

Speaker Biographies 2013



Marta Alto
Palmer/Pletsch
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Marta is co-author of *Pants for Real People* book and DVDs and is also a jean fitting and sewing expert. Learn to tissue-fit and pant fitting is easy for any design. Learn pattern prep, crotch curve changes, eliminating a baggy back, tweaking in fabric, and fitting regular and contour waistbands. See fitting on many figure types. Learn the secrets of fitting snug fitting jeans starting with jeans tissue and moving on to more pre-fitting in fabric using a new sewing order for jeans. Marta teaches 4-day fit and pant fit workshops in Portland, Or



Frieda Anderson
Friestyle Designs
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I made my first quilt when I was in high school. I have been designing and making original quilts ever since.

I find each step of quilt making, from the beginning to the end, a real challenge. Most of my quilts are fused or have fusing in them. My work is machine quilted and nature inspired. Everyday I walk in a little woods near my home with my dog George. Much of what I see there appears in my work.

I discovered hand dyeing fabric 20 years ago, and I now work almost exclusively with my own hand dyed cotton and silks that are used in my fused and pieced quilt creations. I love the dye process, and I particularly enjoy seeing the colors emerge from the wet fabric. My hand dyed fabric and original patterns can be purchased on my website at <http://www.friestyle.com>. Readers can enjoy my weekly updates and tips on my blog at <http://www.friestyle.blogspot.com>.



**American Sewing Guild Olympia
Chapter**
www.asg.com

This is a national organization of individuals who love to sew. The style show includes all types of garments plus displays quilts made by members. All ages and levels of expertise are represented.



Denise Applegate-Schober
LiTen Up Technologies, Inc.

Denise travels around the United States teaching quilting, sewing and designing. Denise has been sewing for more than 40 years of her life. It is one of her passions and she is always excited to share her knowledge of quilting and sewing with others. As a fiber artist Denise now translates this use of a pen to the fabric with thread and fabric. Among Denise's accomplishments are the many entries in art galleries, quilt show and art shows. 2010 was the first year that Denise entered in the Hoffman Challenge with 2 pieces, a garment and the other an accessory. She has appeared as a guest on America Sews with Sue Hausmann, Martha's Sewing Room with Martha Pullen and worked with Martha Stewart designing embroidery designs for towels on her television show. Denise does trunk shows and teaches at numerous shows across the United States and abroad.



Marci Baker
Quilt with Marci Baker/Alicia's Attic
Inc.

Recognized internationally for her expertise in quilting, Marci enjoys sharing ideas that simplify the process of sewing and quilting. Her products and tools provide easy-to-follow solutions for common sewing and quilting problems. Enthusiasm and inspiration can be seen throughout her lectures, workshops, and books. Marci and her husband, Clint, currently live in Fort Collins, CO, where they enjoy the outdoors and the beautiful mountains. Both of her sons are attending RPI in Troy, NY.



Amy Barickman
Indygo Junction
www.indygojunction.com

Amy Barickman is the founder and owner of Indygo Junction, and AmyBarickman.com. She is a leader in the sewing, needle arts industry having released nearly 1000 sewing pattern titles, sold more than two-million patterns and published 80 books sold throughout the U.S. and internationally. Her recent releases include Amy Barickman's Vintage Notions: An Inspirational Guide to Needlework, Cooking, Sewing, Fashion and Fun , and Indygo Junction's Fabric Flowers. Through her blogs, business websites and e-newsletters, Amy inspires countless crafters to explore their own creative spirit and experiment with the newest sewing, fabric and crafting techniques.



Pam Bocko
Pieceful Designs
www.piecefuldesigns.com

Pam has been designing and creating things as long as she can remember. After working in the healthcare field for many years, she made a career change and obtained her degree in Interior Design. From here she turned her focus to designing original quilting and sewing patterns, establishing her company, Pieceful Designs. She loves to encourage sewers of all levels and abilities by creating patterns for projects that range from small and simple to more challenging designs for those with a bit more experience. Pam gets her design ideas from everywhere: nature, architecture, even from a funny joke which results in designs that are bright, light hearted and made to put a smile on your face. She has been honored to have received awards on both the local and national levels for her quilting. Pam Lives in Eugene, Oregon with her husband Rick and has three adult daughters.



Ryliss Bod
Bernina of America
www.sewinganddesignschool.com

Ryliss Bod has 32 years' experience teaching Fashion Construction and Design at a Washington State Technical College. She instructed courses for both continuing education and career training in all levels of sewing construction, home décor construction, fashion accessory construction, fashion design, fitting and pattern alterations, patternmaking, textiles, history of fashion, quilting and conducted fashion and fabric shopping field trips to Portland, San Francisco and New York. Currently she is the founder and CEO at the Sewing & Design School in Tacoma, WA.



Jan Bones
Lingerie Secrets Patterns
www.sewinglingerie.com

For 31 years I taught pattern design, garment construction, pattern drafting, tailoring, draping and fitting at the University of Manitoba. I continue to enjoy educating classes of enthusiastic clothing design students at both Red River College and MC College, both located in Winnipeg. In 1994, I started my sewing pattern company, 'Lingerie Secrets' and currently there are over 40 designs to fit ladies in all shapes and sizes! Travelling across Canada and the United States, I have the fun of teaching sewing enthusiasts in seminars, hands on workshops and weekend retreats. Also, there are nearly 1000 Dress Forms adorning sewing spaces across the country, courtesy of my workshop on Dress Form creation. Writing books, produced sewing DVD's, creating articles for Threads magazine and working as a design consultant for the garment industry are other adventures that keep me busy and happy!



Lorene Bonewitz
Sew It Up.com
www.sewitup.com

Lorene Bonewitz is the owner and founder of Sew It Up.com which opened in 1998 in Texas. The shop is a culmination of her passion for sewing and embroidery. Her previous career paths were in education, as a language teacher, and commercial real estate. In 1986, she and her husband started their family and for 10 years she stayed home with their two children ~ all the while honing her sewing skills.

Lorene decided to open a website after 10 years of running her shop. The idea was solidified with the idea of "kitting up" the shop's sample garments. She often overheard, "Have fun! Now, go home and sew it up!" Hence the name! Over the years, her shop and website have been featured in many sewing magazines.



Dana Bontrager
Dana Marie Design Co.
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My absolute favorite thing to do is sew. I learned by watching my mother create great things to wear. My mom taught me invaluable lessons and to never let others dictate what you can or can't do. My dad taught me another one... you've got to stick with it until it works! I break rules if I must, often throw caution to the winds, and sew creatively because for me, it's the best form of expression. Professionally since 1985, I've created custom designs and pattern making for individual clients to small manufacturers. Today the business includes my own line of fashion patterns, art stamps and all the fun toys to have your own wearable art experience.



Jennifer Bosworth
Shabby Fabrics
www.shabbyfabrics.com

My name is Jennifer Bosworth. I am the owner of Shabby Fabrics, an online quilt shop offering fabrics, patterns, quilt kits and Block of the Month. I enjoy crafts of all kinds but have a special affection and love for quilting! Just a few short years ago, I figured out a fast, fun and EASY way to successfully, applique and have been appliqueing ever since! I would love to share this with you so that you too can enjoy the wonderful world of appliqueing



Tammie Bowser
Mosaic Quilt Studio
www.tammiebowser.com

Tammie Bowser is the author and inventor of "Simply Amazing Quilted Photography", "More Amazing Quilted Photography" and "Amazing Chenilled Quilted Photography". and the companion computer software "Quilted Photo Deluxe". She was taught to sew as a very young child and made her first garments at 4 years of age. Before starting her quilting career she spent 18 years as a professional fashion designer and patternmaker. Tammie was the winner of 'Quilt national 2007' and her quilts have been collected by a museum. and. She has demonstrated her ideas on "Simply Quilts", "Sewing with Nancy", "Friends of Kaye" and "Quilter's TV".



