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“My Beginners” Workshop

3-day Teaching Workshop

Rancho Cordova, California

Presented by Cindy Needham

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I have been teaching Beginning Machine Quilting for almost 12 years. My classes are jam-packed with great information and handouts but students are sent on their way after only one six hour class to figure the rest out on their own.

I have had many requests to offer a multi-day class for my beginners and am happy to announce that it's finally going to happen! This will allow me oodles of time to provide great information on a variety of techniques and subjects and still be able to provide quality time at your machine. Each student will leave the workshop with a solid foundation in free motion quilting skills, knowledge in threads, tensions, workspace, design and so much more! Class will run from 9-5 each day with a 1-hour lunch break. The classroom will open again from 6-9ish if you would like to work on a personal project. I will also have my huge stash of stencils available for your use.

I am currently working with the Hotel Sierra in Rancho Cordova to house the retreaters for my design workshops. Their conference room and grounds will provide the perfect location for our group. We will have a catered lunch each day and have access to the pool and patio area as well. For those students who wish to stay here overnight during the workshop, a full made-to-order breakfast is provided free of charge. They will also be providing us with discount coupons for evening appetizers and beverages.

Each workshop is limited to 20 students. This ensures that each student will have their very own table and I will have lots of time to spend with each and every one of you. Extensive handouts are organized in a binder for you as well as other goodies.

Price

The price of the three-day workshop is \$ 195 per student. This includes a catered lunch and beverages. A \$50 deposit is needed to hold your spot and payment in full is required no later than 60 days prior.

If you need to cancel, I will refund your payment if the cancellation is received no later than 60 days prior to the retreat. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after the 60 day period if I am unable to fill your spot.

If this class is canceled by myself 60+ days prior to the class, I will not assume any financial obligation. It is highly recommended that your plane and lodging reservations NOT be made until after the 60-day deadline. A minimum of 15 students must be made before the class is "officially" scheduled.

Location

Hotel Sierra

(this hotel has been sold to Hyatt so the name will be changing soon)

11260 Point East Drive

Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Website: www.hotel-sierra.com/ranchocordova

916-638-4141

Our workshop will be held in the conference room of this hotel and our catered lunch will be provided by the hotel as well. I highly recommend their beautiful rooms should you decide you would like to stay here during your workshop.

Transportation

For those of you driving, the Hotel Sierra is easily accessible from Highway 50. For those of you flying, you will fly directly into the Sacramento International Airport. The hotel does NOT provide shuttle service to and from the airport so you will need to contact the Super Shuttle (supershuttle.shuttlefare.com). I've heard that it is about \$38 each way.

For those of you flying in, there will be plenty of us with cars that can take you back and forth from the hotel to our local quilt stores so no worries there.

Local Quilt Stores

Tayo's Fabrics

10127 Fair Oaks Blvd.
Fair Oaks, CA
916-967-5479
www.tayosfabrics.com

Sew Fun

150 Natoma Station Drive
#200 Folsom CA
916-353-2700
www.sewfunforall.com

One of the great things about the workshop location is that it is very close to both of the wonderful quilt stores where I teach! They will be VERY involved in my workshops and retreats and they promise to have goodies for us!

Curriculum

Friday

Welcome and introductions start at 9 am. You may start arriving any time after 7 am.

Lunch served from 12-1 pm.

Coffee, water and tea will be provided and the classroom will be open until 9 pm.

The conference room will be securely locked up behind us.

Today will be my typical Beginning Machine Quilting class where you learn about setting up your workspace; how to make good choices in batting; how to properly pin and straight baste a quilt. The afternoon will be spent learning how to get your rhythm and stitch length perfected and learn the basics of quilting almost any design. Class will end at 5 but you are welcome to come back from 6-9 pm to work on any project of your choice.

Saturday

Lecture begins promptly at 9 am. You may start arriving any time after 7 am.

Lunch served from 12-1 pm

Coffee, water and tea will be provided and the classroom will be open until 9 pm.

The conference room will be securely locked up behind us.

The morning will be my very popular Open Thread Bar lecture where you learn all about thread! You learn how to use any and all types of threads in your machine, proper needle usage, how to safely change your tension both top and bottom and how to easily troubleshoot and fix any issues you may be having with different threads. The afternoon will be spent at your machine while you continue to perfect your free motion skills but this time you will be using all the wonderful threads we discussed in the morning. I bring my Open Thread Bar stash of threads for you to use. I will also be providing small instructional breaks where I show you how to quilt some beautiful background designs.

Sunday

Lecture begins promptly at 9 am. You may start arriving any time after 7 am.

Class will be ending at 3 pm today.

Lunch served from 12-1 pm

Coffee, water and tea will be provided.

Today I will be teaching you how to do fabulous feathers as well as some other great designs I am currently working on! These will all be geared towards the confident beginner. Lecture should only take about an hour today. Class will be ending at 3 pm.

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I hope you will consider joining me for this wonderful workshop! I run all my retreats and workshops in a fun and relaxed atmosphere and there's always a bit of misbehaving going on. I respect that this is "your time" and should you choose to do something different in the afternoons you are more than welcome to do so as long as it isn't disruptive to the other students.

There are always machine issues that come up and although I am a pretty good mechanic, I like a good backup so we will have Geoff along to periodically check in on us and help where needed to keep us up and running.

I appreciate the support of the two local quilt stores, Tayo's in Fair Oaks and Sew Fun in Folsom and they are both located just minutes from the hotel. Be sure to allow time to do some shopping in both of these stores...I support their economy on a regular basis and highly recommend them!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at: [linenqltr@comcast.net](mailto:linenqltr@comcast.net) and reference the workshop in the subject line.

If you would like to sign up for the workshop, please email me and provide your name, address (snail mail and email) and phone number and I will get you registered. I will need a \$50 deposit at your convenience to guarantee your spot.

Thank you!!!

Cindy :)