

Lana's Quilts provides fabrics, experience

Tucked away just 13 miles south of Cleveland on the Georgia and Tennessee line is a new find for not only area quilters, but also anyone interested in local history.

A 42-acre family owned farm there since 1921 sits next to Red Clay State Park, in southern Bradley County.

A winding creek runs through the property fed from the same spring located in Red Clay State Park, an historic landmark for the Cherokee Indians.

An unoccupied house on the farm has been transformed into a quilt shop — Lana's Quilts and Sew Much More.

Inside, one can find several rooms filled with quilters' fabrics for sale, a long-arm quilting machine to machine quilt for customers, and a large work area that holds classes for area quilters.

The ladies seem to enjoy shopping for fabrics and sharing quilting ideas while the men seem to gather on the front porch in the rocking chairs enjoying the beautiful scenery.

On any given day, wild turkeys can be seen strolling across the acreage, or maybe even a few chickens free ranging in the garden area in the front yard.

Owners Larry and Lana Masengill have owned the family farm since 1979. They have raised two children there, numerous cattle, chickens, and years of fresh fruit and vegetables. The farm was previously owned by Larry's grandparents and great-grandparents.

After retiring from a local dental office, Lana decided to open a quilt shop on the farm.

"Lana's Quilts and Sew Much More is something I wanted to do to help other quilters have a place to come and gather together in a homelike atmosphere with no pressure, and learn the art of quilting," she said.

"It is my dream come true, and I love meeting other quilters and sharing ideas and having the privilege to be of service to other quilters."

Since the shop opened in January 2012, Masengill has expanded the fabric lines. The shop plans to continue its growth and service to the "ever-growing quilting family."

She noted the business offers custom service to customers as well as custom hours for customers.

The shop offers a "Second Saturday Sew In" each month, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Regular hours at the shop are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For special hours or information, call 423-715-1880.

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