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Quiltworx 100 Lincoln Lane Kalispell, MT 59801

Dear Judy,

I recently attended Always Quilting Paradise in Blooms retreat at the Quiltworx retreat house by the lake, it was fabulous. This was Julie and Kit's first time hosting a retreat in the beautiful Kalispell area; this was so relaxing. Julie and Kit did so many things to make it stress free, the smiles and hugs when we first met to the upbeat personalities all week; they had brought extra supplies in case we needed them. It was the ideal atmosphere to sew in, I can't think of a better place to be. Julie, Kit, and Evelyn planned delicious home cooked meals prepared by Evelyn and her husband, yummy, yummy. The smiles and the views of the lake first thing in the morning made everything more enjoyable. Julie and Kit always made sure to ask if we needed anything and were there to help and made it fun; they put in long days every day. Julie and Kit took us to the local quilt shops and to your office, Quiltworx, where all the fun comes from. I was impressed on how the organization you teach when we sew your creations, is also followed in your warehouse. You walk the talk and it makes a very complex pattern much easier.

Kathi Carter Sweet taught the class and we worked on her conceptualization of "Paradise in Blooms"; the colors were so beautiful and Kathi was on top of her game. She gave us one on one and was right there when we needed her; Kathi put in twelve hour days and was still so willing to make sure each of us got it right. Kathi shared some of her creativity with us and it will be fun to use those concepts on our quilts.

Always Quilting was always there for us; Julie and Kit, we all really enjoyed ourselves – wait to see our beautiful creations. Thanks Always Quilting for a GREAT week.

I look forward to attending more events with Always Quilting and Kathi Carter Sweet. Thanks Judy for running a top notch organization.

Warm regards,

Ruth Wernicke