



February 11th, 2026

Subject: A Heartfelt Announcement 

Dear Friends and Fellow Quilters,

After many wonderful years of stitching, creating, and sharing the joy of fabric and quilting with our incredible community, I have made the bittersweet decision to retire and begin a new chapter in my life.

After much reflection (and more than a few tears), I can assure you this decision was not made lightly. For 15 wonderful years, my online shop has been so much more than just a business — it has been a community. Both staff and customers have become part of an extended quilting family, and I will forever treasure the memories we've created together. From the first bolt of fabric to the final stitch, you've turned this journey into something truly special. Your encouragement, kindness, and loyalty have meant the world to me.

Though the retail portion of Bear Creek will close, my new chapter is still in the quilting industry. **I look forward to bringing you exciting new announcements as my transition unfolds.**

Effective Immediately:

- The online store will remain available until closing; estimated mid-March 2026.
- All orders must be placed through the online store.
- The local retail lobby is closed for in-store shopping.
- The lobby is only open for order pickups.
- Gift Certificates should be used as soon as possible.
- Special retirement sales and discounts will be announced through our newsletter.
- Fixtures, displays, and other large items will be listed for sale prior to the final closing date.

Additional Updates and Clarifications:

- New inventory is still arriving. Watch our newsletter for announcements!
- Block-of-the-Months will continue as scheduled.
- Sew-Alongs and Mystery Quilts will continue as scheduled with new programs coming!
- We have stopped taking any intakes for Long Arm Machine Quilting.
 - We have some exciting news on the way; we are in discussions with our talented operator about taking over the service!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Shari