

Big Sky Quilt Association Presents:

# Big Sky Quilt Show & Classes

March 14-16, 2019

Shrine Auditorium  
1125 Broadwater Avenue, Billings, MT  
[www.bigskyquiltassociation.com](http://www.bigskyquiltassociation.com)



## **BUILDING A BRIGHTER TOMORROW, ONE QUILT AT A TIME**

Instructors Include:

Susan Brubaker Knapp  
Gudrun Erla  
Cynthia St. Charles  
Susan Colley  
Phyllis Ditto  
Betty Hecker  
Alice Jagiello  
Michelle Luce  
Lauren Rogers

**Featured Artist – Cynthia St. Charles**

## Building a Brighter Tomorrow, One Quilt at a Time

Welcome to the 2019 Big Sky Quilt Association's Show with classes. Our committee has selected a variety of instructors who we feel will challenge quilters in all levels and methods. Our vendor mall will offer a variety of regional quilting businesses from fabrics, patterns, and machines. The quilt show will shine the light on some of our area's best quilts and quilters, in many categories.

We are fortunate to welcome two authors and quilt artists whose work is shown throughout the world; Susan Brubaker Knapp and Gudrun Erla. Our featured artist is Cynthia St. Charles. We hope you will take advantage of having these sewlebrities, along with your favorite local teachers, right here in Billings, and sign up for classes. Mark your calendars for March 14-16, invite your friends, and plan on spending the weekend in Billings!

Linda Owens and Carmella Mares, BSQS Co-Chairs

### Registration Information

- ✚ Register early, but not too early. Mail no earlier than January 2, 2019. Registrations with a postmark before that date will be returned for resubmission.
- ✚ Class size maximum is 20.
- ✚ One form per participant. Yes, you can make copies.
- ✚ Include your email address on the registration form so your confirmation and supply list can be emailed back to you.
- ✚ Select a first and second choice of class for each day (in the event that a class has filled).
- ✚ Classes are full day classes with the exception of the two evening classes.
- ✚ **Full day class fees - \$60 guild members, and \$70 non-members each day.**
- ✚ **Evening class fees - \$30 guild members and \$35 non-guild members.**
- ✚ Lunch is available for \$13 daily. It **must** be purchased on your registration and **cannot** be purchased at the show.

### Quilt Show – Vendor Mall – Class Times

- ✚ Registration for classes – 8 am – 9 am daily
- ✚ Welcome Reception – Wednesday evening, 6:30 pm. Meet the teachers and see the projects.
- ✚ Show is open: 10 am – 6 pm Thurs-Friday  
9 am – 4 pm Saturday
- ✚ Admission is free with class registration. Admission for guests is \$5.
- ✚ Class Times are 9 am – 4:30 pm all days.
- ✚ Vendor Mall is open during the show.
- ✚ Enter your quilt in the show for \$5 first quilt, and \$10 for more than one. Entry forms and rules on our website:  
[www.bigskyquiltassociation.com](http://www.bigskyquiltassociation.com)

### Lodging

Special room rates of \$109 plus tax at the Spring Hills Suites, 1818 King Avenue West. Rooms sleep four and include free breakfast, pool, hot tub, and wireless internet. Mention Big Sky Quilt Show when calling 406-652-9313 to reserve your room.

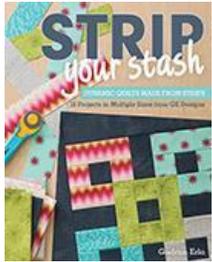
**SUBMIT YOUR QUILT SHOW ENTRY AT: [www.bigskyquiltassociation.com](http://www.bigskyquiltassociation.com)  
Deadline is Sunday, March 3!**

You must use the website to submit your entry form. If you don't have access to a computer to submit the form, contact Tanith Daugherty at **406-208-7755**, and she will assist you in submitting your quilt entry.

## THURSDAY CLASSES, MARCH 14 – 9 AM – 4:30 PM

### Susan Brubaker Knapp - Autumn Leaves

This class teaches the technique of stitching through Tyvek pieces, then heating the Tyvek so that it disintegrates in places to show the background fabric. Topics covered include: painting and stitching through Tyvek, creating a design using maple leaf shapes, heating stitched Tyvek, creating doodled, stitched designs for an interesting background, and quilting considerations. Kit fee includes paint, Tyvek, and foam brush. The cost of the kit is \$10.

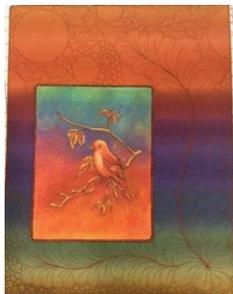


### Gudrun Erla - Strip Your Stash

Got Stash? Don't know how to use leftover fabrics effectively? Need an inspirational boost? Come make a quilt with Gudrun at her Strip Your Stash Workshop!! This is a hands-on workshop that will guide you in looking at your fabric in a new way. Start with stash, give leftover pre-cut rolls and fabric cuts new life, and make something new and fabulous! The Stripology ruler will also be discussed and Gudrun will show you how to use this optional ruler to cut your fabrics fast and efficiently. The cost of the book is \$25.

### Susan Colley - Starry Starry Bag

Brighten your day when you carry this newly designed tote bag shopping or to class. A small star is surrounded by an asymmetrical larger star in coordinating colors. The tote body contrasts and surrounds the stars. Some kits, 4-in-1 Rulers, and marking pencils will be available for purchase at class. The cost of the pattern is \$10.



