

Vikki's Biography

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Vikki entered the world of quilting in 1991 at the urging of her sister and fellow quilter, Augie Ellis. A non-sewer at the time, Vikki attended a beginner's class and quickly fell in love with the art of quilting. Now a full-time professional quilt-artist, designer, international teacher, lecturer and author, Vikki and her quilts have been featured in many books, national publications and exhibitions. She has won 32 awards in national and international competitions and exhibitions including a first place award in Art Large for Portrait of my Soul at the International Quilt Festival at Houston and Best Color and Design for Passages of the Spirit in the 2002 NQA annual show

A self-taught artist with experience in painting (watercolor and oils) and sculpture, Vikki enjoys a passion for color and flowing designs. She developed a simple layering technique that is a blend of piecing and appliqué. She is the author of two books featuring this technique, "Quilting Curves" (Quilt Digest Press, 2001) and "Quilting By Improvisation" (Dragon Threads, 2006). Also, Vikki has written "how-to" articles published in Quilting Arts, Quilter's Newsletter, and AQS magazines.

Vikki also founded the national biennial [Sacred Threads Quilt Exhibitions](#) in 1999. She and chairwoman, Wendy Bynner, developed the vision for the two-week display of original artwork that explores themes of spirituality, joy, inspiration, peace, healing and grief. The show is now held in Herndon, VA, outside Washington, D.C.

Deeply influenced by her husband's bout with cancer and his recovery in 1993, most of Vikki's artwork now focuses on the themes of healing, spirituality, hope, and inspiration. In her writings and teaching, Vikki's focus is to inspire, nurture and develop the artistry and self-confidence within each quilter.

Lecture: Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Lectures are approximately one hour in length and Vikki will conduct a question and answer period after the lecture. She will make every attempt to bring as many quilts with her as possible to share with her audience.

"Nurturing Your Creative Spirit: Personal Traits That Inspire Great Quilts"

Passion, humor, persistence, faith in your work, courage...these five qualities and others all play a role in your creative life. What does it take to be a great quilter?? She discusses how she learned important life lessons...sometimes the hard way... through quilting. (This is her most popular lecture...trunk or slide show depending)

Workshop: Wednesday, November 8, 2017



Crazy About Curves: The Basics

Basic technique—6 hours
All skill levels

This class is for students who want a general overview of Vikki's construction technique.



In this class students will quickly master the basic concepts of Vikki's flexible, "no rules", "no fear" Crazy About Curves technique using a small, simple teaching pattern (complimentary). With this method, a meld of piecing and machine appliqué, students learn to create even sharp curves and narrow points effortlessly without the hassle.

There are NO measuring seam allowances, NO easing together unruly seams and NO matching points. All construction work, color choices and stitching are done on the quilt top surface. This is a very simple, anyone-can-do technique suitable for all skill levels. Workshop emphasis is on creativity, inspiration and self-confidence for the quilter. Students work at their own pace.

Class includes:

- Basic construction technique concepts;
- How to machine sew using this technique;
- Painless mitering;
- Splicing seams;
- How to finish techniques and ideas;
- Vikki's whole-cloth finishing techniques.