Stacy Brisbee
Pendleton Woolen Mill Store
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The way Stacy sews & crafts, you'd think she's been doing it since before she could walk. In another life, she could have been a rodeo princess or maybe Martha Stewart's evil (but more fun) cousin. Stacy joined the staff of the Pendleton Woolen Mill Store in 2007, serving as Education Coordinator and managing our eBay store. When she's not teaching or selling wool for Pendleton, she's teaching kids at the local community school. With Stacy, traditional is out the window. She teaches her students to toss the pattern and trust in instinct – and an arsenal of tricks to make even the most difficult details easy. Her cowboy boot collection is legendary among Sewing Expo attendees. Stop by the Pendleton booth each day to check out her latest selection of kicks!



Bobbi Bullard
Bullard Designs
www.bullarddesigns.com

Bobbi Bullard, been a prominent name in the machine embroidery world since 1996 is now known as the one who has written the book on machine embroidery to create art, Artful Machine Embroidery. She's known for her clear headed approach to design, Bobbi's work has been seen in Quiltmaker, Belle Armoire, Designs in Machine Embroidery, ASG's Notions, Threads, Haute Handbag and more. She's been a featured artist on Brother's new television show. Her work has taken ribbons in the Wearable Art category at PIQF, the Sulky challenge and has been seen in a variety of other nationally ranked quilt shows.



Eleanor Burns
Quilt in a Day
www.quiltinaday.com

Eleanor Burns established Quilt in a Day 35 years ago. During this time she has self-published over 110 books and patterns. Also she has produced over 300 programs of her television show from her studio in San Marcos, CA. Throughout her career she has received many awards in the industry such as the Primedia award of Excellence, The Michael Kyle Award and Women of Merit. Her most recent accomplishment is being inducted into the Quilter's Hall of Fame in Marion, Indiana.



Maddie Bushman
Janome America
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Maddie Bushman is a bi-lingual international educator. She teaches embroidery for the beginner/intermediate, Digitizing, garment construction, pattern fitting, Quilting, home decor and crafts. Several of her projects are featured on the internet. She has also been a television guest several times on the Kaye Wood Show (Kaye's Quilting Friends) and Quilt Central TV. She has traveled throughout the United States, Central America, Belgium, Holland, Spain, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico and The Dominican Republic teaching and promoting the benefits of owning Sewing/Embroidery machines and sergers. She is also often seen at most of the domestic Embroidery and Quilting shows throughout the year.

Recently she has been called "The Queen of Crystals" after having become an expert on the Artistic Software Suite. It has been said that if it doesn't move she will bling it!



Steve Butler
American & Efird/Viking Sew & Vac
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Steve Butler is the National Account Manager at American & Efird where he is not only responsible for thread sales but new product development as well. As a previous quilt shop owner he is able to answer a wide range of questions on threads, needles and sewing machines. Steve has taught classes at all major sewing machine conventions, International Quilt Market and has been a repeat guest on Martha Pullen's popular PBS series "Martha's Sewing Room".



Karen Campbell
Wild Ginger Software
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Karen started sewing at the age of 5. She has taught sewing and pattern making around the world as a Navy wife and for several years at G-Street Fabrics in Rockville, MD. She printed her first computer sewing pattern in 1993. Since 2002, she has been doing Tech Support and teaching for Wild Ginger Software, Inc.



Mary Carollo
Janome America
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Mary Carollo is an Educational Coordinator for Janome America. Her more than 30 years in the sewing industry have included managing a custom bridal business, owning her own retail store, and teaching across the country. Since joining Janome she has been developed Janome Hands On Classes, Dealer Development Classes, Training Seminars and Software Education. Her projects and classes are focused to bring out the creative artist in everyone.



Kathleen Cheetham
Petite Plus Patterns

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Kathleen Cheetham is an author, designer and pattern maker. She produces Petite Plus Patterns® and offers classes on fitting, design and creative inspiration. In recent years she's added costume and puppet making to her design repertoire. Kathleen lives and finds her place of harmony in an old Finnish community on a tiny northern gulf island.



Kandi Christian
Sew Timeless

www.sewtimeless.com

Kandi L. Christian, MBA is a well-known instructor of classes both in the US and England. She is an author of 7 books on sewing and the business of sewing. She frequently writes articles for major sewing and embroidery magazines. She's been a featured speaker and many sewing events throughout the US. She was also tapped by the BBC to be their expert seamstress for their TV show "While You Were Out." She's the owner of Sew Timeless, an on-line store specializing in machine embroidery and embellishments. She is also a licensed Martha Pullen instructor.



Pam Clarke
Designs With Lines
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I've been professional machine quilting since 1988 and teach machine quilting for the home machine and the Longarm machine all over the world. I've quilted over 7,500 quilts and have a technique that I teach using registration lines to help speed up the marking and quilting process. I live in Spokane WA, have, 3 children and 4 Granddaughters'.



Barbara Crawford
" Sewing Made Simple " by
Crawford Designs
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Barbara Crawford is a nationally recognized instructor, and leader in the pattern industry. Barbara teaches at guilds, quilt shops, expos and can be seen on "The Creative Living show" and "It's Sew Easy "on PBS. Barbara is one of the leading experts in the US in needle felting and Nuno felting. She is well known for her creative jackets and coats made from sweatshirts and wool rayon fabric that have been embellished with appliqué` patterns.

Barbara has been a contributor in Sew News, The SQE Professional, Quilt Magazine, Pattern partners with National Nonwovens, along with Designer Needle Felting: Contemporary Styles, Easy Techniques book from Larks Books and she is currently working with American Quilters Magazine on a new article and project for Fall 2012.

Barbara has her degree in Art, and is a member of the National Association of Professional Women.

For more information, visit her website
www.crawforddesings.net



Connie Crawford
Fashion Patterns by Coni
www.fashionpatterns.com

Connie Crawford is a licensed designer for BUTTERICK PATTERNS, member of the Sewing Hall of Fame and is owner of Fashion Patterns by Coni (www.fashionpatterns.com), which specializes in patterns for mature figures in sizes 8-20 and 1X t 6X. She is a nationally recognized lecturer, fashion specialist, educator, and author of several DVD's, sewing and pattern textbooks, Connie has been a production patternmaking/designer in the Los Angeles fashion industry for 35 years and taught patternmaking and fashion design classes for 23 years at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising.



Michele Crawford
Flower Box Quilts
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Michele Crawford has been a quilt and needlework designer since 1989. Her experiences include being a Marketing Consultant, Teacher, Lecturer, and owner of Flower Box Quilts, a quilt pattern and internet store since 2004. Over 4,450 of her designs have been published in magazines including Fabric Trends, Family Circle, McCall's Quilting, Quilter's World, The Quilter, and Woman's Day. Also, she has designed quilts for international trade shows, websites and project sheets for various fabric, batting and thread companies.



