

I'd love to lecture or teach at your guild!



Karen Brow-Meier  
Designer and Teacher for Java House Quilts

*If the below is relevant to your guild, please pass it to your programs coordinator -- Thank you!*

### Biography:

As a pattern and textile designer for over 20 years, I specialize in animal themes with both pieced and appliquéd blocks. My quilts are unique, lively and happy with a subtle sense of humor. I create animals with *personality over realism*.

My work has appeared in national magazines, books, calendars and catalogues, and at AQS, Quilt market, Quilt Festival, Pacific international and Road To California shows. Currently, I am working on a second line of fabrics with Hoffman California with whom I regularly collaborate for quilt models and new designs.

I teach the concept of color *balance* (makes a quilt "sing!") rather than color wheel theory. I find this is a less mathematical and more accessible way for many of us to think about quilt colors. My students also learn to create dramatic movement with images running over, under and through blocks and borders. I believe in using **the right pieces** instead of **the most pieces** when it comes to appliqué and creating designs with inventive construction and surprises which enhance the beauty of any piece.

I have been lecturing and teaching workshops for over twelve years at guilds and conferences across the US, throughout California, and on cruise ships! I so enjoy the company of other quilters and work enthusiastically to make classes interesting, informative and enjoyable, with individual attention and encouragement for students of all skill levels.

### Education & Work:

With a BA from Michigan State University, I have worked as a professional graphic designer, cartoon illustrator and Communications Specialist for the MSU College of Agriculture before quilting "arrested" me in 1995. A year later, I began authoring patterns under the name of *Java House Quilts* and today have over 60 designs in publication.

### National Publications Shows & Conferences:

Quilter's Digest	AQS 2019 Calendar	Quilter's Home Magazine
McCall's Quick Quilts	American Quilt Retailer	Chicago Quilt Festival
Quilts With Style	The Quilter Magazine	Houston Quilt Market
Keepsake Quilting	Nancy's Notions	Houston Quilt Festival
Annie's Quilting		
Pacific International Quilt Show & Conference		Road To California Quilt Show & Conference
AQS Quilt Show & Conference, Tennessee		Quiltmaker's 100 Blocks From Top Designers

### Scheduling & Questions:

For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact me at [javahousequilts.com/contact](http://javahousequilts.com/contact) or leave a voice message at (760) 845-3722.

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