



Lake Las Vegas Gammill Retreat Aug. 4-7, 2021

Featuring computerized and hand-guided longarm classes. Additional classes and educators may be added. Class registration to begin the July 13. A registration link will be emailed and posted at Gammill.com/Retreats.

Computerized Quilting Classes

CreativeStudio Custom Features - 90 minute (Intermediate and Above)

Educator: Karen Farnsworth

Karen will show Statler owners all about the favorite methods for making custom quilting fast and fabulous using CreativeStudio 7 features. She'll discuss the latest features as well as touch on many of the lesser known capabilities of CreativeStudio. Karen will highlight benefits of tools like Draw Pattern, Convert, Measure, Images, Echo, Nodes, Circular Array and more.

Design Decisions - 90 minutes (Beginner and above)

Educator: Karen Farnsworth

How do you decide what quilting pattern to use on a quilt? What style of design will look best? Does the quilt need custom quilting or overall quilting? Where do you start stitching? Is it hard to create your own quilting designs? Karen, a veteran longarm quilter and quilting pattern designer, will answer these questions and more in this fun, fast-paced lecture. She'll show you how she decides what quilting pattern to put on a top. She'll talk about different design themes and styles like modern, whimsical, traditional, etc. and discuss quilting considerations like edge-to-edge versus custom quilting, density differences, and more.

Fill vs Trim - 90 minute (All Levels)

Educator: Karen Farnsworth

Learn the key differences between the Trim and Fill functions in CreativeStudio and when to use each on your quilts. Karen will show you what makes a pattern good (or bad) for using as a Fill.

You'll also learn how to quickly and easily create your own patterns for Fill work. Bring your laptop for practicing in CreativeStudio standalone mode.

Digitizing Design - 90 minutes (Intermediate)

Elevate or Statler

Educator: Christine Perrigo

Have you ever been able to draw a design that you would like to quilt, but could not find a pattern that was close enough? If so, this class is for you! Understanding all that can be done with the seemingly simple Draw Arc tool in Creative Studio will change your approach to digital quilting. Using imported images of a design you would like to quilt, you will learn tricks and tools to digitize designs from your chosen image. Tools and features highlighted in this class include: Import image; Draw arc; Order join; Nodes; and Saving Patterns. This class will be taught in SAM. After this class, you will definitely be using the Draw Arc tool to enhance your custom quilts.

Marvelous Medallions - 90 Minutes (Advanced)

Elevate or Statler

Educator: Christine Perrigo

In this advanced class you will learn to use many of the features available in CreativeStudio to create a custom centerpiece medallion for that special quilt. We will use Apply, Circular Array, Echo, and Fill along with the patterns that you already have to create something entirely new that can be used at the focal point of your quilt.

Using Apply and Fill to Create a Custom Pattern - 90 minutes (Intermediate)

Elevate or Statler

Educator: Christine Perrigo

Being able to create your own unique pattern can make your custom quilting really special. In this class, you will learn a couple of approaches to creating custom patterns utilizing patterns that you already own. You will learn how to draw a block in CAD and create custom patterns, for the block you created. Tools and features highlighted in this class include Draw line/arc; Fill; Boundaries; and Saving Patterns. This class will be taught in SAM. Discussion will focus on finding the 'right' pattern to get the job done, as well as touching on design principles that make a quilting design pop.

Whole quilt blueprint for modern quilts - 90 minutes (Intermediate)

Educator: Christine Perrigo

Modern quilts pack a lot of WOW factor, but can seem intimidating. Explore effective approaches of tackling these modern beauties by utilizing a whole quilt layout method that will be overlaid on a photo of the quilt. Designing digitally will allow you to design elements on the same scale as the piecing, and use methods and patterns that you already know. Design a roadmap of all the quilting designs that you will use ahead of time. The designs will be broken down into 'stitchable' sections to maximize your throat space. Tools and features highlighted in this class include Import Image; Draw line/arc; Fill; Boundaries; Apply and Relocate. This class will be taught in SAM. This class will include an in-depth discussion of what makes a modern quilt; design approaches appropriate for modern quilts; and guidance on choosing the 'right' pattern(s).

