

How Training Facility Retreats Work:

Retreat check-in begins at 3pm. Many students arrive on their own schedule throughout the afternoon. Attendees are invited to get to know each other and settle in during this time. You are welcome to set up your sewing machine and sew during this time as well! Judy will join you during the end of the day once check in has been completed and your sewing stations are set up. She usually completes a Trunk Show and goes over the Training Facility Rules.

Class officially begins the next morning. Judy usually arrives in the morning between 9:30 and 10 am. She spends her days working with the retreat attendees and usually leaves around 6. What time she leaves in the evening varies depending on her work obligations.

Judy often stays for the evening to socialize with her students, and is frequently joined by her husband Del. Their daughter Judel is instrumental in orchestrating the retreats and is frequently in and out of the retreat center. We are a family oriented business so you may also get the opportunity to meet Judel's children, or other family and friends while staying with us. We feel that this gives you an opportunity to gain insight into who Judy is!

Everyone is welcome to keep his or her own sewing schedule while staying with us. If you are an early riser you are welcome to take advantage of the sewing room as soon as you wake up. We also have many retreat attendees that sew well into the night!

While you are attending a CI or CS retreat, you will be working on our new TOM pattern. We will send you yardage to have on hand, however, we do not have papers and things prepared as of yet (April 2014). Please bring at least one project that you are ready to sew on during your free time. The pre-cutting on many of Judy's patterns takes quite a bit of time and space. While there are cutting stations available, there are not enough for all 10 students to cut out their fabrics at the same time. This also allows Judy to get everyone started sewing right away. She can then focus on questions, demos, and teaching technique much faster.

We provide cutting mats and ironing pads for each sewing station, but you will be responsible for supplying your own iron for your station. We have several pressing stations available in the room as well. We have Judy's favorite paper piecing tools available for sale, along with basic sewing supplies such as Mettler Thread and Schmetz needles. We also have a large selection of Judy's patterns available. If there is something that you would like and don't see it we would be happy to bring it from the office.

We allow you to run a tab for your patterns and notions while you are staying with us. Checkout is scheduled for the end of the retreat, and you will be required to settle up this amount by check, credit

card, or cash. Check with the retreat house staff on when Checkout is scheduled. This is usually done the last teaching day of the retreat.

While attending a retreat without food, we highly suggest that you stop at the grocery store and buy some Breakfast and Lunch food before you arrive at the Training Facility. We will have multiple brochures from near by restaurants available for you to look at for dinner and weekends.

You are responsible for making your own coffee in the morning (coffeemaker and coffee will be provided). A lot of our retreat attendees are early morning risers and are ready for coffee long before our staff arrives.

During the retreat we provide light housekeeping. The sewing room is vacuumed daily, and the rest of the house is attended to as needed throughout the retreat. We also have laundry available for your use during your stay. We ask that you provide your own laundry detergent.

On the last day of the retreat, we generally have a staff member in around 8 am to begin cleaning the facility. We ask that you leave the Training Facility no later than 11 am, as it is easier to clean rooms without luggage and such in them.

If you have additional questions or concerns about how our retreats are run please feel free to email them to shila@quiltworx.com or call the office at 406-314-4340.