

## Lectures & Programs

I offer lectures and programs on a variety of topics, following is a list of the most popular ones I have in my repertoire. I also have given presentations by 'special request' on topics that fall within my realm of knowledge; some of these have been included in the list below.

**The Principles of Landscape Quilting:** This presentation covers the process of creating effective landscape quilts. The digital portion of the program presents images of landscapes with interesting natural features and examples of how those effects can be achieved in fabric. The lecture includes a trunk show of a variety of my landscape quilts.

**The Art and Craft of Quilting:** This lecture focuses on the quilting – both hand and machine – that is the final stage of a quilt. Proper tools, materials and design resources are covered in a digital presentation followed by a trunk show of some of my work where the quilted stitchery is of particular emphasis.

**Transcending the Vision:** Ideas are like visions, but a beautiful quilt needs a construction plan as well as an inspiration. After the inspiration comes the task of creating working drawings, selecting appropriate techniques and materials and then making the actual quilt. This process is the topic of this presentation that includes a step by step journey through the making of my award winning quilt – The Captain's Wife.

**Confessions of a Self-Taught Quilter:** We all have to start somewhere and my early years of quilting were humble indeed. In the beginning, I stumbled through learning to quilt by trial and error with an emphasis on error. This humorous trunk show features some of my earliest quilts and my evolution from an inept albeit enthusiastic 'stitcher' to a nimble fingered artisan. Due to the weight of the trunk show quilts, this presentation is limited to venues within driving distance though a digital presentation could be arranged for.

**Color Talk:** This program covers Color Theory and basic concepts such as value, saturation proportional color and how they can contribute to a quilt you absolutely love or make for a major disappointment. Methods of selecting color schemes from a color wheel along with a few other novel approaches round out the presentation as does a trunk show of quilts illustrating color formulas in action.

**Art Journal Quilts:** These random acts of beauty are explorations into the artistic side of quilting and fiber art delving into techniques like stenciling, printing, beading, embroidery, along with design challenges. The trunk show covers a wide variety of projects created to experiment with the less traditional methods of quilt-making.

**Global Dances:** A good portion of my work is influenced by the art and myth of other cultures. Some are inspired by ethnic designs while others incorporate traditional ethnic techniques. This is a trunk show and lecture of my works that were created from my deep love and respect for the arts and folklore of far-reaching places and civilizations.

**Asian Fabrics - A Passionate Fabric Lover's Guide:** We all love fabrics but Asian fabrics are a particular favorite of mine. Shibori, Katazome, Kasuri, Sakiyori and imported quilters cottons and silks... I love them all. This presentation will provide an overview on various fabric production methods and includes a smorgasbord of fabrics to touch and fondle. A trunk show of Asian inspired quilts can be included upon request.

**Garden Cats 101:** This program evolved from a special request to give a talk about my popular pattern series - Garden Patch Cats™. More than just a trunk show, this presentation covers the cats' creation and personalities, their care and 'feeding' – each fruit and vegetable inspired cat pattern features a

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recipe for the fruit or vegetable in question – and tips for the construction of these charming whimsical quilts.