Beyond Edge to Edge - 90 minutes (Beginner/Intermediate)

Educator: Lee Ann Lively

In this class you will learn to enhance your quilts by quilting borders using the border corner feature in Creative Studio 7. Give a quilt added appeal, add more quilting options for your customers, learn how to control borders that may not be perfectly pieced and learn how to handle shrinkage in the borders.

Recipes for Success - 90 minutes (Beginner/Intermediate)

Educator: Lee Ann Lively

Are you looking to expand your knowledge of Creative Studio and take your quilting to the next level? Learn extra shortcuts, tricks, and functions with Creative Studio. From measuring, stitching in the ditch (SID), rolling a quilt top, copy & paste, finding the center of an area, restart quilting, and much more.

Why use Repeat Patterns vs Edge to Edge - 90 minutes (Beginner/Intermediate)

Educator: Lee Ann Lively

Do you want to control the details of your quilting? You will learn why Repeat Patterns can be more versatile than Edge 2 Edge (e2e). You will be in control after this class.

Divide and Conquer - 90 minutes (Beginner/Intermediate)

Educator: Lee Ann Lively

In the beginning there was one pattern...in the end there were many. In this class you will learn how to divide a block to make multiple patterns to use in many areas.

Keeping it in the Boundaries - 90 minutes (Beginner/Intermediate)

Educator: Lee Ann Lively

In this class you will learn why boundaries are needed. How they are defined and how to use them effectively.

Tool Time - 90 minutes (Beginner/Intermediate)

Educator: Lee Ann Lively

What tools are in your toolbox? In this class you will learn customization of the Menu Strip and Tool Bar, display any icon you like and in any sequence. Learn the Right Click menu and the Short Cut Keys. Use the right tools for the right quilt.

Classes for All Quilters (Computerized and Hand Guided)

Quilting as a Layer of Design Part 1 and Part 2 - 180 minutes (All)

Educator: Christine Perrigo

Do you want to take your quilting to the next level? In this drawing class learn to incorporate quilting elements as a main design element, not just an afterthought. Students will learn to design quilting elements that add an extra "layer" of design to the quilt. Look beyond the shapes made by the piecing to create a new design element that complements the design of the entire quilt. Utilize the idea of macro quilting to create elements that are on the same scale as the piecing. Learn how scale and density effect what the eye sees. This class will be taught as a drawing class using specialized worksheets created for this class. A picture of a quilt top is encouraged to be brought as well.

Let's Talk Business - 90 minute (All Levels)

Educator: Karen Farnsworth

Looking to start or grow a successful longarm quilting business? Karen will lead a discussion of good business practices and share experiences—good and bad—from her dozen years of quilting for customers. Tips for increasing your customer base and working more efficiently will also be shared. Diversification and specialization options will be covered as well as marketing, customer relations, motivation, time management, helpful tools and more.

Creative Quilted Crafts - 90 minute lecture (All)

Educator: Karen Farnsworth

You and your longarm are capable of more than just finishing customer quilts. Did you know you can use your quilting machine to make gifts, ornaments, party favors, even clothes? Karen will share dozens of ideas for using your computerized or hand guided longarm for unique projects like luggage tags, gift bags, coasters and much, much more. Class members will also be invited to share ways they've used their machines in unconventional ways. Everyone will leave class with fun new money making, timesaving, and gift-giving ideas.

Creating Applique on the Longarm - 90 minutes (Beginner and above)

Educator: Karen Farnsworth

Karen will show you several methods for creating raw edge and finished-edge appliqué projects right on the quilting machine. You'll see how you can create and apply dimensional appliqué accents to a variety of quilt projects. Karen will show you how to create appliqué using specialized designs, patterns you already own, templates, or free-motion skills. This class is not brand specific or just for computerized longarmers. Free-motion quilters enjoy creating appliqué, too! Guaranteed to inspire you and get the creative juices flowing!

Beyond the Boundaries - 90 Minutes (Confident Beginner/Intermediate)

Educator: Eva Birch

Love Computerized Quilting but want to expand your skills? In this class we will explore the possibilities of combining digitized designs with freehand quilting. The possibilities are endless! You'll be amazed at the results! We will discuss several options for the digitized designs, addressing texture, scale and density and how they affect the end result. We will explore how adding freehand quilting to computerized quilting can make you a more efficient quilter, saving you valuable time. So, drop those belts and join me! This class is intended for computerized quilters that want to explore freehand quilting but is suitable for freehand quilters as well.

