2026 Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild Programs

January Zoom



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I am a Brit who now lives in (and loves) Oklahoma. I started making quilts 19 years ago, but didn't fully love the entire process until I discovered pixel quilts.

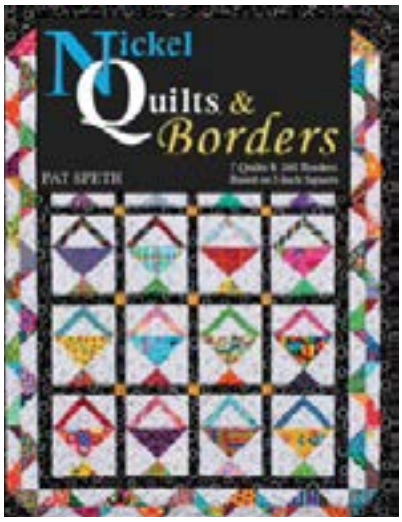
Pixel quilts are now my main passion and I travel the world talking and teaching about all things pixels and how others can create their own pixel quilts.

MY PASSION FOR PIXELS
45 min–1 hour Powerpoint Presentation

- A brief journey of 19 years of quilts and finding my passion for pixel quilts.
- A walk through my most well-known pixel quilts and a brief story of the Queens Quilt
- An introduction into how I create pixel quilts
- How quilters can create their own and guidance on how to do it most effectively.

February Zoom





Pat Speth "The Nickel Quilt Lady"
https://patspeth.com/

Fabulous Nickel Borders Lecture

Turn a nice quilt into a WOW quilt by adding easy-to-piece Nickel Borders. In this lecture, we focus on easy-to-piece borders that are made from 5" squares. I will show many of my quilts that have pieced borders and walk you through my method of "auditioning" borders for a quilt.

We have all been there; the inside of the quilt top is done and now what do I do for a border. This lecture will give you many ideas to choose from and allow you to awaken a whole new level of creativity. I have loved designing pieced borders over the years and adding them to my quilts. My book, *Nickel Quilts & Borders* contains 260 pieced border ideas and I look forward to sharing many of them with you during the lecture!

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March

Business meeting in person along with some fun and games….yeah!!!

April



Jenni Grover
The Daily Creative

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The Daily Creative offers 30 ways to cultivate creativity in the mundane and build a robust daily creative habit. Whether you're a quilter who wants to mix up your process — or you just want every day to feel more exciting — The Daily Creative has you covered. Through intention and playfulness, you'll learn to see the world in new ways... and that will color your creative work forever.

Jenni usually teaches this as a one-hour lecture, but just for us, she's offering it as a 90-minute workshop. You'll get to ask lots of questions and work together on strategies to implement some of the ideas she offers.

Jenni Grover is a wellness coach for makers, author, quilter, and lover of rainbows. She cares deeply about the intersection of craft and health, coaching clients' physical, mental, social, creative, and spiritual concerns.

Jenni is also a past president of the Chicago Modern Quilt Guild, and a passionate craft journalist, having written for *Quiltfolk*, Craft Industry Alliance, SuzyQuilts.com and *Quiltmaker* magazine.

A lifelong writer, Jenni has more than 35 years of experience in print, broadcast, and online media. She has been a professional speaker since 1996.

Jenni has lived with multiple chronic illnesses and chronic pain since 1997 and has devoted much of her life to advocating for those like her. Her book *ChronicBabe 101: How to Craft an Incredible Life Beyond Illness* has helped countless folks feel better.

Jenni will bring a few copies of her book, which she'll autograph for you! She'll accept $20 cash or Venmo.

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May



Laura Wasilowski
https://laurawasilowski.com/
https://laurawasilowski.com/about-the-artist/

I Stitch, Therefore, I Am
The life of a stitcher as told in story and song.

Discover the artist's colorful life presented with slides of her narrative quilts like "Gus Cleans His Room" and "Nude Blue Chair Reclining". Learn what drives her to create quilts about a blue chair, garden implements, and unsung appliances. Or how an obsession with hand embroidery has triggered a series of whimsical houses in unusual neighborhoods. This intriguing biographical section is followed by information about the techniques used in creating her art quilts and hand embroideries. Also, a selection of tunes from the Chicago School of Fusing Bond Fire Songbook will be sung throughout the lecture by the intrepid lecturer.

Laura Wasilowski is a textile artist creating free-form hand embroideries and improvised art quilts. Working with her hand-dyed fabrics and threads, her artwork is narrative in nature and whimsical in style expressing her joy and love of making art.

Laura's art is collected and exhibited internationally and has appeared in multiple publications since her career began in 1992. She is also the author of 5 books on creating textile art and an online instructor with Creative Spark.

Living in Elgin, Illinois, she tends her garden, cares for her family, and creates small ceramic sculptures when not stitching her colorful fabrics.

Laura was the Keynote speaker at the 2025 Madison Quilt Show!

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June : Sweatshirt Palooza!

A fun choose-your-own-adventure to personalize and kick up a sweatshirt or two you have lying around not being used, need a refresh or even to cover up a well-worn area! Make a sweatshirt into a quilty jacket, try some fun reverse appliqué, repurpose a quilt, scraps or some quilt blocks, use puff paint and some yarn/floss….the possibilities are endless! If a sweatshirt is not calling your name, then try a bag, hat or a t-shirt!










July: Summer Picnic!

August 20th: 30th Anniversary Celebration
(1 week later than normal because of retreat)

September: Linda Lambert, see next page.

October: Last-minute planning &
prep for Nov. Quilt Show

November: Quilt Show time!!!!

December: Holiday Party!



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September:



Linda Lambert, Certified Laura Heine Instructor & Owner of Seamless Getaways Retreat
https://www.seamlessgetaways.com/

Collage Quilting & Your Health

Join me in this presentation to learn about Laura Heine's process of collage quilting. While creating your design, you will look at value, hues, and motifs to layer fabric while creating your collage quilt. Laura's designs are fun to create and you will look at fabric in a whole new way. You may even need a different type of stash!



Quilting is so much more than a hobby. IT IS THERAPY! Learning a new technique not only exercises your brain, but lowers blood pressure, helps fight depression, and strengthens pathways in your brain. I look forward to sharing the research that supports your favorite hobby.

About Linda: Linda has been a teacher for 39 years; teaching at the grade school, high school, and college levels. She has been honored with several awards for her teaching and community service. Linda is an entrepreneur at heart having owned an embroidery business for 15 years and currently as owner of Seamless Getaways Quilting Retreat in Forrest, IL.



She is a certified Laura Heine Collage Quilting instructor with advanced training with Laura; teaching at many quilt shops and guilds throughout Illinois and Indiana, while sharing her enthusiasm for collage quilting.

Having retired recently, she uses her teaching skills to share her love for collage quilting with quilters at quilt shops, retreats, and guilds. Linda considers teaching Laura's collage quilting techniques and sharing her quilting retreat with others as her encore career.

She enjoys hosting Sunday dinners for family and looks forward to sharing her passion for sewing, designing, and quilting with her two young granddaughters. Her goal is to make Seamless Getaways a special repeat retreat destination for quilters to create pieces of art and enjoy camaraderie with extraordinary people.