



# Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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## PROGRAM NOTICE

**Date:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015

**Time:** 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Bear Creek Community Center, 3055 Bear Creek Drive, Houston, Texas 77084

**Speaker:** Ranae Merrill

**Program:** To be announced

## WORKSHOP NOTICE

**Date:** July 16, 2015

**Speaker:** Ranae Merrill

**Workshop:** “Magic Mirror Mandala” Quilt

**Time:** 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Where:** QuiltWorks  
9431 Jones Road at West Road



## CELESTE'S COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Members,

*“Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.” ~Sam Keen*

As we enter the depth of summer – July and August – I find myself becoming increasingly laid back. Not lazy, per se, but definitely moving slower. The heat and humidity make it very easy to sit indoors at my sewing machine, so at least I am feeling some sense of accomplishment. I actually am ahead of schedule! The Beastie Blocks are done and the wedding present quilt merely awaits binding. Of course, knowing I'll be out of town most of August puts the pressure on to meet those August due dates early!

I look forward to working on the binding for the wedding present and also one of my UFO quilts. The tips we received on bindings from Deb Karasik and Marci Baker, along with Sue Garman's blog on binding have really given me a lot of great ideas. If you haven't had a chance to take one of the guild's workshops, we still have several good ones coming up. All of the instructors are top-notch and the fee is subsidized by the guild. You may not realize it, but most speakers these days require that we book a workshop along with their talk. If we don't get a reasonable

number of members in the workshop, we actually lose money. So...don't be afraid to try one – you will probably learn at least one new thing and have a lot of fun in the process. Marci Baker shared so many tips with us in her workshop that it was well worth the price!

Thanks, all of you, for bearing with us as we had to make a last-minute change to our meeting location last month. It was a little bit crowded but we managed. You just can't mess with Mother Nature. It was fortunate

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## BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR

Any member of the Guild is welcome to attend our board meetings, but the Board reserves the right to hold a closed Executive Session if needed. Board meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Following is the schedule:

July 1 – Café Express, Town & Country

August – No board meeting.

September 2 – Café Express, Town & Country

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**PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS****PROGRAMS**

July 15	Ranae Merrill <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i>	To be announced <i>Ladies of the Night Bee</i>
August 19	Paula Barnes <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i>	Civil War Quilts <i>Katy Rotary Club Bee</i>
September 16	Maggie Ball <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i>	Innovative Quilts, Traditional Values <i>Material Girls Bee</i>
October 21	Brenda Henning <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i>	The Life and Times of an Accidental Quilter <i>OPEN</i>

**2015 WORKSHOPS**

July 16	Ranae Merrill <a href="http://www.ranaemerrillquilts.com/teaching/160">www.ranaemerrillquilts.com/teaching/160</a>	“Magic Mirror Mandala Quilt”
August 20	Paula Barnes <a href="http://www.redcrinolinequilts.com/shop/Patterns/p/Bonnie-Blue—NEW-x4629680.htm">http://www.redcrinolinequilts.com/shop/Patterns/p/Bonnie-Blue—NEW-x4629680.htm</a>	“Bonnie Blue” Quilt
September 17	Maggie Ball	Bargello with a Twist

**Program**

Thanks go out to Covenant Lutheran Church for letting us use their large room at the last minute due to inclement weather and too much rain (that did not really materialize). We really had good attendance at the meeting and everyone seemed to enjoy Marci Baker's presentation. She shared with us her quilting journey and lots of quilts. I love it when the speakers bring more quilt (tops are good because we get to see more and they weigh less in a suitcase) than she has time to show. Marci's lesson on blocks was great, too, I loved how she builds with the diamond. Her class was great, we learned 5 ways to do bindings in all different widths. We also learned her “Y” seam method as an extra tidbit. While we only had 6 ladies in the class, we all got special help and a few extra tips.

Ranae Merrill is our July speaker; she is an award-winning quilter, author and teacher. Her Spiral Quilts

are amazing and when broken down, they are not very difficult, it is all about color placement. Come and join us for the workshop on Thursday July 16, beginning at 9:30. The cost is \$35 plus a kit for \$16 from



Ranae. Workshop will be held at Quiltworks, located at 9431 Jones Road (just south of West Road in the same shopping center as the Sears Hardware Store). You can bring a lunch with you or we will order from a local restaurant as a group, so be sure to bring some cash with you. The supply list is included at the end of the newsletter this month on pages 8-9.

