

Stafford Piecemakers 2009 Calendar

12 January - Overcoming Quilter's Block: Jumpstart Your Creativity by Cyndi Zacheis Souder

Where do quilt ideas come from? Actually, they're all around you. In this lecture, she will show some of her own quilts and talk about where the ideas came from. Cyndi will also share some tricks and tips to jumpstart your creativity. The only problem we'll have is deciding what to try first! (Cyndi presented this lecture as part of the SAQA Lecture Series at the 2007 International Quilt Festival in Houston.)

9 February - Turning Twenty with Fat Eighths: A STAR Quilt Program sponsored by A Fabric Oasis and Pam Crosby.

Be sure to bring your machines and all your sewing tools.

9 March - Lecture and Slide Show on the International Quilt Study Center & Museum by Beth Price

The International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) was formed in 1997 as a result of the generous gift of nearly 950 quilts from the Ardis & Robert James Collection, along with a substantial pledge of financial support. As a result of the James' generosity and vision, the International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was formed. The Center's mission is to collect, preserve, study, exhibit, and promote discovery of quilts and quilting traditions from many cultures, countries, and times.

Today the International Quilt Study Center collection totals over 2300 quilts. The Center is a leader in quilt studies, and has produced the following publications: "Masterpiece Quilts from the James Collection" (Nihon Vogue, 1998), "A Flowering of Quilts" (University of Nebraska Press, 2001), "Amish Crib Quilts from the Midwest" (GoodBooks, 2003) and "Wild by Design: Two Hundred Years of Innovation and Artistry in American Quilts" (University of Washington Press, 2003). The International Quilt Study Center and Museum is an architecturally stunning new museum in which its curators mount superb exhibitions, and a state-of-the-art digital gallery for visitors.

13 April - Shortcuts from a Short Woman by Debby Kravotil

This is a trunk show bursting with tips, tricks, shortcuts and a variety of innovations that will satisfy any quilter. Debby demonstrates traditional blocks made with non-traditional methods. With about 20 quilts she shows quick ways to create Drunkard's Path, Winding Ways, LeMoyne Stars and Carpenter's Wheel sewn without set-in seams, Dresden Plates, Folded Flowers from Hexagons. She also introduces Coffee Filter Quilting, her own methods for Raw Edge Appliqué, quick paper piecing with Ultra Suede.

Debby Kravotil has been Special Projects Editor with QUILT Magazine for the past 15 years, with over 600 articles published. In 2006 alone, she saw 54 of her quilts published, with another dozen sewn for major fabric companies. She has seen 25 of her quilts make the cover of quilting magazines, with 9 covers in 2006 alone.

11 May - Elections

8 June - Big Board Workshop by Debbie Noble

Build your own big board or if you already have one, team up to help someone else and enjoy the company of other quilters.

13 July - Keepsake Quilting Challenge Quilts

Enjoy viewing first and second place winners from ten Challenge contests.

10 August - TBD

14 September - Hankie Play by Ann Littleton

This program is a trunk show of dozens of ways hankies can be incorporated into quilts, wall hangings, pillows, pictures, and many other items. Everyone should bring a hankie to play with during the program. If you have a hankie collection or story please bring it for the "show and tell" portion of t