Road Trip! Finding Fabric with Mary Sue Fenner

The Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts is pleased to team up with Mary Sue Fenner for a motorcoach tour in search of fabric and fiber inspiration. If you’ve taken a class with Mary Sue, you know she uses great fabric and embellishments. (And if you don’t know Mary Sue, come on along and get to know her as she shares her talents and sources.) Join us as we travel to Minnesota this summer to visit some of Mary Sue’s favorite fabric suppliers.

Our tentative agenda (we say tentative because we may add some treats before June!):

We will depart Monday morning, **June 19** with three pickup points (9am Brookfield, ~945am Grafton, ~1145am Ashwaubenon). Bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy as we amble west towards our first fabric nirvana of the trip, the 15,000 square foot SR Harris in Burnsville, MN. SR Harris Fabric Outlet has been supplying fabrics of exceptional quality and value since 1966. Whether your interest is Home Dec, Fashion, or Quilting, you are sure to find the perfect fabric for your needs here. (srharrisfabric.com) We will then head to our home for the next few days, the Country Inn & Suites by Carlson, Mall of America. That’s right, Mall of America. We will arrive by dinner time so you will have all evening to shop, dine, and otherwise prepare for the days ahead. (www.countryinns.com/bloomington-hotel-mn-55425/mnbloomi and mallofamerica.com)

On Tuesday, **June 20** we will leave around 8am to visit the second (larger) SR Harris location in Brooklyn Park. This store is 30,000 sf, a great way to kick off a day of all things fabric! Afterwards, we will stop in the University of Minnesota area where you can grab a bite to eat (on your own) at any of the local restaurants (a map with dining options will be provided). Following lunch, we visit the Minnesota Textile Center and enjoy a one-hour tour (textilecentermn.org). One more fiber stop to tempt you with their wares, Treadle Yard Goods in St Paul (treadleyardgoods.com). We will return to the hotel at dinner time. Enjoy dinner on your own and the evening as you wish. (Mall of America, IKEA, MN Aquarium, Twins/White Sox game, hotel pools, so much to do!)

On Wednesday, **June 21**, we will drive north to the Brainerd/Baxter area to visit Cherrywood Hand Dyed Fabrics’ Dye Shop! If you don’t know Cherrywood, you are in for a real treat (cherrywoodfabrics.com). Karla and her team produce some of the lushest, hand-dyed fabric to be found, it looks and feels like suede! They are also the creators of the Cherrywood Challenge (Wicked, Lion King, Van Gogh). You better have room in your suitcase! We will also visit Colorz for Quilts, a local shop that is the official retailer of all things Cherrywood. We will stop for lunch on your own in an area with multiple offerings, again, a list of options will be provided. We will arrive back at our hotel at dinner time for another evening to explore (or rest).

Registration form on reverse

Mail registration to:
Journeys & Gatherings
2060 Hawthorne Drive
Elm Grove, WI 53122
Just that quick, our road trip comes to an end. On Thursday morning, June 22, we will depart the hotel and drive south to Faribault, MN for a tour of the Faribault Woolen Mill Co. (faribaultmill.com). Founded in 1865, Faribault woolens are renowned for their comfort and quality. You can be sure there will be some shopping here, too, before we begin our trek home. We will enjoy a box lunch and a rest stop along the way, arriving in Ashwaubenon around 430pm. Our last drop off should be around 7pm in Brookfield.

**Hotel Features:**
Free shuttle to Mall of America, access to light rail station for trips into downtown, complimentary hot breakfast, free internet access, two heated indoor pools, fitness center.

**Cost:** $425 per person, double occupancy
Included: three hot breakfasts, hotel room w/ double occupancy, motorcoach transportation, basic driver gratuity, box lunch on Thursday, tour fees, host Mary Sue Fenner, group coordinator, and whatever fun items we can add along the way!
Additional expenditures: dinners, lunches except Thursday, shopping, activities outside the tour itinerary, single occupancy if desired.

**Fine Print:**
- Single Occupancy - add $275.00
- Itinerary adjustments may occur due to new discoveries or requests of the providers.
- Precise times and pickup location details will be provided in May.
- Motorcoach has restroom. Motorcoach does not have ADA/wheelchair capabilities.
- Luggage allowance - one suitcase and one carry on per person (floor/overhead space is limited).
- We will pass the hat for additional driver gratuity.
- Roommates will not be randomly assigned. If you need help finding a roommate, we will put you in touch with others requesting one to work out compatibility.
- Refunds will be issued if canceled prior to May 8. Cancellations received after May 8 will receive a refund if another participant can be found to take your place.

**Registration:**
Deposit of $150 due with initial reservation Balance due May 8, 2017

Questions???
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Name: _______________________________ Roommate ____________________ ☐ single
Phone: _______________________________ email: ____________________________

Signature (required):
By my signature, I certify participation in the event and accept the payment and cancellation terms.

Pickup Point:  ☐ Brookfield  ☐ Grafton  ☐ Ashwaubenon

Payment:  ☐ Check (payable to Journeys & Gatherings)  
☐ Credit Card +$10 processing fee (total $435 double, $710 single) MC VI DS

Card No: ___________________________ Exp: _______ Security Code: _____

Requests/Special Needs: __________________________________________________________
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