

Regional Teacher Biographies

Mary Brock has quilted for a few years. She took this class from Lucrecia Black. Mary currently serves as secretary for OQS and chairperson for the raffle baskets.

Jill Craig is a retired math teacher who loves to travel and quilt. She has enjoyed crafting and sewing since she was a teenager.

Cinde Ebeling. Color, art, creating—these are a few of the descriptions used to describe Cinde by many who know her. She has been creating and stitching since her childhood with garments and quilts. She really likes to create art quilts that are spontaneous. Cinde has taught, taken classes, exhibited, and judged at local to national quilting events. Daughter, sister, wife, mom, Lovey (gmom), aunt, dietitian, friend, and teacher are a few of the hats she wears. Chocolate, music, fabric, and color—what more could you want!

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.

Kathy Hassell is a retired teacher with a passion for quilting. She is from Odessa and is a member of Bee Friends Quilt group. She enjoys teaching quilting.

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 for the Ogallala Quilt Festival. Elizabeth's grandparents were born in Iceland. She has many cousins there and has traveled there extensively several times.

Dr. Marian Ann Montgomery. As Curator of Clothing and Textiles at the Museum of Texas Tech University, Dr. Marian Ann Montgomery cares for more than 350 quilts. She is a quilter and quilt historian and has published papers in professional journals and in guild newsletters.

Nathalie Neill has a unique eye for quilting and the ability to put almost any fabrics together to create beautiful, one of a kind quilts. She has her own line of quilt patterns and is a past recipient of the Earl and June Long Scholarship.

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 has served in several quilt groups and judged several county fairs. She loves hand work, especially appliqué. She is deeply rooted in quilt history and comes from a long line of quilters. She currently serves as president of the OQS Board of Directors.

Gail Strickler got serious about quilting in the early 1980s when she started piecing quilt tops for Sharlene Jorgenson of *Quilting from the Heartland*, who had just started her quilting company and could not keep up with designing quilts, writing books, overseeing production of her specialized templates, and starring in her televised quilt show. Since then, Gail has enjoyed working with color, and she dabbles in all types of techniques to make quilts, wall hangings, table runners, and almost any other item that has to do with quilting.

Tammy Tucker, a retired teacher, has taught sewing classes for children, classes at OQS, and at Ceta Canyon Fall Retreat. She is excited to share her love of quilting and especially enjoys meeting and working with new quilters.

Wendell Tucker started piecing quilts in 2004 and entered his first quilt in the Ogallala Quilt Festival in 2007. Since then he has won numerous ribbons but is still striving for the coveted Best of Show. Not afraid to try something new, he is always experimenting with new techniques, which has resulted in several unique quilts throughout the years. He was Ogallala's Featured Quilter and trunk show participant at the Ogallala Fall Retreat 2021. Always trying to learn and improve his quilting skills, he especially enjoys quilting with his two daughters-in-law.