



Frequently Asked Questions
&
Helpful Links

Address & location for the hotel and retreat center:

Hotel Millersburg 1847 Quilt Retreat Center, 35 W. Jackson St., Millersburg, OH in downtown Millersburg. Phone: (330) 674-1457 Note: Hotel is right on a main road in the heart of downtown, across from the courthouse. We will be in the Buckeye room 24' X 90' with restrooms separate from the hotel. You'll have access to the locked room with a code and can come and go as you please.

More hotel info: Historic hotel with Victorian era decor, 2 elevators, & Free WiFi throughout the building. Onsite restaurant is scheduled to be open for lunch and dinner. We will have breakfast items available in our retreat room each morning.

Arrival and unloading your sewing gear:

Pull into the public parking lot near the PNC bank (34 S Clay St, Millersburg, OH 44654). There's an attached alley and you'll see a courtyard at the back of the hotel. You can pull your car into this alley and park alongside the back of the hotel to unload. Entrance to our retreat room is directly off the courtyard. See pictures below. Feel free to text me (440-232-3296) when you arrive if you need help finding the alley and unloading. We have access to wagons for unloading and can get help if we need it.

Arrive anytime after 11AM on Thursday May 30th and unload everything you need for your creative space. You won't check into your room till 3PM, but you can stow your luggage until then. Check out is 11AM on Sunday June 2nd. We need to clear out the sewing space by 11AM on Sunday.

Set-up for retreat room:

Each attendee gets a 5ft. table, chair, & power strip to call their own. Shared space will include two ironing stations and a few cutting stations complete with cutting mats, rulers, & rotary cutters. You will not need your own ironing tool or rotary cutting tools unless you want to bring a small size cutting mat, pressing mat, & small iron to use at your own table. I will have spray bottles for water.

What to bring for embroidery, sewing, quilting, & crafting retreat:

Bring your machine(s), power cord and foot control if needed, fabric, notions, & patterns for any projects you want to work on, plus any special tools you need to keep your creativity humming along while you are there. There are small cushions onsite for the chairs. Bring your own if you would like more support.

Make a list and check it twice :-) You can embroider, sew, quilt, craft on any project you like. I'm happy to help you in any way I can with your projects.

What about food? Complimentary coffee, tea, and water will be provided in our sewing space. I've listed some additional, popular eateries here on this page but I encourage you to explore the area according to your own personal tastes. You'll find downtown dining options [HERE](#). Also, Berlin is about 10minutes away and had options for food, including a great coffee house called Ginger House Coffee.

Feel free to bring your own snack items. We have a full size refrigerator and a microwave in the retreat room. It's a good idea to bring a re-fillable coffee/tea/water cup.

Retreat Schedule:

Come and go as you please. There are lots of sewing related places to visit (See list of suggestions on this page). We'll have an informal meet and greet on Thursday at 7:30PM when everyone is back from dinner.

Special Activity Schedule:

- Friday 7PM we have a special speaker. Please plan to be there! Jeri Fickes will do a trunk show of Sew Kind of Wonderful quilts, discuss techniques and more! Jeri has experience as a quilting judge and founder of HOPS, Honoring Our Patriot's Service program, benefitting veterans of Wayne.
- Optional: Saturday afternoon sew along making greeting cards on your embroidery machine. I'll have card making supplies available for you to use with your 5" X 7" hoop if you want to sew along.
- Saturday 7:30PM Celebrate my June 3rd birthday with cupcakes! Absolutely NO Presents! As the saying goes, I don't want presents, only **YOUR presence** there with me!!!

You are on your own to come and go and sew your projects as you please. I only ask that you will gather as a group for our speaker on Friday at 7PM. Enjoy your get-away! Go to your room and take a nap, head out to the many wonderful places to visit in the area, eat at area restaurants, and spend time coming and going, settling in and out of your dedicated creative space as you please. Your sewing equipment and supplies can remain in the secure room while you're away.

