

## OVERVIEW OF HELNE KNOTT WORKSHOPS

**From Photo to Fabric: An Introduction to Landscape Quilt Design:** It is quite gratifying to create your own landscape quilt featuring a favorite place or photo of a lovely vacation spot. This class is aimed at those who are interested in exploring a basic approach to designing landscape quilts. The focus of the class will be on creating a working pattern from a photograph then using fabrics creatively to get marvelous effects. Please follow the recommendations given in the supply list for choosing a suitable landscape picture for your quilt. Skill Level: Confident Beginner and up, drawing skills, though helpful, are not necessary for this class.

**Magic Squares:** A 'Magic Square' is a mathematical puzzle in which squares in a grid are numbered so that the total of any row or column equals the same number. This 3-D optical Illusion quilt is made from units assembled in a similar fashion to create a random three dimensional effect. The quilt is much easier to make than it appears; a nifty 'cheater' method makes piecing the blocks a breeze. The pattern features three sizes - a twin-sized or throw sized quilt and a table runner, however, the assembly method makes it easy to craft the quilt in many sizes. This quilt is particularly lovely made in batiks but will look good in a variety of fabrics; it even works great as a scrappy quilt as long as contrast values are well controlled. Skill level: Confident Beginner and up.

**Garden Windows – Nature Scrolls:** Leaves and blossoms swirl in through an open window. Flowering branches peek through and wander in. These quilts are fun, easy to make and celebrate the beauties of nature; they can be embellished if you wish. In this class you will create a wall hanging with your own window into a seasonal garden of your choosing with appropriate leaves, branches and/or flowers depending on what season you choose. The finished size of the quilt is either 9"x 20" or a larger 13"x 27" version, you can also design your own scroll to whatever size you wish if you prefer with the option of creating 'windows' with a color-wash effect (color-wash panels will need to be pre-pieced before the class. There will be several patterns for leaves, branches and flowers supplied in the class for those not wishing to design their own or you may opt to use a floral print in a 'Broderie Perse' technique. Apply these leaves or flowers using fusible web or a nifty raw-edged machine appliqué technique you will learn in the class; they may also be hand appliquéd if desired. Skill level: Confident beginner and up.

**Words of Wisdom:** Words can inspire, words can bring back memories and words can conjure up images or tell a story. Language is a marvelous thing and written language is an art form in itself – the shapes of letters and the sounds they produce when read aloud. The masterful assembly of words is why we have enduring stories, poetry and memorable quotes. In this class, you will choose a message to build a small quilt upon. The words can be a famous quote (perhaps from the Bible or a favorite prayer?), a platitude, the title of a favorite book, a short poem or a line from a favorite song... it could even be the name of a person you wish to memorialize. The goal is to make a small quilted wall hanging incorporating words or phrases important to you. The quilts can be more traditional pieced or appliquéd block with writing included, or be made in a collage method incorporating design elements you feel are important to your words. This class will open your eyes to a whole new realm of creative expression and encourage you to tap your inner artist, hidden or not; whether you have explored this type of design before or not. Skill level: Confident Beginner and up. NOTE: this class will require some advance planning to ensure you come to class with a variety of ideas and the materials to express them.