

2019 Lectures Offered

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"Cut, Copy, Paste- Design Your Own Fabric Line!"

Learn what it takes, what's involved and what it's worth

Currently working on my second line of fabrics, with Hoffman California, I have been amazed by industry changes today, enabling more people than ever to actually design fabrics and have them professionally printed. Even those with minimal art instruction can have fabric printed from their own designs, a grandchild's art, filtered photographs and much more. Due to the introduction of economical digital printing methods, online sites like Spoonflower can print your own fabric designs with minimums as little as one yard!

Whether you're a Photoshop wiz or not it' can be surprisingly uncomplicated to go from inspiration to design to yardage and I'd love to show you where to begin!

"Creature Candy- Are Your Quilts Alive?"

Make irresistibly lively, truly special quilts!

By including just one or several animal blocks you can add that joyful personality and charm to your next project.

This lecture and trunk show gives inspiration and ideas for incorporating lively animal blocks into virtually any pattern from appliquéd octopuses and hedgehogs to pieced foxes and turtles. Make a traditional, contemporary or even modern quilt come to life with just a little extra time, a clever block or two and a little "creature candy!"

"Leggo My Log Cabin"

Don't abandon that classic block pattern!

But how do we insure the next generation (*our grandchildren!*) will truly love, actually use and always treasure the quilts we make for them today?

With just a few adjustments and color changes we can easily update our quilting style to appeal to our younger loved ones. This trunk show will help you make "more current" looking quilts and show you it's possible to adapt a traditional pattern or block for greater appeal today, simply by using current fabrics and modern touches.

Textiles and trends may change, but our traditional quilt blocks can remain relevant, beautiful and cherished through time by those we love,

"The Science Of Exceptional Quilts"

Beauty, Creativity & The Brains Behind Innovation

What makes a quilt truly exceptional? Do we even agree on what beauty is?

This lecture is about creativity, inspiration and motivation. Where do good ideas come from? Are crazy people more creative or is a bit of melancholy actually more helpful? Does room color, time of day or limitations affect our ability to create our best quilts?

This fascinating subject is the benefit of much scientific research and, viewed through the lens and experiences of a quilter, sheds new light on how we create, solve quilting problems and ultimately do our best work.