

2024 Education Schedule Bio & Class Descriptions

10:00 am Large Classroom Studio R Quilts

Rebecca Lidstrom, Studio R Quilts

Rebecca Lidstrom is the founder and creative force behind Studio R Quilts in Madison, WI. She is an enthusiastic quilter, designer, and instructor with over 17 years of quilting experience.

Simple Design Choices, Complex Looking Quilts

Rebecca will reveal tips and tricks that you can use to make a quilt look more complex and dynamic using simple design changes that are easy to incorporate into your quilting.

11:00 am Large Classroom

Carol Pilgrim

Carol Pilgrim is a Collector of Antique and Vintage quilts. Carol was inspired to collect quilts after receiving an old family quilt likely made by her Great-Grandmother.

History of Quilts

Carol's will share her love of quilts and pass along some tips she has learned through her journey.

12:00 pm Large Classroom

Patricia Simons, Quilters Rule

Patricia Simons of Quilters Rule has created techniques for moving templates that allow anyone to create their own stitching patterns. Whether you are a long-armed, home machine quilter, hand-quilter, or general crafter, these techniques can be used to create your own designs and help you develop your own style and expertise.

Templates/Rulers and Machine Quilting: A Primer Course

Are you ready to take the next step beyond stitching in the ditch and meandering with your home machine? Or perhaps you have a mid- or long-arm machine and you want to try using templates (aka rulers)? Find out why templates are made out of different thicknesses and get strategies for achieving really small or good points.

1:00 pm Large Classroom

Joan Cain

Joan Cain is a long time quilter and founder of the Lakeshore Modern Quilt Guild. She has a love for color and a passion to make quilting quick, easy, and accessible for all. She lectures at Guilds and shows all over the Midwest.

Get on the Orphan Train

Are you awash in scraps? Have orphan blocks cluttering your closets? Learn to use and love Orphan blocks, and get a step by step discussion of how to use those blocks and scraps in a stunning, modern quilt!

2:00 pm Large Classroom

Rona Herman, aka Rona the Ribbiter

Rona Herman, aka Rona the Ribbiter, began adding quilting adventures to her long list of travel destinations after teaching herself to quilt. Rona's unique pattern style of pairing traditional quilt block piecing with a modern look and utilizing direction and fabric placement allows her to combine both her love of art and mathematics.

Tips for the Traveling Quilter

Based on her book, Rona has developed a fun and interactive lecture and trunk show where she gives away all her best secrets and tips for the roads we quilters travel. From Budgeting to Safety, Destinations to Air Travel, and a few funny shenanigans along the way, there's something for everyone in this interactive lecture.

10:30 am Small Classroom

Darcy Fox, Dandelion Quilt Studio

Darcy has been inspired to quilt by her Great-Grandmother's amazing work and the rich tradition of quilting. Her modern quilt patterns can be found in her Dandelion Quilt Studio Etsy shop.

Creating a quilt pattern with basic tools

Basic tools and a photo app can help formulate a plan of action for your own original quilt pattern design. She will teach you her design process and inspiration. By playing with pretty paper, making traditional units, and arranging then rearranging into blocks, you too can create your very own pattern.

11:30 am Small Classroom

Kari Bender, Needle Workshop-Quilting Workshop

Kari Bender of Needle Workshop/Quilting Workshop is a graduate of UW-Madison with a degree in Textiles and Clothing, and a graduate of UW-Stevens Point with a teaching certificate

in Family and Consumer Education. She purchased the Needle Workshop in 1993 and opened the Quilting Workshop in 2002.

So You Want to be a Fabric Buyer

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a fabric buyer? Or what goes into buying fabric for your local shop? Join Kari and discover what it is like to make decisions and how the process works. You'll be surprised at how many fabric choices we make each year! We will also cover any other questions you have about owning your own shop.

12:30 pm Small Classroom Judy Sommerfield-Fox

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Judy's mother-in-law taught her to quilt over 20 years ago, and she was hooked. She started working in a small local quilt shop, but her career called her into the corporate world. But things don't always go how you want. Downsized and feeling too old to start over, her husband suggested she go to the quilt shop she worked at and ask if they would sell it to her. And the rest is history.

Sewing with Cuddle and Minky Fabrics

Have you always wanted to use Cuddle and Minky fabric? Judy will show you how to sew with these soft, plush fabrics.

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Dancing with Templates/Rulers

Are you ready to quilt your UFOs using templates? Or you've got the "ruler foot," but you don't understand how to use the templates with the foot? Come learn four basic movement techniques to create a wealth of designs and use simple shapes to create fascinating designs. Great for all quilters. Come Dancing with me...even if you have two left feet!

2:30 pm Small Classroom

Nancy Pietrowaik

Nancy Petrowiak has a background in Retail Management/Clothing, Textile & Design from UW-Stout. She has been sewing since 1970 and is primarily self-taught. Nancy is a member of the Ties That Bind Quilt Guild and Quilter with Scrapaholic Tendencies.

Make Your Stash Work for YOU

Do you have any extra material? Nancy will show us what we can do with this stash to create new quilts.