

Black Hills Quilters Guild Presents

# Quilting in the Hills

October 5-8, 2017

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Join us this fall for our annual retreat. We're back at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, conveniently located near Rapid City in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. The fun begins Thursday evening, followed by two full days of classes on Friday and Saturday and our wrap-up on Sunday morning. The weekend promises lots of opportunities to learn new quilting techniques, make new friends, and relax in the pine-scented fresh air of the Hills.

The Terra Sancta Retreat Center, formerly St. Martin's Monastery, is a retreat center with a variety of classrooms, state-of-the-art equipment and hotel-style lodging rooms. Terra Sancta is owned and managed by the Diocese of Rapid City. Visit their website at: <http://terrasancta.org/retreat-center>.

## Here's the Lineup of Teachers and Classes

**BARBARA OLSON:** Jump Start Your Creativity (Friday) and Thread Creates the Design (Saturday)

Barbara is a national and international award-winning quilt artist, teacher, lecturer and author. "In The Beginning," one of Barbara's art quilts, was chosen as one of the best 100 American Quilts of The Century. She has written two books "Journey of an Art Quilter; *Creative Strategies and Techniques*" and "Singularly Dramatic; *Creating Sensational Images with One String Focus*."

For the last twenty five years Barbara has been developing and giving workshops and lectures, creating patterns and a DVD for those interested in expanding their unique creative talents in the area of quilting arts. When she is not on the road teaching, lecturing or judging quilt shows she is at home in her studio with her husband in Billings, MT. Visit her website at: <http://www.barbaraolsonquiltart.com>.

**Jump Start Your Creativity** (Friday's workshop) is for the quilter who is ready to break out of the box and experience a playful way of creating. Too much thinking or fear often stops quilters from trying new designs and fabrics. A simple flower pattern is the first ingredient; a wide array of wild, powerful and playful novelty fabrics (polka dots, geometrics, florals, etc.) and few solid fabrics is the second ingredient; and willing spirit is the third ingredient. A pattern will be provided, and there is a \$4 kit fee that will be collected in the workshop. Barbara also offers a Jump Start Kit on her website for those who prefer to have their supplies supplied:  
<http://www.barbaraolsonquiltart.com/patterns.htm#JumpStartKit>

Most often the quilting plays a supporting role in a quilt. With freehand quilting designs and an array of beautiful threads the quilting takes top billing. **Thread Creates the Design** (Saturday's workshop) will give students the opportunity to develop quilt designs and experience stitching the designs with different types and weights of threads. This small example piece from a small project will increase machine quilting and freehand quilting design skills. (There is no kit fee for this workshop.)

## CATHERINE REDFORD: Walking Foot Quilting – Beyond the Ditch (Friday) and Introduction to Folk Art Embroidery (Saturday)

Catherine grew up in the Northwest of England, the “middle child” with an older brother and younger sister. She learned to knit and sew at an early age and kept her family’s Barbie Dolls and Action Men well dressed. University took her to Reading where she met her future husband, Steve. Knitting him a long “Doctor Who”-style striped scarf and making needlepoint pictures gave welcome relief to the chemistry and microbiology courses demanded for her degree in Food Science. They were married two weeks after she graduated and 35 years later have four grown children. In 1995 they moved to Naperville, IL from London. Catherine had been teaching cross-stitch and just had her first pattern accepted for publication when they moved. She discovered quilting in 1998, and five years later started teaching classes in a local shop 10 minutes from her home, where she taught for 10 years until the shop closed in June 2013.

Catherine is a member of her local quilt guild and has served in multiple offices for the guild. She is also a member of the Fiber Art Divas, an art group that meets at Naperville Art League, and of the PAQA, the professional art quilt group. In 2012 Catherine co-founded the Naperville Modern Quilters Guild to further explore the modern quilt aesthetic. She has appeared on Quilting Arts TV, is a regular contributor to *Modern Patchwork* magazine, and is the author of two Modern Machine Quilting QATV workshop DVDs.

