

Hello quilters,

Another month has come and gone in our newly topsy-turvy world. The concern over Covid-19 still continues to control so much of our lives, probably rightly so when you look at the increased positive cases, and deaths, around the country as people start to get out more. We know that the shelter-in-place rules are feeling onerous and we are all longing for the normal that we remember; and for the solace of being with friends, family, and community during difficult times.

We have continued to make adjustments in the layout of our store to make it easier to social distance and still enjoy the fabric shopping experience that our quilters love. We are open our regular hours (Tuesday through Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-4). We are continuing to take in quilts to be quilted and John is working through them as fast as he can. Fabric is now arriving from many of our vendors and we are glad to have some new gorgeous pieces coming in.

July will bring (we hope) the return of the Open Sewing times, by registration now to accommodate the restricted seating we have available. Look for extra Open Sewing times to give everyone a chance to come in and join quilters who are looking for community. Classes should start in July and August as well. I watch with awe the shops that have been able to take their classes online but we are not well set up for that right now. Something we can consider for the future. All decisions about groups and classes are being made and adjusted as we watch how the area is handling the virus spread and what safe practices we are able to implement.

We will be closed July 9 through July 15 to attend the memorial service for John's mom in western NY and visit family (again assuming it is safe to travel and the virus numbers are at least stable). When we get back we will have new schedules in place for Open Sewing and some of the other groups in an effort to start to redefine our new normal.

You will find when you come into the store that we look a little different. There is a marked IN and OUT door. We have always had a traffic jam at our doorway so we have now moved our register to the OUT door and opened up the IN door for better access and fewer collisions. We have added a sneeze shield at the register where we are not able to easily stay 6 feet apart.

We continue to ask that everyone wear a mask if possible (I know that for some with lung conditions it makes it too difficult to breathe), masks can save a life. Please stay home if you are not feeling well. We continue to disinfect our public spaces and provide hand sanitizer as you come in the door. As classes and groups open back up we will have new guidelines to go with our newly arranged space.

Stay safe, and stay stitching.

Everyone at Annies Pretty Pieces