Louise Cutting
Cutting Corners/Cutting Line
Designs
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A contributing editor for Thread's Magazine, designer of 'Cutting Line Designs' patterns, co-designer for 'Shapes' Patterns, and stars in 5 volumes of 'Industry Insider Techniques' DVD's produced by Threads Magazine. "The best instructions in the independent pattern industry". The Fashion Department Head at Prospect Hall College and The Art Institute. She's appeared on 'Sew Much More', 'America Sews', & 'Sewing with Martha Pullen', showcasing fashion sewing. Articles & pattern designs have been featured in Threads, Sew News, Sew Stylish, Handwoven, & Sew Beautiful magazines. She has spoken internationally on sewing, design & received 'The Outstanding Teacher Award for 2008'.



Pam Damour
The Decorating Diva
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Known as the "Decorating Diva", Pam Damour offers professional drapery workroom training to the trade. Co-author of "Pillow Talk", and "Cheaper by the Dozen", Damour is generous in sharing the knowledge of her 30 plus years as an interior designer and sewing professional. As a seasoned career speaker, she travels internationally teaching her specialty techniques that have brought her years of continued business as the "Couture of Home Decor Sewing". Host of her own web-TV show on sewontv.com, "At Home with the Decorating Diva", she's also the producer of 15 how-to DVDs and writes for Sew News and SQE.



Glennis Dolce
Shiborigirl Studios
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I am a dyer, a maker, and a wonderer. I specialize in silk, Shibori and indigo. I enjoy teaching and creating things that make people wonder.



Karen Erickson
Home Fashions U/Slipcover America
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Karen is an advocate for continuing education, Karen has created DVD's, written articles, how to booklets, plus is a pioneer in Online Sewing Education. You will find Karen not only teaching classes in Washington where she lives, but can catch her on the road teaching workshops and classes throughout the year in the USA and Canada. In 1998, Karen started www.SlipcoverAmerica.com, in 1999, www.SlipcoverNetwork.org followed, which supports all aspects of Slipcovers for furniture. In 2006, Karen joined forces with Claudia Buchanan to start www.HomeFashionsU.com "dedicated to interior fashion for the home."



Lee Fletcher
Sulky of America
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As the child of a seamstress and machine embroidery artist, I can't remember not sewing. It has always been a part of my life. I am so privileged to be a Sulky National Educator with the ability to share my love of sewing and embellishment with this fabulous community.



Sam Fung
Janome America
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Sam Fung is an educator for Janome America. Prior to joining the company Sam had his own custom sewing business in Texas where he designed and created wedding gowns, brides maids dresses, home decor, and other things. Some of Sam's creations appeared in the opening numbers of the Miss Texas Pageant. Whether teaching adults or children, his passion for and love of sewing is apparent.



Helen Gibb
Helen Gibb Ribbonwork
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Helen Gibb, a native of Australia now residing in the United States, has been designing in the craft and needle art industry since 1985. She's the Queen of Ribbon having written four how-to books, and made over 40 television appearances. She conducts workshops in Colorado, Italy and Canada. Students rave about the beautiful projects and easy techniques that Helen provides for them. Helen is the owner and CEO of Helen Gibb Design Inc, the largest mail order company in the USA specializing in ribbonwork supplies. Take a peek at some of the lovely things at www.helengibb.com.



Nancy Goldsworthy
Wonderfil Threads
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Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, Nancy has been sewing since she was a child. Her love of sewing took her to a career in apparel manufacturing. In 2001, Nancy left her corporate job to follow her love of quilting. She set up her longarm machine and started up Nine Patch Quilting in the loft over her living room. Now, as an award winning quilter and author, Nancy travels the country teaching and sharing her love of quilting. Look for her books: Needles, and Threads and Bobbins, Oh My!, Flat or Fluffy? A Beginners Guide to Battings You can contact Nancy at www.ninepatchquilting.com



Geri Grasvik
The Pine Needle
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Geri is the owner of The Pine Needle in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Her extensive background in fashion and retail has led the way to her filling The Pine Needle with outstanding fabrics, exclusive patterns, well organized kits and unending inspiration. Geri has also developed a far reaching mail order business where you will receive the same excellence in product and customer service that the store offers. Please stop by and say 'hi' to Geri and her Pinecones.



Darlene Guillory
SVP Worldwide

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Known for her versatile talent and sincere passion for many areas of sewing and embroidery, Darlene takes pleasure in sharing her vast knowledge and skills. Consumers who attend her events come away with a clear vision of their own unlimited possibilities and opportunities to express themselves through sewing. A plethora of credentials and 50 years of sewing enhance Darlene's expertise as a professional and personable teacher. Darlene's personal favorites include heirloom, quilting, appliqué, embroidery and serger sewing.



Allison Harris
Cluck Cluck Sew/Bernina

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Allison Harris writes a popular quilting and sewing blog, Cluck Cluck Sew. She also publishes fresh and modern quilt patterns that are available in quilt shops worldwide. Her first book for C&T Publishing, Growing Up Modern, will be released this April. Allison lives in the Seattle area with her husband and 3 small children.



Simon Haskins
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Machine Embroidery and Quilt Designer from Australia



Sue Hausmann
SVP Worldwide/Husqvarna Viking
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Sue's enthusiasm for sharing the life skill of sewing and quilting is her passion, and for more than 40 years her profession focused on sewing and quilting education. Now "retired", Sue attributes much of her success to the encouragement and support of her husband Herb, and is thrilled he joins her in their mission, "sharing the joy of sewing and quilting", at shows and events across North America. Sue has produced and hosted more than 900 public broadcasting programs and has written 33 sewing and quilting books.



**Maggie Hayes
The Pine Needle**

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Maggie is a retired school teacher who has taught at The Pine Needle for the last 10 years. Maggie is a talented quilter and sewer as well as designer, who shares her expertise willingly with her students. Maggie has a thirst for sewing knowledge and stays on top of all the new trends and techniques that arrive in our industry, Teaching is Maggie's first love and she is loved by all of her students.



**Lorraine Henry
L H Enterprises/ Two Easy Tape Co.**

Lorraine is a specialist in sewing, fitting and pattern alteration for Conselle Institute of Image Management. She has a degree in Clothing and Textiles and has been a university instructor and has taught classes internationally at sewing related shows. Teaching pattern alteration and fit is her favorite thing to do. She is the creator of the Two Easy Measuring tape set with an instruction booklet which has been an aid for achieving a good fit for fashion sewers throughout the world. She has been a contributor for Sewing News Magazine. With 40+ years of experiences as a custom dressmaker/tailor and teachers, she has a wealth of knowledge to share with you about sewing and fit.



Mary Jo Hiney
Mary Jo Hiney Designs
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Mary Jo Hiney is the owner and producer of Mary Jo Hiney Designs, a small-scale retail and wholesale manufacturing concern, producing artisan products. Mary Jo Hiney Designs produces a thorough line of Hand-Dyed silk ribbon, organza, velvet and lace, beautifully packaged silk fabrics in a very thorough range of colors, self-published patterns and kits and an assortment of accessories that enhance learning and creating. Mary Jo has written books for Sterling/Chapelle and Design Originals. She has been a contributing designer for Vogue patterns and is a Technical Designer for other entities. Mary Jo was the owner of Something Special, Made by Hand, manufacturing hand made gifts and decorative accessories for the gift market. Mary Jo began her career as costumer for Live Television in Burbank, CA and is a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising.