Hand-Guided Focused Classes

How Should I Quilt This? 90 minutes (All)

Educator: Eva Birch

How many times have you finished a quilt top (or perhaps you quilt for others), and when it comes time for the quilting, you find yourself asking "How should I quilt this?" After running a professional longarm quilting business for 12 years and hundreds of quilts in that time, I will share with you my suggestions for choosing your quilting designs, along with discussion/suggestions from other students in class. We will discuss questions you can ask yourself about the particular quilt that will help you decide on a quilting plan. Along the way, we will also talk about choosing a suitable batting, thread types, colors and even marking. This will be a lecture/open discussion with student involvement. Students should bring at least one quilt top that they would like quilting suggestions for. I will have a large plastic overlay and dry erase markers so we can preview designs on top of the quilt.

Apply that Feather Part 1 and 2 - 180 minutes (Confident Beginner/Intermediate)

Educator: Eva Birch

Learning how to quilt feathers wasn't easy but you did it! Let's apply them! In this class I will show you how to execute a symmetrical Feather Border without turning the quilt by using a few simple

tricks. You will learn how to master a perfectly symmetrical Feathered Wreath using basic shape templates. Feathers can be applied very easily to a variety of shapes and I will show you different options. Ever thought about using feathers as an allover or background fill? The options are endless! This class is intended for a confident beginner to intermediate quilter and can be applicable to any style of feather.

Creative Longarm Applique and Background Fills Part 1 and 2 180 minutes (hands on - All)

Educator: Eva Birch

Isn't there more to applique than traditional needle turn? Using pre-cut shapes and your imagination, we will create a modern style wall-hanging right on your longarm. Place your shapes, stitch and voila... ready to quilt. Then we will discuss and stitch a variety of background fills to enhance your applique shapes, creating texture and visual interest. Join me for this fun project where you are in charge of your own creativity!

9 Patchalong Part 1 and 2 - 180 minutes (All)

Educator: Natalia Bonner

9 Patches can be so much fun! Join Natalia Bonner and machine quilt 9, 9 patch quilt blocks. Imagine this: 9 fresh new 9 Patch machine quilting designs stitched out using machine quilting rulers and a bit of free motion quilting. It's possible, and it's easy too! Using machine quilting rulers you'll be stitching amazing designs in no time. Optional kit can be purchased.

Beginner's Guide to Free-Motion Quilting - 90 minutes (All)

Educator: Natalia Bonner

Picture this - more than 50 quilting designs to create modern quilts with classic style! Natalia's instructions are detailed videos that make it much easier to get beautiful results on your quilting or sewing machine. Tips for choosing batting and thread, layering and basting, starting and stopping. Learn how to quilt all-over, as background filler, on borders, and on individual blocks, loops and swirls, feathers and flames, flowers and vines, pebbles and more! Kit required.

Let's Stitch Scalloped Borders Parts 1 and 2 - 180 minutes (All)

Educator: Natalia Bonner

Scalloped borders are the perfect way to dress up almost any quilt, modern or traditional. In this exciting class Natalia Bonner will teach you, step-by-step, how to machine quilt 12 beautiful scalloped border designs. From small to large this class has you covered. Still thinking that you need several different machine quilting rulers to stitch out scalloped border designs? Look no further, all of the designs in this class will be taught using machine quilting rulers. Optional kit can be purchased.

Visual Guide to Creative Straight-Line Quilting - 90 minutes (All)

Educator: Natalia Bonner

Are feathers and swirls your fallback? Learn how satisfying it is to quilt with only straight lines! Quilting expert Natalia Bonner shares 60 new straight-line motifs to fill in triangles, square blocks, and borders, plus allover designs. Teach your walking foot some new tricks or practice controlled free-motion quilting with rulers. Domestic or longarm machine... the choice is yours! Each pattern comes with step-by-step photos, so quilters of all levels can conquer their fears of straight-line quilting, and learn to rock it! (Kit required)