Until next time, keep stitching.

~ Debbie Adami  
Second Vice President -  
Programs and Workshops

*"President" from page 1*

that we were able to use Covenant Lutheran Church with such short notice.

Our various committees are humming along. The 2017 donation quilt is in progress and will it ever be beautiful. Our appliquers are working on their portion and our piecers are getting the center done. Our new "Keepers of the Quilt" have received the turnover information they need and will start to arrange bookings to show our quilt starting in January. We have a core group for the 2017 quilt show committee. Our Nominations Committee tells me they have nominees for each board position. Life is good!

With things under control and actually slowing down a bit, I feel very comfortable leaving town for a several-week vacation. This time I'll be on a National Geographic cruise in Alaska – a nice way to get out of the heat for a while, no? I do hope each of you is finding some time to relax and enjoy the summer months. Take advantage of the opportunity to be respectably lazy!

That's it for this month. Happy quilting everyone,

*~ Celeste Fritz, President*

## LIBRARY

I will be at the July meeting so please remember to turn in your books.

*~ Kathie Frost, Librarian*

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2	Kathy Lyngholm	July 12	Juanita Pardue
July 2	Jackie Smith	July 16	Kay Crabb
July 5	Annette Hawley	July 20	Kathy Clark
July 6	Kathy Ernest	July 20	Jane Newsome
July 7	Jean Chevalier	July 25	Lauren Semple
July 7	Susan McClendon	July 29	Tracy Dyer
July 7	Gloria Meijer	July 30	Dianne Kuper
July 10	Gale S Davis	July 31	Carolina Boulanger
July 10	Joan Rondeau		
July 11	Mary Beaulieu		
July 12	Pam Armstrong		

**Please bring a door prize.**

## COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thanks to everybody who turned in quilts at the June guild meeting—5 preemies, 11 adult quilts and 5 Linus quilts. Also 13 stocking kits were picked up by individuals or bees to make Christmas stockings for Cypress Assistance Ministries. Stocking kits will also be available at the July guild meeting. These stockings are usually delivered to the ministry in November, so turn them in as you finish them. The pattern for the stocking is on the Website.

CHRISTMAS PREEMIES—these should be made with Christmas fabric on one side and flannel on the other. The size we are asked to make is a 25 inch square, so please adhere to this size for all the preemies you make. Other quilts for Linus can be almost

any size since Texas Children's Hospital helps kids from birth to age 21. Even a couple of large ones for the teenage boys and girls are also needed.

If you want to help make a few quilts, come join us any Tuesday from 8:30 until noon at the Hwy. 6 Kroger store located between W. Little York and FM 529. Bring your machine and basic sewing supplies and all the rest is furnished. We are currently working on Confetti blocks and scrappy pinwheels. Come sew and have fun with a great group of ladies.

*~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard  
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen*

## CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- A note was received from the family of Anne Marie Oxley (a member of the guild).

*"Our family would like to let you know how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness in this saddened part of our lives. Right now we are taking one day at a time and telling stories that are helping us remember and rejoice in the great memories we all*

*had as a family." Frank, James, Mike, and Nick*

If you know of a guild member who has suffered a loss, is coping with surgery or illness, or needs to be congratulated, please contact Cathy Beck with the information so the rest of the guild can be informed. We would like to be supportive of our fellow guild members.

*~ Cathy Beck, Secretary*

## DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our June meeting saw the first “reveal” of the completed UFO Challenge projects from the participants. GREAT JOB, LADIES!!!! A total of thirty members turned in challenge forms prior to the start of the June meeting. Of those thirty members, sixteen were present and showed their completed objects (all quilts beautifully bound and labeled). This quarter’s turn in prize, a Thirty-One Utility Bag, was awarded to Chris Friesen. Congratulations, Chris!