Nannette Holmberg
Faux Chenille
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Nannette Holmberg studied fashion design F.I.T. in New York City, She designed for McCall's Pattern company and now has her own line of patterns for wearables and quilts. She has been a guest on HGTV's Simply Quilts, America Sews and Creative Quilting. The author of three popular books on her innovative techniques, she teaches nationally and shows her work throughout the U.S. and internationally. This year her quilts were featured on the covers of two issues of Quiltmania magazine. Her trademarked products and patterns, Chenille-It Blooming Bias® and Faux Chenille® can be found in quilt shops nationwide.



Mickey Hudson
Islander Sewing Systems
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Like many young girls, Mickey started sewing at a young age. She claims her early projects were all variety of monstrosity, but she had fallen in love with the art of sewing. Determined to learn correctly, she signed up for a beginner-sewing course. When she finished the course, the instructor hired her as a teacher. She started with her own beginner-sewing course. Mickey was on a new career path, and has been teaching and working in the sewing world ever since. She started with beginners and now teaches all skill levels. She is also a Certified Islander Sewing Systems instructor. Mickey is known far and wide as the “shortcut queen”. Those who see her work are amazed at how little time it took her to get such professional results. The Islander Sewing System uses the same professional techniques used in the garment industry. No pins, no basting, no kidding!



Candice Jewett
Quality Sewing
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Candice was taught by her great grandmother to sew at a very young age and began making her own clothes just shy of 11 years of age when she measured 5’6”. She continued to sew professionally and for friends and family until 1990 when she given the opportunity to work in the sewing industry at a national level...and her passion for sergers began.

Through years of teaching a variety of sergers and becoming licensed Martha Pullen Serger Instructor Candice believes that serging should be easy and fun. If you have ever wanted to learn designer and heirloom techniques or learn how to make the beautiful, expensive looking pillows, pillow wraps, table runners, placemats then plan to attend this popular event that takes the mystery out of serging and you too will start using the words fun and serger in the same sentence.



Lana L. Jones
Quality Sewing
www.qualitysewing.com

Lana has been sewing and crafting since she was 8 years old. She has been teaching, writing and lecturing on sewing and embroidery for 19 years. As an Educational Consultant for Quality Sewing, Lana does presentations showcasing the features of sewing/embroidery machines, sergers, and accessories. She has self-published two books and written numerous instructions. She teaches hands-on class for the new machines, software, quilting and embroidery. Lana's many years of sewing, embroidery and software knowledge can help take you to the next level with your own projects.



Angela Jorgenson
Quilting From the Heartland
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Angela's bio will be coming...



Sharlene Jorgenson
Quilting From the Heartland
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A veteran quilter for 30 years. Shar is a familiar face to thousands of television viewers. Her PBS television series, *Quilting From The Heartland*, and *Quilting With Shar*, brings innovative techniques to quilt makers of all skill levels. Her enthusiasm, down-to-earth style, and extensive experience, guide quilters through the steps of creating beautiful quilts, quickly and easily with today's tools. In 1988, Shar created her first set of laser templates. Her time-saving method of rotary cutting several layers of fabric into customized shapes brought accuracy and convenience to quilt makers. Without sacrificing the beauty of traditional designs, Shar teaches methods for accurately producing ageless quilt patterns with ease and efficiency. Her step-by-step instructions, based upon her own hands-on experience, take the mystique out of quilting and insure successful results. In addition to 13 years of programming for PBS she is the author of over 40 quilting books and has developed over 35 template sets and a full line of quilting stencils. In 2009 Shar was nominated the Quilter of the Year for Minnesota Quilter's Inc. Many of Shar's classes can now be seen on thequiltingschool.com.



Debra Justice
Labours of Love
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Debra Justice is an internationally known keynote speaker, video celebrity, author, freelance writer for *Sew News* and Proprietress of *Labours of Love Heirloom Sewing Supplies* an online sewing boutique. Debra's informative, inspiring, to the point, seminars have made her favorite speaker and respected sewing expert nationwide.



Gail Kellogg
SVP Worldwide
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Gail is a passionate teacher, and has shared her fascination for sewing with consumers for over 30 years. Her former retail and educational roles have given her a deeper perspective when leading all the fun SVP events she travels to nationwide. She has sewn and taught many projects focused on heirloom quilting, piecing, and home décor, vintage doll wardrobes using the original patterns, children's clothing and felting. Gail finds that creating a fashionable garment that one can then put on and wear is the most satisfying of all sewing. Gail is also certified in the following: Martha Pullen instruction, Margaret Islander Industrial Shortcuts, tailing and pattern drafting; professional interior decorator and former Jenny Haskins teacher.



Jane Kelly & Rae Friis (left)
Armommy
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Jane and Rae are the mother daughter team that makes up ARMOMMY. Jane learned to sew early in life from her grandmother and she has been a lifelong sewer. Rae became interested in sewing as a young mom and she is the loves to create fun, practical and affordable projects. ARMOMMY offers young and fresh ideas for today's sewer and crafter.



Debbie Kemp
Metropolitan Quilt LLC
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Debbie began quilting in 1993. Her first project was a “Double Irish Chain” she saw in a quilt shop window and this began her love of quilting. Debbie is a former quilt shop owner and has taught quilting for the past 10 years. She has taught classes in Oregon, Utah, Ireland and the United Kingdom. Along with her business partner, she formed Metropolitan Quilt in 2010 to bring fresh designs to contemporary quilting. Metropolitan Quilt debuted with 30 modern quilt patterns incorporating both pieced and appliqué techniques. Their unique use of narrow sashing in their “Les Villes” Collection has received tremendous attention. Metropolitan Quilt is currently designing quilts for the new Anna Griffin Fabric Collections. They are also working on new quilt patterns, publishing a book and designing fabric. Her students will also benefit from her professional teaching style having been a corporate training manager for several years.



Barbara Kirk
Esther's Fabrics
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Barbara Kirk is a life-long sewer and crafter who is now the current owner of Esther's Fabrics on Bainbridge Island, WA. In addition to helping customers with apparel, quilting, and home decorator projects, her creative staff is always coming up with new ideas for using fabrics.



Stephanie Kleinman
Fabric Studio
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My motto has always been, follow your passion and you will succeed! I have combined my love of textile designs with my fast and easy methods of block construction; simple techniques for making photo fabric; then on top of that I, added in the latest internet technologies and came up with a new online version of my Fabric Studio. No software to purchase, just a great place to create one of kind personalized projects. Who knows where this latest endeavor will lead me to?



Linda Kubik
Linda Kubik, Atelier
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Linda Kubik is hooked on vintage fashion and produces couture quality fabric. She is a designer and sewing educator who also weaves. She originated many of the handwoven (novelty) sewing techniques now frequently used and given countless home sewers the opportunity and joy of sewing handwoven fabric. Linda is now also producing limited edition screen printed fabrics, some on handwoven cloth. Linda currently has 13 designs in her pattern line, Elements and has written two books.



