

NBQA 2026-2027 Programs



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Reminder

- Workshops are usually \$30.00 per person but may vary by teacher
- Seats are usually limited to 20 maximum per workshop but may be fewer depending on the teacher
- You're not registered without both the sign-up sheet and payment
- Student buys pattern, special tools, perhaps some supplies
- The Guild has irons, ironing boards, and extension cords for use during workshops
- Registration is opened to other guilds early the month of the workshop.
- *Guild policy has always been no refunds for workshops. If something comes up and you can't attend, it's your task to find someone to take your place and pay you instead.*



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August 27, 2026

- New Member orientation
- This is tentative
- 6:30 pm
- At the United Methodist Church (UMC), 1558 S County Trail, East Greenwich, RI 02818
- New members encouraged to attend



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September 2026

- 17th
 - Summer Challenge Results
 - Sign-ups begin for 2026-2027 programs
- 19th
 - Sew-in 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 - Work on your own project or on comfort quilts
 - At the United Methodist Church (UMC), 1558 S County Trail, East Greenwich, RI 02818
 - New members encouraged to attend
 - Refreshments provided



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October 15, 2026

- Our own Tina Craig will be sharing a new talk with us entitled “Take the Class”.
- In this brand-new trunk show, Tina aims to inspire quilters to broaden their quilty horizons. Tina has had the opportunity to learn from award-winning quilt makers across the country. She’ll describe the lessons she learned and how they were utilized in other projects. Be prepared for some epic name-dropping!
- <https://seaside-stitches.com/>



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October 17, 2026 Workshop at UMC with Tina Craig

Moravian Stars are a fun way to bring the fabric you love into your holiday décor. In this hand piecing workshop, learn the basics of English Paper Piecing and 3-D construction. Instruction includes fussy cutting with Tina's Wonder Window, glue basting, various hand piecing stitches, and finishing options. Beginners are welcome, but some EPP experience is helpful.

A \$5.00 kit of a pre-cut paper template will be available.



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November 19, 2026

Cindy Kerr will give a talk "Welcome to the World of Barn Quilts".

Drawn first by their vibrant use of color, she began her journey as a self-taught barn quilt creator, learning from quilt books.

She especially enjoys working with traditional quilt patterns, finding inspiration in their history while adding her own creative touch. For the past five years, she has been creating barn quilts that celebrate both heritage and artistic expression.

One of the things she loves most about this craft is that barn quilts are meant to be viewed from a distance, allowing for bold design choices and creativity without the pressure of perfect precision.



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November 21, 2026 Workshop at UMC

This class is all about the basics of barn quilt design and painting. Students will leave with a 16"x16" barn quilt that can be displayed inside or out.

A kit will be required for each student for extra cost. Three designs to choose from: Ohio Star, Pinwheel, or Sawtooth Star. Students choose their colors.

Limited to 10 students.



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December 2026



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January 21, 2027

- Aunt Em will give a trunk show talk during our Zoom meeting.
- Emily Bailey has been sewing since she was 10, and loves the creative process. Her goal is to help others gain the confidence to create without fear of frustration, and is dedicated to helping quilters grow and expand their skills. She believes that by doing so together, we can make the world a softer, more loving and beautiful place.
- <https://auntemsquilts.com/>



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January 23, 2027 Zoom Workshop with Aunt Em

- We'll be doing a project-based workshop, making Aunt Em's Wishes Baby Quilt pattern which is available for a small fee through her site as a .pdf file download.
- Wishes is a baby quilt full of sparkling wonky stars. It is a delightful and whimsical pattern that combines improv piecing with traditional patchwork. The multiple sized stars with solid background create a charming and eye-catching design. This pattern enables you to make a unique and playful quilt for your little one.
- The finished quilt measures 49" x 55".



