

The New Ewe Newsletter

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Please, go back with me a few years when TV commercials were made to make you laugh not to inform you of the side effects of a certain drug or based on one, weird, out of this world cola. More recently, we see the lady in the middle of the living room saying, "I've fallen and I can't get up!" The telephone is so close yet so far. For me, this scenario hits very close to home. It was shortly after Gary's back surgery and we were taking a slow walk out to the barn to talk to the horses. Well, I won't bore you with all the details but the long and the short of it, I DID fall and I COULDN'T get up! Sure enough...flat on my face. Now what was I going to do? Gary couldn't lift more than a jug full of milk and heaven knows I weigh a little more than that! So in a nice, calm, sweet voice I said, "Gary, get me a bucket". He looked rather surprised and answered, "What do you need a bucket for?" So, I am laying sprawled out on the cold barn floor and Gary is questioning me why I needed a bucket? Now in a not so calm and sweet response, I yelled at him, "*Don't ask questions, just get me a bucket!*" From that very awkward and painful position, I used the helpful bucket and finally got back on my feet. You know, we are consequently like the lady on the floor at which time our physical, spiritual, and even emotional needs shout out to whom ever may hear. Yes, we have fallen and we cannot seem to find a way out of the disaster that has crept into our lives. God is always listening. Keep in mind that when you find yourself on the ground the only way to look is up. "Jesus is my answer. Is He yours?"

Blessings,
Mary Vos

**"Many women do noble things,
But you surpass them all."
Proverbs 31:29**

Thank You All...

Again, I would like to convey my deepest gratitude to you when you sent the many expressions of your love & concern during Gary and my illnesses and hospitalizations. Thank you for the beautiful flowers and your heartfelt sentiments written on the many cards and letters we received. Gary has been in and out of the hospital since September 2009, and I was in the same hospital during two of those weeks. If it were not so sad, one could easily laugh. We pray God will bless us with good health through out the rest of 2010. God's richest blessings to you all. mlv

VIP Thank You Dinner

Mark your calendar...it is coming soon...Call for reservations now! (A few tickets left)
April 26, 2010...Dinner @ 6:30 Sharp!

It is our pleasure to thank you, our faithful customers and true friends, to share in an evening of fun and gratitude.

With an exciting display of Talent

Loads of door prizes

All projects entered will be judged by a panel of non-participating judges.
You can submit your vote for the best overall project. The winner will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate.

Come in or call (231-652-5262) today!
Where: Camp Newaygo
Tickets: \$15.00

The Obstacle In Our Path

In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the big stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. On approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. As the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many others never understand...

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve one's condition.



Customers: We will begin a Knitting 101 & Quilting 101 class soon, but must have at least 3 persons wanting to take the class. Please, call the store and your name will be added to a list and we will get a hold of you soon. Be sure to tell our staff which day and time is best for you. Both classes have been reduced to \$30.00 + materials.

Attention: We have our Class Room set aside for Open Quilting (6:30-8:30) the first Wednesday of each month. Nancy will be on duty if you are having any problems with your projects. Please mark your calendars, bring your machine and quilt with Nancy.

June 7-12 Get your vans ready. The June Shop Skip will be coming sooner than you think! Each shop will create a sample piece using one focus fabric. The New Ewe choose a cute, little table topper. We will have the pattern and kit for you to purchase. A small passpart fee to receive a 20% discount at each store and an ingredient for a delicious trail mix. See you soon.

"If My Body Were A Car"

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull...But that's not the worst of it. My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently. But here's the worst of it...Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter...either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

Such a Success...On March 18, 19, & 20 we had an unbelievable "Spring Showers of Shops". The tour is always an enormous success. It is so enjoyable to watch strangers make new friends, along with acquaintances rekindling old friendships. Old and new customers come in with renewed energy always making this day a huge accomplishment! PS: The New Ewe still has 11 finishing kits available. Come and purchase your kit today at 20% off! *Thanks for a great day!*



Lodge at Camp Newaygo

Some Other Classes
Saturday, May 1: Valarie will be teaching "Techniques of making a sock" the first Saturday of each month at 10:00-11:00. Cost: \$10.00 for each class; however, pay for five classes at one time and get the 6th class free.
Tuesday, May 11: Quilted Journal Project for May - Fusidar for **Tuesday, June 8** for the Quilted Journal Project - Hawaiian Quilting. Same Cost.
Wednesday, May 19: "How to block a knitted garment" Yes, there are different ways to block your piece to size. Please join us for the FREE demo class. Lorna will be demonstrating from 6:30 - 7:30. It is a FREE class and you will learn so much.



Saturday, June 26: Accu Quilt Circle Workshop for Intermediate Beginners and up! This wall hanging has a contemporary look but truly will fit in any décor. Time: 10:30-2:00, please bring your own lunch or snack. Of course, the coffee pot is always on. Cost: \$25.00 or bring a friend and pay \$40.00 for both, a savings of \$10.00. Join Nancy with this fun project.



You will be absolutely thrilled when you stop in and see the sample of the Accu Quilt Winding Ways Table Runner. Join us in making this beauty on Saturday, May 14, from 10:30-1:00 pm. Cost: \$25.00, includes kit and coffee. Make your reservations today!

Holiday at Home - New B.O.M.
 The New Ewe is proud to present our new five month Block of the Month project. The 62" x 62" Christmas quilt is a fun design suitable for various skill levels. Each month will provide clear and easy-to-follow instructions because it offers innovative ways to use the Marcus Strip-It pre-printed stripe fabric by Faye Burgos. This project begins June 15 so you can display your beautiful finished project this coming Christmas. Call the shop or come in soon to sign-up for this great new project. Kit will be approximately \$25.00, including pattern, special instruction & fabric.