Last but not least, here are some links and a list of some places you may want to visit. *This is by no means a complete list.* Do a search for places to visit in and around Holmes County and you will be on the internet for a long time :-). You'll get a goodie bag from the hotel with coupons for local places so you may want to pick that up before exploring and shopping as I can't guarantee what will be included. Please check business operation hours for anything listed here.

Area attractions:

[Historic Downtown Millersburg](#)- Our retreat is in the heart of downtown Millersburg. This link lists local shops, coffee houses, and eateries very near the hotel.

[Victorian House Museum & Millersburg Glass Museum](#) - (About 10 minutes away).

[Ernest Warther Museum & Gardens](#) - Woodcarving, Button Display & 1910 House & Garden (If this interests you, it is about 40 minutes away from our hotel location).

[Guggisberg Cheese Factory](#) - Home of the original Baby Swiss Cheese (About 15 minutes away).

[Sol's Arts & Crafts Extravaganza](#) - Arts & Crafts Mall with flea market style booths and new items too. Three stores in one place, Sol's Palace, Sol's Exchange, and Sol's Kit-N-Kaboodle are brimming with an exciting assortment of crafts.

Walmart - Millersburg Supercenter 1640 S Washington St, Millersburg, OH 44654 (About 5 minutes away). Not exactly an attraction but if you need something it's nice to know it's just minutes from the hotel.

Sewing Shops, etc:

- [*Somewhere Sewing](#) - Over 10,000 bolts of fabric, notions, embroidery designs, and Brother/Babylock dealership. (About 10 minutes away).
 - [*Millers Dry Goods](#) - LOTS of fabric, patterns, notions, etc.! (About 15 minutes away).
 - [Lone Star Quilt Shop](#) - Small but interesting shop Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LoneStarQuiltShop> (About 15 minutes away).
 - [*Zinks Fabric Outlet](#)- Huge, well stocked store with all kinds of fabrics. Don't miss a visit to Zinks. You never know what you'll find here! Fun for bargain hunting!
 - [*Helping Hands Quilt Shop](#) - Large, well stocked quilt shop in quaint Berlin (About 10 minutes away).
 - [Sheiyah Market](#) in Berlin - Explore 3 floors of a once working dairy barn. You will find a wide variety of home decor, a trendy boutique, jewelry, accent furniture, kitchenware, children's boutique and toys. Brands include Pandora, Brighton, BedStu, Vera Bradley, and Tribal. Buggy Brew Coffee Co. inside. This was a popular Non-sewing destination for retreat guests in 2023.
 - [*Plaid Sheep Company](#) - Fabrics, patterns, hand embroidery supplies and much more in this beautiful and inspiring store. In Schrock's Village, about 15 minutes from hotel.
 - [Weaver Leather Supply](#) - Leathercrafting supplies perfect for fueling the creative spirit of both beginners and experienced artisans. (About 10 minutes away).
 - Charm Fabrics & Clothing - Amish owned shop not far from Millers Dry Goods. Visit if you want to see traditional Amish clothing & fabrics.
 - Alabaster Mouse - Fabric, notions, home Decor, antiques, etc. Facebook page:<https://www.facebook.com/thealabastermouse/>
- * Indicates some of my personal favorites.**

A few additional food options:

[Ginger House Coffee & Eatery](#) - Vegetarian options, Berlin (About 10 minutes away).

[Berlin Farmstead](#) - Amish style meals & buffet (About 15 minutes away).

[Der Dutchman](#) - Amish Style meals (About 20 minutes away).

Miller's Bakery - Doughnuts, cream sticks, twists, fritters, breads, pies, cookies, tarts, noodles, fry pies, and more. 4280 Township Road 356 Millersburg, OH 44654 (About 10 minutes away).

[Troyer's Country Market](#) (About 15 minutes away).

Note: I have not eaten at all of these places but they are popular in the area. I suggest asking hotel staff and our retreat friends from 2023 for additional local favorites for lunch and dinner options.

More tourist info at VisitAmishCountry.com. You can download a map and visitors guide on that site.

Questions? You can reach me at home (440-392-2010) or mobile/text (440-231-3296). Can't wait to see you all at the retreat!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne". The letter "J" is written in red, while the rest of the name is in black ink.