Catherine shares her love of quilting as an inspiration to others. And has found that as she passes on the knowledge she has gained on her journey she learns more tips and techniques that take her still further. Visit her website at: <http://catherineredford.com>.

Learn how to finish your quilts on a domestic machine while enjoying all the control of your walking foot in Friday’s workshop, **Walking Foot Quilting – Beyond the Ditch**. We will start with a brief discussion on the steps to successful quilting including batting, needle and thread choice, preparing your tops for quilting and basting. Then we will make stitched samples of different styles including modern grids, matchstick quilting, altered stitches, combined stitches, finishing with a spiral. Take a look at Catherine’s work to inspire you to go home and turn your tops into quilts. (There is no kit fee for this workshop.)

**Introduction to Folk Art Embroidery** (Saturday’s workshop) will start by learning, or being reminded of, some basic embroidery stitches on a specially designed pre-printed sampler, and then learn some novel embellishment techniques to add to the fun. Learn how to transfer your own designs onto dark colored backgrounds and go home set to start stitching your next project. Your kit (\$20, to be paid at the workshop) includes a pre-printed sampler, needles, threads, beads and stitch sheet AND a choice of designs for transfer with the fabric and a pen to mark it with. Just bring small scissors to cut the threads, paper scissors and glasses if you need them. Enjoy the relaxed tempo and reconnect with hand work!

*Registration Deadline Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017*

### Evening Lectures and Trunk Shows

There is no charge to attend the evening programs if you have registered for a Retreat workshop or SOYO. There is a \$5 fee for each evening program for those not attending any workshop.

#### **Thursday PM: Barbara Olson, “Quilting a Life”**

Each person came into the world with an innate way of creating. How to find and understand that unique way of creating is the topic of this lecture. Great artists bring their full energy and uniqueness to each piece. Creating with joy and purpose manifests wonderful quilts. The framework that quilting offers is a good place to begin the process, then to go beyond the boundaries and design outside the lines.

#### **Friday PM: Catherine Redford, “The Language of Flowers”**

This lecture includes a wide variety of quilts featuring flowers, many of which are beaded and embellished. Learn the meanings our ancestors ascribed to different blooms and consider why the giving and receiving of quilts is so special to many of us.

**Saturday PM: Game Night** (*Registration Deadline Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017*)

## Quilting in the Hills Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 5

3:00 pm          Check-In Begins  
6:00 pm          Dinner  
7:00 pm          Barbara Olson, "Quilting a Life"

Friday, October 6, & Saturday, October 7

8:00 am                  Breakfast  
8:30 am                  Classrooms open  
9:00 am - noon          Class  
Noon - 1:30 pm          Lunch  
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm        Class  
4:30 pm - 5:45 pm        Classrooms are open for you to continue working  
5:45 pm                  Classrooms are closed for the day  
6:00 pm                  Dinner  
7:00 pm                  Friday: Catherine Redford, "The Language of Flowers"  
                                 Saturday: Game Night

Sunday, October 8

8:00 am    Breakfast  
8:30 am - 11:00 am    Sew on your own

**PLEASE NOTE:** Classrooms will not be available until the day of the workshop. You may set up 30 minutes prior to class. If you would like to sew after classroom hours, please move your machine into the SOYO rooms.

## LODGING

Lodging reservations will be made on an individual basis directly through Terra Sancta Retreat Center. They can be reached by phone at (605) 716-0925 or online at <https://terrasancta.org/BHQG2017>.

Family Style rooms have two queen-size beds and a private bath (similar to a hotel room) and can accommodate up to four guests. Linens and towels are provided. If you need an ADA-accessible room, please let Terra Sancta know when you contact them.

Family Style rooms are available for \$80.00 per room per night for a three night stay (\$240.00 total), or \$90.00 per night for those staying less than three nights.

**PLEASE NOTE: Alcohol and other controlled substances are prohibited at the retreat center.**

## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Hills Quilt Show June 1 - 3, 2018

The Black Hills Quilters Guild annual show will be June 1 - 3, 2018, at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in downtown Rapid City. For details about the Black Hills Quilters Guild or the show, please check our website: [www.bhquilters.org](http://www.bhquilters.org)

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