Cheryl Kuczek
Paradiso Designs/Quiltworks
Northwest
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www.quiltworksnw.com

Paradiso Designs was created by Cheryl Kuczek, encompassing all her funky, eclectic designs through her own independent line of sewing patterns. Cheryl LOVES to teach children and adults how to make useable stuff that they love!! When Cheryl is not sewing, painting wall murals or jewelry making, then she is walking her dog Genny or iceskating!! After a flurry of projects in magazines such as Stitch, Sew Stylish, and Sew News, hopefully in the near future Cheryl will be designing fabric for others to make cool clothing or whatever they want with it!! Check it all out at paradisodesigns.com, and her unique sewing techniques at paradisodesigns.blogspot.com



Linda Lee
The Sewing Workshop
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Starting with making and selling felt hats in 6th grade, Linda's business ventures have followed - from a life-long career in interior design to producing avant-garde sewing patterns for the adventurous sewer under the name The Sewing Workshop Pattern Collection, a group of patterns for distinctive garments using innovative sewing techniques. Linda writes for Threads, Sew News and Stitch magazines. One pillow-making project ultimately led to fourteen books, television appearances and traveling and teaching the fine art of combining beautiful fabrics and innovative sewing techniques for both garments and interiors. Linda is the author and producer of a new program called Sew Confident!, an educational experience that not only offers how-to tutorials relating to her pattern collection, but processes and ideas that enhance the collection and your sewing enrichment with pattern variation suggestions, fitting solutions, and tried-and-true signature sewing techniques.



Pamela Leggett
Pamela's Patterns/Palmer Pletsch
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www.palmerpletsch.com

Pamela Leggett has been teaching sewing since 1981. Specializing in pattern fitting and fine garment skills, she has developed a fun and informative teaching style that is now available at Pamela's Patterns. One of Pamela's passions is creating garments that flatter and fit the wearer. Her desire to teach others to achieve the perfect fit led her to the Palmer/Pletsch pattern fitting method, which she has used to help hundreds of women successfully achieve good fit and renewed love of garment sewing. In 2012, Pamela joined forces with Pati Palmer to teach The Palmer/Pletsch East School of Sewing in Philadelphia.



Libby Lehman
Bernina of America
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Libby Lehman began making quilts 40 years ago when her mother signed them up for a basic class. Over the years she has evolved from a traditional handworker to one of the leaders in innovative machine stitching. Her quilt Joy Ride was chosen as one of the Best 100 American Quilts of the 20th Century. In addition to making quilts, most of her time is spent teaching, judging, writing & lecturing in the US as well as internationally. A native Texan, Libby lives in Houston with her husband, Lester. She loves to travel to exotic locales, such as Kuala Lumpur and Puyallup.



Amy Loh-Kupser
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Amy Loh Kupser has been an artist all her life. She has loved experimenting in any medium she could get her hands on to create art. After being tied down to a computer for 17 years as a graphic designer and then web designer, she discovered beading. For the past 15 years, she has been able to share her passion by creating bead patterns and teaching at shows and stores all around the country. Life seems to be coming full circle as she is now turning her beadwork into machine embroidery and applique design projects.



Cindy Losekamp
Sew Artfully Yours
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Cindy is a fun and enlightening teacher known for her incredible amount of samples and ingenious way of creating. She has been featured on many of the sewing shows and has traveled worldwide, teaching her methods of machine art to students of all ranges. Cindy has loved being on the cutting edge of the creative side of sewing. She has been teaching for over 29 years and her students love her patient and understandable style. The one thing that has remained constant is Cindy's creative way of designing and teaching and inspiring people to draw on their own creativity. You will enjoy learning from this exciting and empowering sewing personality.



Linda MacPhee
MacPhee Workshop
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Linda MacPhee is a graduate of the University of Alberta in both the faculties of Human Ecology and Education. MacPhee Workshop”, is one of Canada's largest design houses/pattern manufacturers. Linda is its Creative Director . She has been recognized by the Canadian Awards for Business Excellence, Woman Entrepreneur of the Year, Global Woman of Vision, and the Alumni Award of Excellence from the U of A. She has developed/produced her TV series “Linda MacPhee's Workshop”. It is now in its 12 season and airs on networks across the US and Canada. She is in constant demand as a speaker because of her knowledge, creativity and humor. 2013 marks her 35th successful year in business!



Marsha McClintock
Saf-T-Pockets Patterns
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Marsha McClintock is owner of SAF-T-POCKETS Patterns where she designs patterns with hidden pockets suited for travel or every day wear. In addition she organizes and leads her Sew Many Options Tours for sewing enthusiasts to places like New York, Portland and Toronto. Her experience in locating fabric and notion resources has been incorporated into her tours. She wears her SAF-T-POCKETS garments for her trips and has found the two companies are a natural combination. She enjoys traveling the country teaching at sewing shows and at the national ASG conferences. Her teaching goal is to inspire and motivate students to try new things using creative samples. Her innovative ideas get students excited about sewing and her knowledge and humor make for informative, fun classes. Marsha is an active member in the American Sewing Guild and the Association of Sewing and Design Professionals (Portland, Oregon Chapters).



Linda McGehee
Ghee's
www.ghees.com

My style is easy & fun with a flair for detail. Using a basic design, make several that look entirely different using a variety of thread embellishments, piecing, or embroidery ideas. Having acquired an interest in sewing at a very early age, Linda has been teaching a variety of sewing techniques for years. Very much a machinist, Linda likes to show her students how easy it is to acquire professional results when you know the proper techniques. Her award winning books make stitching easy and fun. www.ghees.com



Lyla Messinger
L.J. Designs
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Lyla J. Messinger is an internationally recognized designer, speaker, author and teacher. She owns L.J. Designs, a multi-faceted company including L.J. Designs, À La Mode, and Eclectic Treasures patterns, and Design Plus® notions. Lyla retired from teaching to promote fashion sewing by providing simple, stylish garment patterns, notions, education and inspiration. Known throughout the sewing industry as an innovator, she was a founding member of the Independent Pattern Company Alliance (IPCA) and received Excellent Teacher of the Year at American Sewing Expo. She has written books, booklets and articles and has been featured on DIY Network's "Sew Much More" show.



Marti Michell
Michell Marketing, Inc.
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Marti Michell, the 2004 prestigious Silver Star Honoree at the Houston International Quilt Festival, is often introduced as a pioneer in the current quilt revival. In 1972 when Marti and her husband Richard started Yours Truly, Inc., a patchwork kit company, there was no quilt industry. Since, she has contributed in almost every capacity. Whether she is participating as a teacher, quilter, author, publisher, manufacturer, designer, consultant, judge or quilt collector, her enthusiasm for and love of quilting is always evident. Since 1995 the Michells have manufactured the From Marti Michell line of acrylic templates and specialty rulers.



Sandra Miller
Cutting Corners
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Sandra travels and writes for Cutting Line Designs, an independent pattern company. She tests new designs, then writes/edits the pattern instructions. She devises classes about wardrobing, variations on Cutting Line Design patterns, and sewing skills, and she teaches at sewing expos across the nation and for sewing guilds and fabric stores. She also co-teaches Fitting Retreats and Professional Techniques retreats with Louise Cutting in Winter Park, FL. The popular retreats feature sewing and fitting skills from Cutting Line Designs patterns that are applicable to any garment design and result in a more professional finish for the home sewer.



Mary Mulari
Mary's Productions/Baby Lock
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Mary Mulari began teaching sewing classes and writing books when sweatshirts were a low-class garment and everyone else was tailoring suits. She was an English teacher who was dismissed when student enrollment dropped and she needed to find new work. Her Designer Sweatshirts topic began with community education classes and branched out to 9 sweatshirt transformation books. She continued in the creative sewing track to explore topics ranging from applique, accessories, and aprons to unusual zipper creations. Mary has written 26 books and designed numerous patterns and embroidery design CDs. She is self-employed, presents creative sewing seminars at stores and guilds across the U.S. and always has her eyes open for new sewing ideas. Having appeared on 46 programs of *Sewing with Nancy*, she is Nancy's most frequent guest. Her sewing parlour, office, and the shipping & packing department for Mary's Productions are in her home in Aurora, Minnesota. Visit www.marymulari.com for a review of her current projects and topics.



