

# Program Extravaganza

Welcome to the exciting series of programs lined up for NeedleChasers this coming season. Based upon your survey results you wanted more National names; half-day or one day workshops, machine quilting and an ongoing mix of traditional, contemporary and art quilting programs.....Drum roll please!!!

**September 8, 2010 “It Isn’t Finished Until It’s Quilted”** Have you finished that great quilt top and are left with the dreaded instructions “quilt as desired?” This program will help you think about that all-important decision – how to choose an appropriate quilting design that enhances those lovely fabrics and your exquisite workmanship. **Speaker – Marina Baudoin**

- **Brown Bag** – Bring your quilt tops for a brown bag discussion of quilting motifs you might use to finish that wonderful quilt Especially those you’re looking to hang in the **December show**.

**October 14, 2010 “Shapely Composition”** The 2<sup>nd</sup> in our art for quilters series this program will explore how to use the principle of shape in your quilt construction – whether it be traditional, contemporary or art inspired. **Speaker – Patricia Kessler**

## **Patricia Kessler Workshop**

- **October 14 (12pm to 2 pm)**
- Continue your personal exploration of this critical design concept in this 2 hour workshop with our guest artist.
- **Cost to NeedleChasers members \$15**

**November 10, 2010 “Out of the Trunk and Off the Table”** A unique trunk show and discussion about quilting with “found” fabrics. This lecture includes many examples and ideas for working with vintage textiles, old ties, period clothing, feedsacks and more. **Speaker – Mary W. Kerr (certified AQS quilt appraiser)**

- **Brown Bag** – bring in your quilts that you want appraised by Mary W. Kerr. She will provide a written appraisal for insurance purposes for a fee.

**December 8, 2010 – Annual Holiday Luncheon**

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**January 12, 2011 “The Artist in You”** You’ve read Susan Brubaker Knapp’s series in Quilting Arts, now is your chance to see her fabulous work in person. Susan will describe her personal journey from that of a traditional quilter to an artist who makes both traditional quilts and art quilts. The presentation includes a digital slideshow, which shows her work and some of the techniques she uses. Then we will be treated to a trunk show and a question-and-answer session. The focus is on ways for traditional quilters to become more creative by embracing their own “inner artist;” She hopes to inspire us to challenge ourselves, to unleash our innate creativity, to learn new techniques, to discover things about ourselves through art, and to share our view of the world with others.

**Speaker – Susan Brubaker Knapp**

## **Susan Brubaker Knapp Workshops:**

- **January 12, 2011 (1 pm to 5 pm) “Machine Quilting 101”**
- Many beginner quilters have a bunch of quilt tops sitting in their sewing room that they are afraid to quilt. In this class, students learn the basics and gain confidence to go home, practice, and take on those quilt tops. Among other things, students learn about:
  - settings for your machine
  - the essential feet (free-motion/darning foot, □ and walking foot)
  - how to work with a big quilt
  - starting and stopping neatly
  - what to do if thread breaks or you run out of thread
  - thread, needle and batting basics
- **Cost to NeedleChasers members \$35**
  
- **January 13, 2011 (10 am to 4 pm) “Thread Sketching”**
- A workshop for those who already have basic machine quilting experience who want to expand their skills to create color and texture with thread. Using a line drawing of a dragonfly, students learn how to:
  - make templates for the body and create fusible pieces
  - stabilize the fabric surface
  - choose the right threads and needles for threadsketching
- **Cost to NeedleChasers members \$60 – CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 12 PARTICIPANTS TO GIVE PARTICIPANTS MORE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME**

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**February 9, 2011 “Oh My Aching \_\_\_\_\_”** Our own expert on body mechanics and reducing strain while doing our favorite thing – quilting. Denise will provide us with a hands-on demonstration and practical tips to prevent that body part from aching. A must-see for all of us who experience that twinge, ache and strain after too much sewing. **Speaker – Denise Connor**

**March 9, 2011 “4<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt-A-Thon”**

**April 13, 2011 "ThreadPower!"** An inspirational lecture and trunk show by internationally renowned machine quilter Patsy Thompson. Patsy illustrates how various types of threads enable you to achieve different effects in your quilting. She will review many fun techniques such as trapunto, couching decorative threads and free motion embroidery among others. You've seen her DVDs, books and website. Now have the chance to learn how she achieves those phenomenal machine quilted designs. We'll all try not to drool too much on the exquisite quilts she will show in this wonderful trunk show. Then, be sure to sign up for her machine quilting workshops so you too can learn to quilt like Patsy!

## **Patsy Thompson Workshops**

- **April 13, 2011 (12pm to 5 pm) “Trapunto Couching of Decorative Threads and Free Motion Extravaganza”**
  - If you are feeling seduced by all the beautiful decorative threads and yarns on the market, or dreaming of ways to incorporate new textures and depth in your quilts, then this class is for you! In this skill-building class, you will learn the ins and outs of fusible appliqué, trapunto, (stuffed work), couching of decorative threads, free motion mastery, and maybe some other stuff if we find the time! Learn these skills as you create a one of a kind butterfly wall hanging, or take this large butterfly and use it as the basis for a larger quilt of your own design!
  - **Skill level: Advanced Beginner to Advanced. Student must have prior experience with and be comfortable using a free motion foot**
  - **Cost to NeedleChasers participants \$40 plus \$7.50 lab fee paid to instructor to cover patterns and embellishment threads and yarns**

**April 14, 2011 (10 am to 4 pm) “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Feathers but Were Afraid to Ask”**

- If you've ever admired machine-quilted feathers and wished you could stitch them yourself on a home domestic sewing machine, then this class is for you! We will start with a brief discussion of how to mark your quilt for feathers, and then turn to a day of hands-on stitching! We'll begin by learning the basics of feather

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construction by stitching the freeform feather, and then move to learning how to stitch feathers in different shapes, using the feathered heart as our example. Next, we'll learn to stitch the whimsical feather, and you'll see how altering the shape of a plume can transform the entire look and feel of your feather! From there, we'll move to more traditional feathers as we learn to stitch feathers with a stitched spine and feathers with a scroll spine. If time permits, we'll learn some feather embellishment techniques where we hyper-quilt or over-quilt an already stitched feather with decorative threads. This class will give you so many wonderful ideas of how to stitch feathers that you'll want to stitch them everywhere!

- **Skill Level – Intermediate to Advanced (the student must have a solid background in free motion work and feel comfortable manipulating the quilt sandwich) THIS IS NOT A CLASS FOR A BEGINNER.**
- **Cost to NeedleChasers participants \$50.**

**May 11, 2011 – Demo Day**

**June - TBD**

For more information regarding Programs or Workshops; or to sign up for a workshop, contact either of the Program Co-Chairs:

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