The next turn in meeting is September. There is still time to participate for those members “on the fence.” Turn in your form (if you have not already) anytime before the beginning of the September meeting. At the September meeting, if you have a UFO Project to “reveal,” you should check in with me before the meeting and be prepared to show your object at the very beginning of the meeting. (Thank you, Celeste, for the meeting agenda change to accommodate the reveal.) Looking forward to seeing all of the beautifully finished UFOs in September!

Lastly, I must thank the Membership for its great response to replenishing the Disaster Quilts Stockpile. Several of the UFO Challenge quilts (all began as personal projects and then designated a donation quilt) were turned in. Additionally, Gloria Stewart, Sheila Tweed, Celeste Fritz, Sharon Dixon, and Karen Coffey dropped off donations. There were two other quilts left at the table but no acknowledgement of donor so I thank those Members, whoever they may be. The West Houston Quilter’s Guild Membership is so very generous. I am so honored to be a part of this organization!

Recently (June 18 through 20), I was teaching in Fredericksburg and Blanco. On the drive between Fredericksburg and Blanco I saw, first hand, the destruction left behind by the Memorial Day flash floods. There were huge debris piles obliterating fences and reaching 16 to 18 feet up trees not taken out by the force of the water. The water cut through the banks of the Blanco River to the extent there are now steep “walls” of dirt that previously were gentle grass or

rock banks. I actually stopped at one point to stare at the “new” river bank because it looked more like a sheered wall we see in Alaska videos of glaciers breaking at their edges. It was an incredible site. The Blanco State Park is still closed while huge debris piles are being cleared and buildings being returned to structural soundness / safety. I could not bring myself to go through Wimberley on my way home as I had heard the destruction there was much worse and search / recovery teams are still working that area. I did go through San Marcus on my way home and again saw huge debris caught in fence lines and still standing tree lines, as well as personal belongings at roadsides awaiting heavy trash pick up as families clean out their homes / work places. By the way, it rained the entire three days I was there hampering the recovery efforts for that area. Please keep these communities in your prayers as they continue to struggle with the aftermaths of the Memorial Day flood.

~ Jan Mathews  
Director of Community Service

## MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Drive is officially over, but dues can still be renewed. There are members whose dues have not been renewed; please check the Roster to see if yours are paid if you are not sure. Those that have not paid have been removed from the Roster.

If you wait to renew later in the year the dues will be the same price as they are now, the partial year discount only applies to new members. If you haven’t already gotten one - the new 2015 membership forms are available in the newsletter, on the Website, or on the membership table.

Dues are \$30.00 a year if you elect to see the newsletter online or \$40.00 a year if you prefer to have it mailed to you. Dues can be paid by mail with a check or cash. You can also pay in person at the meeting with cash, check, or with your debit or credit card.

As of the June meeting our membership is up to 198 new and returning members.

We’d like to welcome the following ladies who joined or returned in May. We welcome new member Christine Hardman and we are glad to see

Sharon Lucarelli renew. We hope you enjoy our Guild as much as we do.

The Member Badges are green for 2015. Green stands for prosperity and growth and is what I hope for our Guild. You will find your white Membership card behind the badge in the holder. Please try to remember that the Badge stays in the holder – the white business size membership card is yours to take.

~ Karen Coffey  
First Vice President - Membership

**WEST HOUSTON QUILTER’S GUILD WEBSITE – WWW.WHQG.ORG**

If you are a new member or a member that has never registered on the Website – it’s SO easy!

We encourage everyone to register for the Website as this is the quickest and easiest way to communicate with our members. Once registered, you can learn about our upcoming speakers, see what the bees are doing and find out about upcoming retreats and workshops. All the good stuff is on the Website!

Here’s what you do:

- 1) Visit the guild’s Website at [www.whqg.org](http://www.whqg.org). On the left side menu bar under Member’s Area, click on the word ‘Register’. A new page will appear that will ask for your email address and ask you to create a password.