Laura Nash
Sew Chic Pattern Co.
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Award winning designer, Laura Nash, began her career designing vintage inspired gowns for clients around the US. Her designs have been in competitions and runways from Portland OR to New York City, featured on TV, and in print media, including Threads Magazine. After years of sewing, pattern making, and dressing all figure types, Laura launched Sew Chic Pattern Company, a line of modern patterns that puts a little "retro" into every style. She teaches near her home in Philomath, OR, Facebooks, tweets, and blogs about fitting and sewing (how to make a custom dress form!) at SewChicPatterns.com.



**Mary Libby Neiman
On The Surface**

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Mary Libby has been working with Beads and Fibers for over 18 years. She has written two books, *Bead Crochet Basics* and *Bead Knitting* as well as many articles for *Bead and Button*, *Beadwork* and other craft magazines. Her designs have been published in several books by Interweave Press and Kalmbach. Mary Libby has taught classes on beading, bead crochet, bead knitting and tassel making for over a dozen trade organizations and consumer shows. Developing new products for mills and manufacturers and designing kits for bead stitching, bead knitting and bead crocheting have been satisfying and inspiring for her.



**Nancy Nix-Rice
Nancy Nix-Rice Wardrobe
Consulting**

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Nancy Nix-Rice is a wardrobe consultant with life-long sewing roots –award-winning fabric retailer, Baby Lock training manager, writer for *SEW NEWS* and *McCall Pattern Magazine*. Nancy holds professional certification from the prestigious Association of Image Consultants International and served as VP Communications, VP Conference and editor of the group’s international publication “Image Update”. Her book “LOOKING GOOD” is the textbook for training new image consultants at FIT in New York, City College of San Francisco and others. She recently released “LOOKING GOOD – Live!” DVD. Nancy presents for ASG and ASDP national conferences and local chapters across the country.



**Niamh O'Connor
Urban Threads**

Art Director & Evil Genius

Niamh has been dabbling in the dark arts of Illustration since her teen years, and since diving into *Urban Threads* she’s found all sorts of fun creating, designing, and otherwise scheming with her cohort Karline and her nefarious stuffed rabbit, *Craft Bunny*. Besides drawing offbeat embroidery designs and *MacGyver*-ing together tutorials, Niamh enjoys reading, traveling, martial arts, movies where things blow up, and occasionally still freelancing illustration for magazines, concert posters, and children’s books. She also probably spends far too much time at her computer, trying to scheme up various ways of taking over the world with embroidery.

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**Monica O'Rouke Bravo
BravoBella**

Monica Bravo learned to sew on her grandmother's knee at age five. By the time she was fourteen, she was an accomplished seamstress, having designed and sewn a variety of garments, swimsuits, and bras. She also designed and published her first bra pattern while in high school. Since that time she has increased her knowledge of bra fit, engineering, and construction. She is a member of the American Sewing Guild and has taught at numerous conferences and workshops, having fit over 1,000 women. Her passion is to see women's health and self-esteem improve through beautiful, well-fitting, supportive bras.



**Pattie Otto
Great Copy Patterns
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Pattie Otto, owner of Great Copy Patterns and author of *Embellishing with the Edge Perfect Blade™* and *Ultimate Polarfleece® Pizzazz*, has a passion for everything fleece. Living in the Midwest, she lives half the year in fleece and knows how to battle Old Man Winter. She spends her time creating patterns for garments including outerwear jackets and accessories, skirts, and tops, designing machine embroidery, teaching seminars, writing books and articles, as well as helping other sewing enthusiasts. Pattie is a life-long resident of Southeastern Wisconsin. When she's not sewing, Pattie enjoys gardening, jigsaw puzzles and playing cards.



Pati Palmer
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Pati Palmer President of Palmer/Pletsch Publishing Author, Designer, Speaker Updated 8/12 Pati Palmer is the author or editor/publisher of dozens of books and how-to DVD's and creator of eight Palmer/Pletsch sewing notion products, including PerfectFuse™ Interfacings. She is McCall Pattern Company's "Fit Expert" and #1 licensee. Her patterns have alteration lines printed on the tissue. She has been an educator for an interfacing company, a department store buyer, and has conducted seminars throughout North America and Australia. She currently teaches workshops in Portland, Oregon where she trains consumers and teachers. She was honored as AAFCS Entrepreneur of the year and is in the Sewing Guild Hall of Fame. She was instrumental in the founding of the national ASDP organization and received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011.



Karen Pharr
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From her first stitch in a quilt shop class, there has never been any looking back. Karen is an accomplished quilter with award winning quilts shown in both Local and International Quilt Shows along with several Art Galleries. As a national teacher, designer, and author, Karen has taught in Quilt Shops, Quilt Guilds, Retreats and Expo's throughout the country. Karen loves to help students develop new, fun and creative techniques. A yes you can attitude flows throughout her classroom so everyone can expand their creativity which they can take with them and apply to future projects.



Vaune Pierce
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Vaune Pierce lives in Moorpark, California and lives with her husband John and their four children. Although trained as an engineer, she started smocking over 20 years ago, right after her first child was born, and has been hooked ever since. She has attended classes at the Imperial Bordados Embroidery Factory in Madeira, Portugal, and has taken an Ayershire Embroider Class in Glasgow, Scotland From Agnes Bryson. A nationally known teacher and designer, she teaches at groups, guilds, and seminars around the country. Vaune is also a contributing editor Sew Beautiful. She is the owner of Vaune, which carries fine fabrics, laces and Swiss embroideries. She can be contacted at (805) 529-5005, or email, vaune@vaune.com



Cecelia Podolak
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Cecelia Podolak specializes in sewing quality garments with an emphasis on professional pressing. Her best-selling Threads book, Easy Guide To Sewing Jackets, and her video/DVD, Fearless Pressing, have become invaluable references for the sewing library. Through her company, Material Things, she designs The Classics line of fashion sewing patterns to fit "real bodies". The basic patterns can be used as they are or can be easily restyled to incorporate other design features. Cecelia also writes for sewing magazines and has been a contributing author to Threads, Sew News, Vogue Pattern Magazine and Australian Stitches. Several of her garments have appeared on the cover of Threads magazine. She conducts and teaches seminars and workshops in both Canada and the United States. Summer workshops are held in her studio. Cecelia has a MSc in Clothing, Textiles, and Merchandising and is a highly thought of university professor.



**Dodi Poulsen
Bernina**

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Dodi Lee Poulsen designs and creates fun and fresh patterns to be enjoyed by quilters of all skill levels. Dodi owns and operates 2 pattern companies, Two Sisters at Squirrel Hollow and Little Londyn. Her designs have been featured in numerous magazines. Dodi is the author of 5 books including 2 new books from Landauer Publishing. Her new book, A Perfect Cut was recently released. Dodi holds a BFA degree in interior and fabric design. She has been a quilt instructor for over twenty five years. She teaches and lectures throughout the country and also is a staff member with Quilt Camp at Sea; the best in cruising and quilting. Visit Dodi's website, www.sashgals.com, for more information about Dodi and see many of her patterns and books!



