

A Cold & Stormy Night

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clearly perfect angles

Brrr...between the snow and cold, we are having to find things to keep us busy inside. So besides picking up knitting needles and doing some quilting, we finally got our Christmas present working.

It feels so good to get warm. We are also hoping the health benefits are true. Do any of you use a sauna?

I know I have been away for awhile. Not sure there is an excuse or that I'm any more busy than the rest of you. But does misplacing my camera from after New Year's Eve until just a week ago count???? Anyway, this blog is going to be just a quick look back & forward.

Getting together with friends is so enjoyable. The Woolies exchanged snowmen gift and the Groupies got together for dinner and a scarf exchange. The weather played havoc with travel for my youngest son, his girlfriend and my brother's family. It was a very quiet couple days with just our oldest son and his wife. It's pretty obvious that next Christmas will be more fun with a little one around

Isn't our lab, Bella, cute? She was just snuggling with Annie on the floor and took over the pillow when she got up.

For New Year's Eve we did something a little different for us. And no, it was a bit more exciting than making it to midnight (although, we haven't made it some years!). Our local hospital put on a fundraising gala. The theme was a Night in Paris. The Groupies took up two tables and we had a great time even if we didn't win the trip to France!

After the holiday rush I treated myself to a quilting retreat at a house in Waconia, MN. Now, to only have had my camera for that because this was a group of Minnesota quilt designers. Gudrun (GE Designes), Terry (Atkinson Designs), Celine

(Perkin's Dry Goods), Jamie (Scrap Bags), Sherri (This 'n That), Lorri (Bean Counter Quilts) & a talented young man, Doug (Antler Quilt Designs). It was like any other retreat: stayed up late, laughed, ate too much, and didn't get as much done as I had hoped.

I've kept busy with other projects like submitting a book proposal (keep your fingers crossed for me), doing a trunk show in Brainerd (Pinetree Quilt Guild), and making the bedding & valance for the baby's room.

I also hosted the Woolies last week. Not a good time to not have a camera. What talented women they are!!!! I made a yummy Walnut Pear Coffee Cake.

This virtual cake is from All Recipe's website and you can click [here](#) to get the recipe. Try it!

My latest and most enjoyable project has been knitting this little sweater for the grand babe! Hopefully, you can see how it's going to look when it's done. Her due date is in 3 days... please keep everyone in your prayers! AND, I better keep at this so it's done before she gets here!!

Well, this post has been kind of a hodgepodge... looking back and looking forward. I don't, however, think it is too late to wish you all...