

Hey Ladies,

Well I have made it back from my very first vacation alone in 28 years, I have a daughter with CP who is in a wheelchair and she is finally to a point in her life where I now can live a life for me, with the help from a friend Renee who lives with us. Ok enough about that.

I flew to Tennessee to the butterfly Meadow Inn and Farm and had my workshop with Fran and to my surprise I was the only one in the class.

Fran was just the greatest! From the time I got the email saying that there was a workshop all I could say was that I wanted to pick Fran's brain about how she became a CI for Quiltworx among a million other things along with learning as much as I could in a short amount of time. Fran was awesome, she answered all of my questions, helped me to understand some of the things that I had been having trouble with on my own at home with the Flowers For My Garden Wedding Ring that I am working on and gave me great suggestions that I could use when I become a CI myself. That has always been my desire so having Fran to myself for my first class was a dream come true, I still stand in amazement at the fact that I had all of the time to myself.

I can't even begin to tell you how important my time with Fran was, I had even gone so far as to call Carolyn at the Inn before I left Calif. and ask that my table to be at the front of the room by the window so I could concentrate and absorb everything that Fran had to offer thinking that the class would be full. And here I get her all to myself with a guided tour to her shop to meet her crew and a tour around the town.

I already have my next workshop paid in full with Fran in November at the end of this year. I have my card in hand ready to sign up for Fran's Retreat #3 in September 2014 with Judy next year God willing I get in. I would love to squeeze in another workshop with Fran mid 2014 if she is having one. Wow 4 vacations in 2 years is that not something to look forward too?

Judel, you were right when you said to me "distance provides focus" when it came to me going from Calif. to Tennessee for a workshop, you couldn't have been more on the money than that. Your phrase comes to mind often thru out the day. Thank you for such wisdom it has helped me greatly.

Thank you again

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