

Regional Teacher Biographies

Jules Brooks became interested in quilts and fiber arts several years ago. She has a variety of quilting talents and one of them is raw edge appliqué. Over the past few years, Jules has learned more and more about painting and dyeing fabric and incorporating other mixed media techniques.

Meredith Eaton lives in Portales, New Mexico, with her 3 young children and husband. Between being a farm and ranch wife and mom, Meredith enjoys hoarding fabric, piecing, and longarm quilting. She is the owner of Oasis Sewing Company, where she teaches classes and quilts for the public.

Kerri Forrest has been teaching sewing and quilting classes for 25 years. For the last 19½ years, she owned The Sewing Basket in Clovis. Now in semi-retirement, Kerri is looking forward to exploring more of the quilting world.

Becky Greenleaf received her BS in Home Economics Education from Mississippi State University then pursued her masters in counseling. After many years of working as a school counselor in both Mississippi and Texas, she retired and found her dream job of working for a quilt shop in Mississippi teaching many classes including machine mastery, embroidery software, embroidery projects, and quilting. Since moving back to Texas 3 years ago, she has been an active member of the Midland Quilter's Guild and recently joined the Ogallala Quilter's Society.

Jean Grimes was a traditional quilter who always wanted to change the pattern. Now she enjoys being an art quilter and playing with color through commercial fabrics, hand-dyes, and painted fabrics.

Becky Holley took up quilting over 40 years ago and still loves every process of the craft. Traditional quilts are her first love. Working by hand, sewing machine, or longarm quilting fill most of her days. Becky lives outside of Midkiff, Texas, with her husband and their farm animals.

Naomi Hunt has a PhD in Family & Consumer Sciences from Texas Tech University, and she's had a career as an Extension Home Specialist. Naomi started quilting in the 1980s and joined a quilt guild in 1998. As her knowledge and skills grew, she taught classes and workshops. She was the featured quil-

ter at the Stanton Quilt show in 2000, Monahans in 2008, and did the OQS Winter Retreat trunk show in 2012. Naomi started a prayer quilt ministry through the church in 2009 and has delivered 200 quilts to people seriously ill or in crisis.

Janice Joyner has been quilting for 27 years and teaching for 15. She is a former partner/owner of Sisters' Scraps Quilt Shop in Amarillo, Texas, where she continues to teach classes and encourages quilting students. She is the owner/designer of Lone Star Pattern Works, a quilt pattern design company, whose focus is applique and hand embroidery designs.

Elizabeth Lawrence has been quilting since 2003 when she retired and moved to Portales. She has been active in several quilt groups, has been a judge for several county fairs, and has taught classes in New Mexico and Texas, including many times for the Ogallala Quilt Festival.

Trecia Spencer has been quilting since 1989. She had the privilege of teaching and sharing quilting with many through classes and retreat experiences and as a shop owner. Trecia is a recipient of the Earl and June Long Scholarship. She currently serves as president of the OQS Board of Directors.

Gail Strickler has been quilting since the early 1980s but has sewn since the late 1950s. She previously taught classes at High Plains Quilt Festival in Portales and at local quilt guild meetings. She has been occupational therapist working with children for almost 20 years and for Homehealth for about 12 years. Her mom recently entered a memory care center for dementia / Alzheimers, and Gail's Fidget quilt helps her mother become calm when she becomes anxious. It brings her mother lots of memories.

Tammy Tucker, an elementary teacher for 24 years, has been sewing/quilting in the pockets of time she could find in a busy schedule (Hooray for Summer!). A faithful and eager attendee of the Ogallala Quilting Festival, she is now retired from teaching and free to pursue her quilting passion every day! Tammy has made some large quilts, but favors the baby quilt size. She has taught sewing lessons to elementary students in the summer and has enjoyed many years in a block of the month club.

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