- 2) The next step is to fill in the ‘Display Name’. Your display name is what will appear if you leave any comments on the Website. If you decide to use something other than your real name (example: ”Awesome Quilter”) then please email me your real name and your ‘alias’ so that I can check your membership against the current roster and approve your access.
- 3) Next enter your birthday (don’t worry – there is an option to hide your age).
- 4) Enter your Location and select your gender (that should be a no-brainer, right?).
- 5) Next, enter the two words or series of numbers in the box. (Just to be sure you are a real person and not a robot).

After these steps, you will receive an email at the address you entered above. Click on the link within that email to activate your membership. Once you activate the link, an email goes to the Webmistress (ME!) who will check your membership against the current roster and your access will be approved. \*This is why it’s important that you use your real name or else email me at [amy.matthias@gmail.com](mailto:amy.matthias@gmail.com) to let me know that you are “awesome Quilter” or “log cabin 14”.

That’s it! See I told you it was easy! Did you know that there is a membership roster online too? Only registered members have access to the roster, Quilt Bee pages and board minutes etc. so hurry and register today so you don’t miss a thing!

*~Amy Matthias - Webmistress*

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<b>JULY 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	2	3 <small>Independence Day/ observed</small>	4 <small>Independence Day</small>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	16 Workshop 9:30 AM	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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## BEE NEWS

~ Brenda Taucher, Head Beekeeper

### Cut-Ups

As we are working to complete our first group charity quilt, we are already starting on our next one – a really cute tumbler pattern using fabrics geared towards a teen-aged boy. Luckily, Sherri Good has an Accu-quilt with a tumbler die, so the cutting was pretty easy. Several of our members are still working on The Farmer's Wife, while others spent the sew-in this month working on the guild's heart block challenge. Lots of really cute quilts are being worked on by this group! We have our former member, Anne Hernandez, in our thoughts as we are finishing up her "Buck-a-Block" blocks. She has had a lot of health problems recently and is currently in the hospital with pneumonia. We welcomed a new member this month – Linda Farley. Several members will be taking Shannon McGaw's class in Deb Karasik's Arizona Sunrise quilt.

*Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz*

### Katy Rotary Club

The dog days of summer are here and vacation time has arrived for a number of our members. Some of us are taking projects on the road and will share them on our return. Others of us are continuing work on our charity projects and other quilts. Last month, Cynthia R. gave us a class on a Christmas row quilt and we're

looking forward to seeing these fun quilts. She's a great teacher and we all learned a few new techniques. Sheila T. welcomed us into her "quilting condo" for a meeting when Quilt 'n Sew had a conflict. What a lovely place to work! We could look out over the trees and watch the storms roll in as we sat and worked on hand-work and chatted.

*Beekeeper: Patricia Cook*

### Material Girls

We all had a great time at Margie's back in April. Margie was kind enough to share some of her tips on a Round Robin. We have started a Round Robin in our group to be completed in April of next year. We started small and slow as this is the first time for most of us. We broke up into teams of four and will complete the first four rows of the quilt, and the owner will stop there or add on as she would like. Some of us went off to Quilt Around the Block quilt shop, and we also found a new store in Smithville. She hasn't been there too long, but was very accommodating.

We meet the second Saturday of the month at QuiltWorks. We haven't had our first meeting since they have moved, but I understand it is very nice.

*Beekeeper: Gail (Bobbie) Brassler*

### Nifty Needlers

In June we celebrated Vicki and June's birthday with delicious pie made by Kathy C. followed by a day of sewing, laughter, and lots of quilty gifts. We also found a new meeting place for our bee. Every other week, we will be sewing at Quiltworks new location on Jones Rd. It is so spacious and the lighting is great. We will have many happy memories here. A big thank you to Connie for allowing us to create in your space.

Kathy O. invited us to her beach house for a quilting retreat. We were all treated to a wonderful getaway with plenty of food, libations and, of course, all of our projects we brought along to sew. Luckily, we had our trip the week before the storm and had beautiful weather. Linda made a wonderful lasagna one night and we ate seafood at a restaurant nearby on another night. We still managed to get lots of sewing time in despite lounging and dining on the deck and enjoying the ocean breeze and views of the water.

*Beekeeper: Teresa Rossman  
Submitted by Pam Heine*

## CHARM SQUARES

We have 10 people signed up for July Charm Square exchange. Here are the choices for 2015. If you are interested in joining in the fun - sign up, then bring 6" x 6" cotton squares of the monthly design.

