

Fall HandiQuilter Educator Weekend

With Mary Fisher

October 26,27,28, 2018

Cost: \$ 110 entire day/\$60 single class/\$280 for entire weekend. This will include lunch if you opt for the full day of classes.

Supplies suggested: notebook to take notes/pencils. You must have your laptop and ProStitcher Simulator loaded on your laptop for the ProStitcher classes.

3 BS – BACKGROUNDS, BORDERS AND BLOCKS / *Friday 9:30-12:30*

Blocks, backgrounds, and borders – these are the basic components of many pieced quilt tops, and there are tricks to quilting them with a cohesive overall look, while creating your own personal style. Learn how to select and adapt designs to complement each area, and how to accomplish the quilting efficiently and easily. Tried and true fillers and “go-to” designs will be featured.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Creating a step-by-step plan for custom quilting your quilt.
- Adapt block designs for borders and sashings
- How to handle quilting spaces wider than the frame
- How to create background fills and when to use them
- How to audition, resize, and adapt quilting designs

QUILTING BEYOND THE DESIGN/ *Friday 2:00- 5:30*

Begin with a basic design from a stencil, a ruler or template, an applique, a fabric print, a cookie cutter or a shape you draw yourself. Then, learn to transform that design from basic to spectacular by extending, expanding, and adding secondary designs, repeats, fills and special effects. Learn marking techniques and tools for applying designs to quilt tops.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- How to mark and use stencils as design foundations
- How to transfer doodles from paper to quilting
- Enhance a design with fillers and embellishments
- Use marked grids as a design foundation and road map
- Draw inspiration from fabric prints

CREATIVE TEXTURES AND FILLS/ *Saturday 9:30-12:30*

Meandering is the easiest and most common filler for background space – but there are countless other creative design elements to use instead. Come expand your design portfolio by learning the stitch path of a wide variety of creative filler designs. Learn which designs lend themselves best to micro-quilting, and how to use Micro Handles for best results.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Select appropriate fills to complement design style
- Create special effects with different fillers
- Scale the fill design size appropriately
- Evenly place and space fills
- Effectively use HQ Micro Handles

INTRODUCTION TO THE HQ PRO-STITCHER /*Saturday 2:00-5:30*

This class is designed to entice new buyers and set the stage for new owners.

HQ Pro-Stitcher is an intuitive computer-guided quilting system designed especially for use with Handi Quilter longarm quilting machines. User-friendly and simple to operate, the step-by-step process for each function is easy and fun. Whether finishing your own quilts or considering a quilting business, come see the elegant and precise quilting you can accomplish with an HQ Pro-Stitcher.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Drop a block design using Skew and Resize, XForm and Align
- Demonstration of the HQ Pro-Stitcher Simulator
- What's the difference between Reposition, Nudge and Drag and Drop
- The many ways to describe an Area on your quilt
- Using Skew 1 vs Skew 2
- Set up, crop, wrap and advance edge-to-edge designs
- Quilt straight lines the easy way with Move and Channel Locks

PROGRESSIVE QUILTING WITH THE HQ PRO-STITCHER /*Sunday 9:30-5:30*

Mary is going to open her bag of tricks and share ways to take designs found in the ProStitcher program, break them apart and put them together in new ways. Begin to create your own library of designs. You will be amazed with the designs you can personalize and make your own to create custom quilts.

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