

Calendar of events for 50th Anniversary Celebration

January

- Customer appreciation day at all three stores, January 19

February

- February 27, 11 a.m. – Dan Alonso, Forum speaker at Bluffton University
 - “Designing the Future of Fair Trade Retail in the U.S.” – The fair trade advocate shares his journey of volunteer service to his leadership role for an organization that transforms the lives of artisans around the world.

March

- March 10, 2 p.m. Style show “Celebrating Fifty Years of Fashion”
 - Location – Bluffton Middle school Cafetorium
- Tickets, \$5 per person
 - Presale at shops and Committee members will sell ahead of time
- Silent auction of purses
- Refreshments

May

- Customer appreciation day

June

- Garden walk, June 29 and 30, 1-5 p.m. each day
 - Cost for event, \$5 per person
- Activities at sites
 - TTV artisans’ stories
 - Trunk sale - Garden items from Ten Thousand Villages, Et Cetera, and Book Reviews
 - MCC stories, 2-4 p.m. at one site
 - Tentative, donations sales of puzzles, books and gardening tools

August

- Customer appreciation day

October

- MCC Comforter Bash
 - Arthur/Lugibihl Center in Pandora
- Snacks and lunch served
 - Soup, Women’s Bean Project soup
 - TTV Coffee
- Trunk sale of items from all stores
 - Quilting books from Book Reviews
 - Fabric/notions from Et Cetera Shop
 - Items from TTV

November

- Float, Blaze of Lights, Bluffton

December

- Thursday, December 12, Community worship service, 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church
 - Celebration of Thanksgiving
- Saturday, Dec. 14 Redo, Renew, Repurpose, 1-5 p.m. BFR lobby
 - Leading up to the event, children in the BFR afterschool and Saturday programs will create items with repurposed materials.
 - During the event, children’s projects will be displayed
 - People who do repurposing projects are invited to display their works
 - Display will be limited to a card-table sized display area
 - Trunk sale with items from Ten Thousand Villages made from repurposed materials will be displayed and for sale.