- July – Farm Animals
- August – ABC/Numbers
- September – Balloons/Kites
- October – Structures (Barns, Houses, etc.)
- November – Shoes
- December – Toys

~ Brenda Marien  
Charm Squares

## RETREATS

Ten of us attended the last retreat at Retreats by Margie in Smithville 15-17 May 2015.

Some braved the pouring rain and arrived late on Thursday afternoon to get a head start on their retreat weekend while the rest of us arrived during the day on Friday with the rain still coming down and the wind gusting.



The small number of attendees gave us all a chance to get to know each other better. Afternoon drinks and nibbles on the patio before dinner were well attended!

We had a 12" batik block challenge over the weekend. For each block you were allowed one chance of winning all the blocks. The batik blocks were stunning - Ann Irwin was our lucky winner.

On Saturday some of us drove into Giddings to visit 'Around the Block' quilt shop. After a few wrong turns and much laughter, we made it to Giddings and back with a trunk full of new fabric, notions, patterns and various other sewing necessities.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, well I think it is the same spending the weekend with talented quilters - these ladies all have so much talent, it is inspirational!

Thank you to everyone who attended our quilting retreat weekend.



Our final retreat for 2015 is filling fast. It will be held at Deepwoods on 18-20 September. We would love to have you join us for the weekend!

~ Marie Robinson, Retreat Chairman

## CHALLENGE BLOCKS

There is still time to pick up a paper pieced heart block and join the My Heart Belongs to Quilting Challenge. We are providing the paper and instructions for making a 4" finished heart block. Participants will use red or pink or both to make a heart block with a background of either white or off white. Each member who completes a block and turns it in on or before the August guild meeting will receive a ticket for the prize drawing. The finished top will be raffled in September.

~ Jean Ann Bryant  
and Debbie Huebel



## UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

Quilt Guild of Greater Houston,  
Joy of Quilts Quilt Show  
July 17 & 18, 2015  
Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Rd.,  
Stafford, Texas 77477

Trinity Valley Quilt Guild,  
"Sew Many Favorites"  
September 18-19, 2015  
Will Rogers Convention Center, Fort  
Worth

Golden Needles Quilt Guild of  
Montgomery County, Texas,  
"Quilty Pleasures" Quilt Show &  
Live Auction  
September 18-19, 2015  
Lone Star Convention Center  
Conroe, Texas

Johnson City Quilters Guild,  
"Seasons in the Hill Country" Quilt  
Show  
September 19, 2015  
Hoppe Room - Blanco County  
Courthouse Annex, Johnson City,  
Texas

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild,  
"Star Gazing" Quilt Show  
September 25-28, 2015  
San Antonio Event Center, San  
Antonio

July 16, 2015, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## ***Magic Mirror Mandala***

### ***Full-Day Workshop***

with RaNae Merrill

In this workshop, you will learn simple techniques for designing a spiral mandala quilt as you create your own version of the quilt shown here. We'll explore "seeing between the blocks", proportion, flow forms, color and value, and mirror symmetry. The class is based on the techniques in ***Magnificent Spiral Mandala Quilts***. In the first half of the class you'll create your design; in the second half you'll sew the first spiral for your quilt.

**Quilt size:** Two sizes are available, a 20" diameter mandala that finishes to approx. 30" square, or a 30" diameter mandala that finishes to approx. 45" square.



**Class kit, \$16.00:** The class kit is required, and includes all of the class instructions, pre-printed templates and foundations used in class, instructions for completing the quilt, and a package of translucent foundation.

**Tools:** (*Items marked with asterisks are available for purchase in class*)

#### **For designing:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Scissors for paper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pencil and a *fresh* eraser
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fine-point permanent black pen
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12" Ruler
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4 (at least) clear plastic page protectors
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dry-erase markers or crayons in a variety of colors. (See notes below.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15-20 Q-tips (for erasing dry-erase markers)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Several sheets of white paper 8-1/2" x 11"

- \_\_\_\_\_ Transparent tape
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*A pair of mirrors at least 8" x 10", taped together along one edge to make a hinge (if they are rectangular tape them along the shorter edge). ***Smaller mirrors will NOT work. Bring your own - do not plan to share.*** Mirrors available in class are non-breakable. (See pre-order info on next page.) ***If you bring glass mirrors, cover the back of the mirrors entirely with tape before you come to class,*** so that they will not shatter if dropped.