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February 18, 2027 Zoom Meeting

- Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill will give her talk "Approaching Quilting as a Graphic Designer" during our meeting.
- Sheri founded Whole Circle Studio in 2015, and specializes in the design of custom modern quilts, patterns, surface design illustration, and products.
- She is a designer who creates work that is both decorative and functional, blurring the divisions between art, design, and craft. She's driven to challenge the conventional notion of what a quilt is and looks like while honoring and contributing to both the rich tradition and future of the craft.
- <https://www.wholecirclestudio.com/>



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February 20, 2027 Zoom Workshop with Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill

- Sheri will conduct her “Walk the Talk and Quilt It!” workshop. **This will be limited to 10 seats!**
- In this workshop, learn practical strategies for how to plan your own quilting design along with the nuts & bolts of walking foot quilting. The first part of this program will include a presentation and trunk show of Sheri’s award-winning quilts. She’ll describe how she decides on a quilting plan that will enhance the design of her quilt top, rather than compete with it. From there, she’ll review and demonstrate how she prepares for quilting and her tips and tricks for walking foot quilting. Following the demonstration, students will practice their walking foot quilting on small quilt sandwiches.
- This workshop also includes a group design discussion— a show & tell of one quilt top by each student and a conversation/consultation on how to quilt it with a walking foot. Students will walk away with skills, strategies, inspiration, and confidence to complete their quilts using a walking foot.



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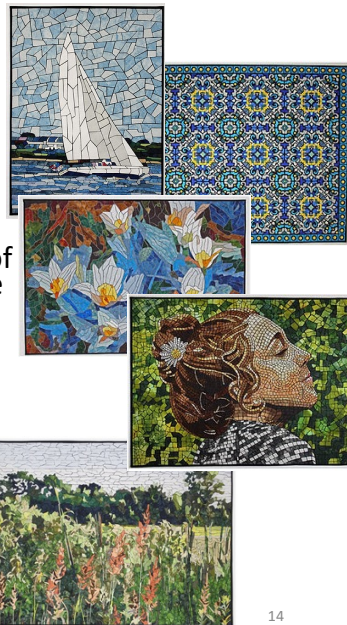
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March 18, 2027

- Heidi Proffetty is an award-winning quilter and professional teacher best known for her pictorial mosaic art quilts. Her work has received multiple awards and has been featured in quilt shows, traveling exhibits and local galleries. In 2022, she introduced a geometric style of mosaic quilting and received a first-place award for Azul Medallions at the AQS QuiltWeek Show in Paducah, KY.
- You can watch her on The Quilt Show, episode #2406 from March 10, 2019.

Heidi will present a talk entitled “Piece by Piece”.

- <https://www.heidiproffetty.com/>

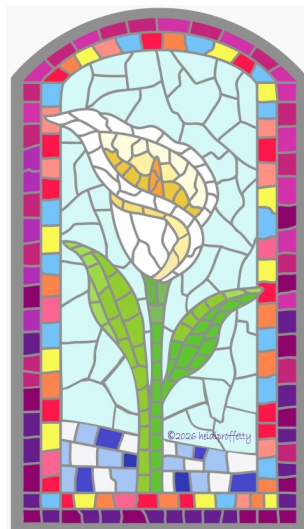


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March 20, 2027 Workshop at UMC

- Heidi's workshop will be to create the Calla Lily shown.
- Students will be responsible for a class kit of \$55 for this project and it will be collected at the class. The prep will be done for students so that they can take a finished project home.



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April 15, 2027

- Sue Pelland will be our guest speaker and talk about ***Fearless Appliqué: Fast, Fun & Accurate Rotary Cut Techniques***
- Sue is an award-winning quilter, teacher, author, and inventor. Teaching since she was 16, she has a background in textile chemistry and color chemistry. Rotary Cut Applique is her signature method.
- In this engaging presentation, nationally recognized quilting instructor Sue Pelland shares her innovative rotary cut appliqué techniques that help quilters create beautiful curves, striking designs, and professional-looking results without the frustration often associated with traditional methods. Whether you're new to appliqué, have struggled with it in the past, or already love appliqué but want a quicker, easier approach, you'll leave inspired, encouraged, and excited to try techniques that make appliqué more enjoyable and successful than ever before.



<https://suepellanddesigns.com/>

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April 17, 2027 Workshop at UMC with Sue Pelland

- The “Hearts and More” class allows students to make samples of some of the shapes that can be made with the “Hearts and More” templates.
- The samples can be kept for future reference or made into a small wall quilt like the one shown.
- No sewing is done in class – just cutting, fusing and creating!



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May 20, 2027

- Strawberry Social on the 27th
- Election of Officers
- Preview of programs for 2027-2028



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May 22, 2027 Workshop at UMC with Billie & Kassie

- Billie & Kassie - TBD
- They've decided to teach a workshop based on results of a survey going out this summer so that it'll be a topic members want to learn.



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Sign Up Now!!!

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