**Janet Pray
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Janet has an educational background in business and fine art. Self-employed since 1981 as a Fiber Artist, Fiber Arts teacher and Sewing Instructor. Ms Pray began her career in the sewing industry creating a unique line of artistic women's clothing. She is the owner of Islander Sewing Systems and teaches industrial sewing techniques developed by her aunt, Margaret Islander. Ms Pray wrote the book, Islander Sewing Systems™ I. and co-authored the popular DVD, Easy Zippers. Janet's next venture was developing the American Sewing Expo held annually in Novi.



Bob Purcell is President and owner of Superior Threads and is a self-certified master thread therapist. He worked in Japan for 10 years and speaks fluent Japanese. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a Masters Degree in Business Administration. His background is in product development, customer service, and quality control. He taught for many years at a private school and also at the college level. Since 1999 he has educated thousands within our industry and has had many articles published in various industry magazines. He got involved in the thread business to support his wife's (Mother Superior) quilting addiction.

Bob Purcell
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Sue Purdy
Sue's Studs & Laser-Cut Applique
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I started sewing in 4-H when I was 9 years old. At that time, all we had for embellishment was buttonhole twist and snaps. I went through the fabric painting phase, and then found iron-on metals and crystals. It started as a hobby and then turned in to the business 'Sue's Sparklers'. What a magical business that was. It was new to everyone and so exciting to share. I sold that business in 2007 and a couple of years later, started Sue's Solar. That didn't take off as well as I would have liked, so I've started 'Sue's Studs', another iron-on metal and crystal business. But, now I've added my love of spray painting to the mix. With the advent of all the great new stencils, both techniques are easy, fuss-free and go great together.



Londa Rohlfing
Londa's Creative Threads
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Londa is all about creative sewing! After 40+ years of "normal garment sewing" that led to a 13 year fabric/machine dealership storefront, her current joy is traveling to teach at guilds, shops, and sewing expos sharing her current 'obsession' of transforming sweatshirts into stylish jackets and, creative knit tops. Her innovative Talking Patterns™ method provides amazing instruction that can be HEARD online. Londa's work is published in Creative Needle, Sew Savvy, and Sew News magazines, and has appeared on TV in NowSewing It's Sew Easy. She was a headline speaker at Nancy's Notions May Weekend in 2012. Her book, Sweatshirt Transformations was published with C&T in August, 2012.



Rosebud
Fashion Patterns by Coni
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Rosebud is an author, pattern maker, and certified instructor with extensive industrial sewing experience in the ready-to-wear industry. Co-author of the Easy Zippers DVD, she travels across the U.S. and Canada teaching techniques from the industry. Rosebud also conducts hands-on pattern draping and pant drafting for the perfect fit. In her spare time, Rosebud custom designs reproduction hats, garments, and accessories for those who enjoy traveling the back roads in antique vehicles.



Cindy Rowell
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Growing up, Cindy was inspired by a talented mother who fostered her interest in sewing and crafts. A teacher for over 30 years, Cindy has taught a variety of classes in Europe, Canada and the United States, and combines her extensive background in sewing and crafts into her presentations and seminars. Her dynamic personality, and professional teaching style provide creative inspiration for her students. Her informative seminars will introduce you to exciting new techniques, invaluable information, practical tips and unique creative ideas

Kathy Ruddy is an international sewing celebrity, educator, pattern designer, Serger and fitting expert. She is the star of ten Serger and sewing videos and author of twelve Serger and sewing booklets and eleven 3 ways to Learn CD's that combine pictures words and audio adding color commentary to the educational process. Her specialty is to show how to sew and serge fast and easy without sacrificing quality, fit or



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fashion details. Her fresh, fun classes are brimming with surprises and ideas. Go to kathyruddy.com or come to her booth to get measured for custom patterns.



Peggy Sagers
Silhouette Patterns
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Peggy Sagers holds a BS degree, double majoring in both Fashion Design and Fashion Merchandising. Peggy spends her time teaching at seminars in the United States and Canada and recently featured as a guest on It's Sew Easy , she brings no frills to the home sewing world from the ready-to-wear world. She professionally drafts patterns doing freelance for numerous manufactures throughout the US. For 14 years, she has created the pattern line called "Silhouette Patterns", which currently distributes patterns worldwide. Her designs incorporate B, C, and D cup sizing as well as proportionate lengths, which is unique in the pattern industry. In addition to apparel designs, Peggy has designed the patterns of the costumes worn by the 1994 Men's Olympic Figure Skating Silver Medallist, Elvis Stojko.

Longtime pattern designer, artist, and illustrator, Lynnette Sandbloom is also a local expert on floor mats which are fabric creations for the floor that are made to look like quilts. With a fabric line coming out soon with Clothworks, she and business partner, Laura Jones, are just the duo to introduce you to innovative and fun ways to explore fabric.



Lynnette Sandbloom
Beach Garden Quilts
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Becky Scellato
Shibori Dragon
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Becky's love for Japanese textiles and crafts began in the 1960's when her father was stationed in the Air Force in Okinawa, Japan. She learned Sashiko from a Japanese woman over 15 years ago and fell in love with the craft. Sashiko, an easy embroidery technique using a running stitch, is relaxing and fun, and creates a sense of peace while stitching. Sashiko is elegance in simplicity. Becky's shop, Shibori Dragon, specializes in Asian fabrics and other related textiles. Sashiko is one of their specialties, and she has been teaching and collecting historical Sashiko textiles for the past 10 years.



Emma Seabrooke
SewkeysE by Emma Seabrooke
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Emma Seabrooke is a certified Palmer/Pletsch pant and fit instructor. She trained with a French couturier for years and took many fashion design courses in college while obtaining her degree. She has been fashion sewing since the age of six, first for her dolls then for herself and others. Emma loves sewing with knits and has designed patterns for them. She has perfected the best styles for all sizes especially the well-endowed ladies. She travels and teaches from coast to coast and on TV. Emma is an active member of the Miami Chapter of the American Sewing Guild.



Suzy Seed
Sulky of America
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I have been with Sulky of America for 18 years and in the Sewing Industry for 38 years. I love to teach the fabulous techniques that Sulky is famous for. I get great joy in helping students explore new horizons in sewing.



**Laurie Sharp
Craftside**

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Laurie Sharp is a full time artist and has been needle felting for over 10 years. She raises her own sheep, shears and processes the wool for most of her projects. She has been featured on HGTV's 'That's Clever.' From her web site www.woolpets.com, she sells needle felting kits and finished pieces as a business that has become overwhelmingly successful. Her work has been shown in a number of galleries in the Pacific Northwest. She lives in Suquamish, Washington with her husband and business partner, Kevin Sharp. Kevin is a professional photographer, and provides both beauty and how-to photography for Laurie's books



**Lisa Shaw
Sew Bubbles**

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I am an independent software instructor and Technical Support Manager for Buzz Tools Inc. Although that sounds quite technical, I like to think of computers and software as the hammer and nails - they aren't very smart and I get to use them to be creative. This whole adventure into machine embroidery started out as a hobby for me – to get away from the computer, if you can imagine that! A couch potato at heart, I like to get the computer jobs done as quickly as possible - let me share my knowledge with you so we can all be as creative as possible!



Mike & Vicki Shetter
Soft Scrap and more LLC
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Vicki Shetter

Vicki has been sewing and quilting all her life as well as teaching sewing techniques at all levels from children to adults. The idea for Soft Scrap® came from an early desire to incorporate photographs into her projects.