#### **For sewing:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Basic sewing tools: pins, scissors, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral colored thread for sewing; I prefer a fine weight, #60 - #100 if possible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary cutter (45mm or larger), ruler and mat (Please bring one with a blade guard.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two highlighter pens in different colors  
Orange, Pink or Yellow are best

- \_\_\_\_\_ Double-sided tape (a full roll; permanent, *not* removable; buy it fresh at an office supply store: old tape shreds! Scotch brand in yellow and red box is best.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Masking or painter's tape
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Add-a-Quarter tool with a card
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Seam roller (optional, but really helpful)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Several plastic bags to hold cut pieces of fabric

#### **Dry-erase Markers (ESSENTIAL):**

Bring dry-erase markers or dry-erase crayons in a variety colors; if possible, colors similar to your fabric colors. These are readily available at any office supply store. ***Do not substitute water-based, permanent, or highlighting markers!***

#### **Sewing Machine Set-up:**

Bring your machine ready to sew with a new 75/11 or 80/12 needle. Use a foot that allows you to clearly see lines on the foundation, such as an open-toe foot, or a clear foot with a center-line mark. Please check your machine to make sure it is working properly before you bring it to class. Don't set up the machine at the beginning of class -- you'll need the table space for designing, then set up when you're ready to sew.

## **Fabric:**

Fabric #1: One multi-color large-scale print fabric. Fabric Group #2: Pull from the first fabric a palette of 3-5 colors, then add 2-5 shades of each color. These should read as a single color: solids, tone-on-tones, small textures or tiny prints. Fabric Group #3: Several multi-colored fabrics in small to medium prints that combine colors in Group #2. (Be adventurous!) The colors should be evenly distributed throughout the pattern. Fabric #4: A light or dark neutral to use as negative space within your mandala. In class we sew one spiral block, so you will need 1/8 yard (or less) of each color and you will not use all the colors; to finish the whole quilt you will need 1/8 to 3/8 yard of each color in the mandala, 1 to 1-1/2 yards of the background fabric (this could be the large-scale print or any other fabric), 1/2-1 yard of the negative space fabric and 1 yard of fabric for borders and binding. (These yardages are approximate, depending on your design.) You will be creating your own design from a starter template, so yardages depend on how you place colors in your version. Width-of-fabric (WOF) 1/4 yards are better than fat quarters for this project, but either will work. See below for information on purchasing a fabric kit.

## **Items available for purchase in class:**

**Books:** *Magnificent Spiral Mandala Quilts* is the book on which the class is based. I recommend that you have the book to accompany the class. *Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts* is also available for purchase in class; it offers a wide variety of ideas (other than mandalas) for using spirals in many different quilt settings.

**Tools:** In the tools list on the first page, items marked with an asterisk will be available for purchase in class.

**Mirrors, \$25.00:** Each person must have their *own* set of hinged mirrors for the design portion of the class. Mirrors available for purchase in class are non-breakable and lightweight so they are safe for travel. Please pre-order mirrors -- see instructions below. ***IMPORTANT: If you bring your own glass mirrors to class, the backs must be covered completely with tape before class so they will not shatter if dropped. The mirrors MUST be at least 10" long on one side. If the mirrors are rectangular, tape them together along the SHORTER side, so that the long side rests on the table when they are open.***

**Fabric kits (optional, available for purchase in class):** There are several optional fabric kits available in a variety of colors, sizes and prices. Look at the colors/styles available at [www.ranaemerrillquilts.com/teaching/160](http://www.ranaemerrillquilts.com/teaching/160). If you want a fabric kit, I recommended that you pre-order it -- follow the instructions below. Include your name, class, date and kit style in the subject line of the email. I may have a few extra kits available but they are available only on a first-come first served basis.

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