
- ☐ You can arrive at 8:30 am on Friday and Saturday.
- ☐ We'll try to wrap up by 5 pm each day. Please plan to help put away chairs and tables on Saturday.

Class Supply Lists. If you have registered for a class, see below.

- ☐ **Thursday afternoon, 1 pm - 5 pm, Hand Quilting with Shirley Deasy**
 - ☐ Supply fee (cash, pay the instructor that day): \$15 for pre-printed project fabric, thimble, hand quilting needle, handouts, thread
 - ☐ Bring small sewing scissors, thimble (optional), hand-quilting thread
- ☐ **Friday afternoon, 1 pm - 5 pm, Hand Piecing with Shirley Deasy**
 - ☐ Supply fee (cash, pay the instructor that day): \$5 to cover copying costs
 - ☐ Bring small sewing scissors, thread, small 5" or 6" ruler with a ¼" seam line marked, marking pencil or other fabric marker. You will be making practice blocks, with pre-cut fabric provided.
 - ☐ If you have any questions about either of Shirley's classes, please call her at 828--421--2939.
- ☐ **Saturday all day, 9am - 4pm, Wool Applique with Linda Bell. Lunch from 12-1 pm.**
 - ☐ \$5 supply fee (cash, pay the instructor that day) covers your wool fabric, thread and pattern.
 - ☐ Bring small scissors, embroidery needles and a needle threader, if you need it. Bring backing fabric and pillow stuffing if you plan to complete your project in class.
 - ☐ The instructor will have other fabric and patterns available to purchase.
 - ☐ If you are only attending this class, not the whole retreat, please bring your lunch.