Mike Shetter

Mike's professional career has been spent in film, television, and still production. Mike handles the photo editing side of Soft Scrap® ... **and more**llc.



Robyn Spady
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Village**
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Robyn Spady was introduced to sewing and other fiber arts at a very young age and has indulged herself ever since. She is a master weaver and a technical editor for Handwoven magazine. Robyn has published numerous articles and publications, including Handwoven Decorative Trim, Jewelry from Your Stash, and the forthcoming Make Your Own Cord and Trim. Robyn teaches throughout the United States and Canada. She enjoys sharing her knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm for textiles, fabrication methods, and related techniques for creating jewelry and garments that are as much fun to make as they are to wear.



Connie Spurlock
Sew Wonderful Dreams
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Connie is owner and designer for Sew Wonderful Dreams in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, a pattern company founded in 1989. Teaching across the country in many sewing venues, she presents hundreds of workshops and seminars to students annually on applique, paper piecing, binding and business courses.



Marcy & Katherine Tilton
Marcy Tilton
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Marcy Tilton Marcy's passion for fabric, design and making things is an integral part of all her life's adventures. Through her teaching and website, she introduces creativity into everyday life, offering inspiration, experiential learning, and a curated collection of fabrics and materials. Marcy designs her own line of patterns for Vogue Patterns. With Diane Ericson, she co-conducts Design Outside the Lines retreats. Nurturing creative courage, Marcy supports and stimulates the unfolding of each individual's unique fiber arts expression. Katherine Tilton brings a light-hearted clarity, simplicity and sense of deep play to all she touches. She is artist, educator, designer, writer and visionary. Katherine creates her own line of clothing, designs patterns for Vogue and Butterick Pattern Company. Her work has appeared in Vogue Pattern Magazine, Threads and Ornament. Katherine and Marcy escort intimate groups on design-oriented travel experiences to Paris.



Annie Unrein
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A quilter for over 30 years, Annie Unrein of ByAnnie.com has been designing patterns and teaching quilting classes since 2000. In 2010 Annie introduced ByAnnie's Soft and Stable, a terrific new product that she developed to give body, stability, and a professional finish to bags, purses, home dec items, and more. Annie's goal is to write patterns that are easy to understand with complete instructions to guide you every step of the way. With a focus on practical and useful projects, Annie's patterns appeal to a wide range of customers and serve as a base for great classes.



Fran Valera
Little Windows
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I'm Fran, creator of Little Windows, and I love what I do. Here's how this all came to be: If you're anything like me, you've got tons of digital pix on your hard drive just looking for a way out. I loved the idea of photo jewelry, and tried to find something that really showcased my photos and fit my style. I've been working with resins for years, and in 2006 started making photo pendants for myself. With the perfect resin and custom tools in-hand, I began experimenting with my craft and fabric stash, and have never stopped! With a helpful background in product development and graphic design, and the support of my creative family, I've been able to develop a program I think you'll love. Little Windows is now a resource for supplies, education, and inspiration you can use to embellish yourself, your clothing, and your home!



Valley 4-H
Puyallup, WA

Valley 4-H Club has been presenting a teen fashion show at Sewing Expo since the first year of the Expo. The club is led by Susan Parr, who is a 42-year volunteer leader in Pierce County, Washington, and a charter member of the Pierce County Clothing and Textile Advisors.



Katrina Walker
SVP Worldwide
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Katrina Walker is a designer, educator and author known especially for her work with silk and wool textiles. She particularly enjoys teaching seam construction, machine embroidery, and surface design techniques. Her designs and expertise are featured in many magazines including Threads, SewStylish, Stitch, SewNews and Creative Machine Embroidery. When she is not creating in her studio, Katrina is traveling nationwide spreading the love of sewing with Pfaff and Husqvarna Viking sewing machines. You can follow her adventures online at www.katrinawalker.com.



Nadeen Ward
Dolls R Sew Fun

I have been sewing since I was twelve years old and specialized in Textile Arts in college. I have been teaching since I was about 25 and know quite a lot about presenting classes in an informative style. I love working with the dolls as they don't change size, will sit still and take so much less fabric. I have a pattern line for 18" dolls but believe things should be quick and look wonderful so everyone person is proud of what they can accomplish, I use my students as pattern testers so the directions are easy to understand.



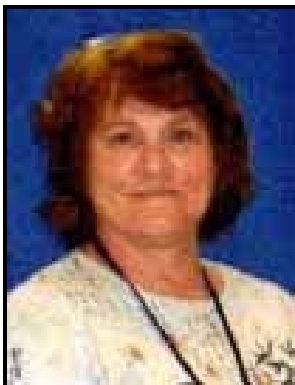
Laura Wasilowski
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Laura Wasilowski is both contemporary quilt maker and creator of hand-dyed fabrics and threads. Her pictorial art quilts (created from fused fabrics and hand-embroidered or machine quilted) are collected and exhibited internationally. Wasilowski's narrative quilts begin with her unique hand-dyed fabrics and are inspired by stories of family, friends, and home. The whimsical wall pieces often chronicle her life. Owner of the dye shop, Artfabrik, Laura is also a lecturer, surface designer, quilt instructor, pattern designer, and author of Fusing Fun, Fuse-and-Tell, and her latest book: Fanciful Stitches, Colorful Quilts.



Mech Watne
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www.perfectborders.com

Mech started garment sewing as a child and added quilt piecing in her 20's. Once she started quilting her own quilts, adding quilting to garments came soon after. Frustrated with trying to get the border pattern to fit a quilt before the kiddo woke up, Mech exclaimed there "has to be a better way!" Putting her engineering skills to use, she created PerfectBorders.com, an online service that custom scales and spaces quilting designs to fit whatever you're working on.



Teresa White has been an acrylic and water color artist for more than 30 years. Her work has been selected for the Smithsonian and the Whitehouse and she was invited to the Whitehouse for dinner to see her piece on display. Besides painting, she is passionate about crazy quilting and has won Grand Champion awards at the Puyallup Fair for her crazy quilts. Teresa loves combining her artistic passions of painting, quilting and embroidery and shares her tips and techniques with her students at Shibori Dragon in

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Valerie Wood
Bernina
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Valerie learned to sew on a treadle machine while her family was homesteading in northern Nevada. Her mother, a wonderful seamstress, had Valerie help sew all of the clothes and household items for her 8 younger siblings. She has been designing patterns and teaching for the last 15 years. Her quilting has been published in both magazines and books. Valerie will teach you fun, innovative way to create a beautiful garment.



Dini Yan
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Dini Yan is a recognized artist from China who has won numerous awards for paintings and designs in China, as well as in international competitions. Dini was a Fine Arts professor at the Arts Institute of Northeast Normal University. After coming to the University of Wisconsin as a Visiting Scholar, Dini discovered a new world of opportunities in America.



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In 1998, I started taking all types of classes at Manchester Sewing Machine Center in CT. Sewing quickly became a passion and a form of creative expression. Experimenting with all types of embellishment techniques is a favorite pastime. Teaching classes and interacting with all levels of sewing enthusiasts continues to be a source of inspiration and fun. My fascination with sergers is an ongoing source of inspiration and experimentation. I'm an active member of the American Sewing Guild CT Chapter and teaching classes and workshops around the country continues to be a source of inspiration.



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