### Phyllis Ditto - Modern Twist on Wholecloth Quilting

This class is all about fun. Join me to learn new ideas in free motion, then take your new skills and apply them to all of your quilting projects. We will add colored pencil to our project for added texture. Colors may vary from picture shown. I will also introduce you to ruler work. You will be amazed at how rulers can enhance your free motion. This class is for quilters with some knowledge of free motion quilting and setting up your machine.

## THURSDAY EVENING CLASS, MARCH 14 – 6:30 PM TO 9:30 PM

### Lauren Rogers - Tote Bag with Vinyl Mesh and Cork

Let's have some fun with the latest craze – cork fabric! We'll use a quilting stencil to mark a design on the cork and then stitch on it to make it stand out. We will then construct the mesh bag with the cork as a front pocket. We'll discuss different options for embellishments to dress up your bag. This is a great class to learn how to work with cork and vinyl mesh. We'll have other samples including additional embellishments that can be applied to your tote bag. The cost of the pattern is \$10.



## FRIDAY CLASSES, MARCH 15 – 9 AM TO 4:30 PM

### Susan Brubaker Knapp – Thread Sketching Snowflake

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Whip up your very own flurry in this class, using thread, fabric, and a tiny bit of paint. You'll learn the basics of how to thread sketch, using my patterns for gorgeous, realistic looking snowflakes. I will cover: tracing your design onto your background fabric, how to stabilize your piece to avoid draw-up, regulating your stitch for perfect tension, how to improve your control while stitching, and quilting considerations.



### Gudrun Erla – Stripology

Focus is on two different projects from the book Stripology, using the Stripology ruler to cut your strips and scraps fast and efficiently. Students learn the methods for both designs and have the opportunity to work on both in class or choose one. The cost of the book is \$25.

### Cynthia St. Charles – Art Quilting 101 – Two Day Class

Explore self-expression through the playful creation of small format art quilts 12" or smaller. Fused fabric collage, innovative piecing, layered backgrounds, finishing techniques including Cynthia's unique fused binding, and preparation for display will be presented. The class will provide an emphasis on creating visually successful pieces through application of the Elements of Design – Color, Line, Shape, Size, Value, and Texture, as well as the Principles of Art – Balance, Repetition, Contrast, and Emphasis. Independent study will be encouraged, and individual feedback will be available, as desired.



### Susan Colley – Ravishing Arrangement

Create a striking fusible floral arrangement. Learn basic fusible applique techniques with a few twists. This arrangement could be the center for a spectacular medallion quilt or could stand alone as a table topper or wall hanging. Finish with hand sewn or machine blanket stitches or invisible zig-zag stitching. Several different vase shapes and arrangement possibilities will be introduced. Wool or cotton Rose of Sharon shapes or a combination will work well. Two different colorways are shown. The cost of the pattern is \$10.

### Betty Hecker – Miniature Sampler

Make a mini quilt sampler in your choice of two sizes. Learn how to miniaturize a quilt, how to decide what works as a miniature, and how to design your own miniature quilts. We will be making a sampler quilt which will involve making nine different traditional blocks. You can choose if you want to make 2 inch or 4 inch blocks; paper piecing is involved. The blocks may be set in many different ways. Kits are available for \$5. Paper piecing patterns will be provided for everyone.



## FRIDAY EVENING CLASS, MARCH 15 – 6:30 PM TO 9:30 PM



### Michelle Luce – Becca Bag

Come learn a super easy one zip technique! These are perfect bags to give to friends; but you will want to make them for yourself, too. You will make an adorable set of 2 bags! Join us for Friday evening fun! Kits in varying colorways will be available for \$20. The cost of the pattern is \$11.

**Susan Brubaker Knapp – Wholecloth Painting Botanicals**

Students will learn the basics of creating wholecloth painted quilts based on photos. Students can choose from the four projects shown, and will work from line drawings and my photos to recreate the image using acrylic textile paints. Afraid to try this technique? Don't be! My students get great results. We will cover: selecting the right photos for great results, which paints and fabrics to use and why, how to transfer your design to fabric, painting and blending techniques, quilting considerations. Kit fee: includes fabric, pattern, paint and brushes. The cost of the pattern is \$25.

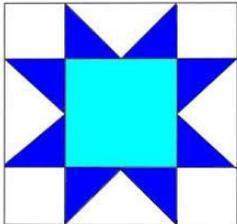


**Gudrun Erla – Scandinavian Style**

Focus is on 3 Scandinavian style projects from the book Quilts of Iceland. Students choose one to work on but will learn all three. The cost of the book is \$35.

**Cynthia St. Charles – Art Quilting 101**

Day Two – See Friday classes for description.



**Alice Jagiello – Beginning Your Quilt Making Journey**

Have you wanted to learn how to make a quilt, but haven't tried it yet? Let this class be your first! This is an introduction to preparing a quilt top including a discussion of tools, color, fabric selection and thread. Participants will cut and piece several blocks using different techniques.

**Michelle Luce – Road Trip Bag**

Join us to make a fabulous multipurpose organizer tote. It has lots of pockets, dividers, mesh pockets, and a zipper. Two grab handles and a detachable padded strap make it easy to carry. This is a perfect backseat bag, and can even be buckled in! You will learn awesome construction techniques that can be applied to many projects. This is a great introduction to the amazing world of byannie.com. The cost of the pattern is \$10, and kits are available for \$109.



**Lauren Rogers – Broken Daisy Placemat**

This class will introduce you to the paper piecing techniques of Judy Niemeyer. We will be able to put the sections together with the paper piecing and also learn curved piecing for the assembly. This is a great beginner project and we should be able to complete at least one placemat in the class (maybe more!). The cost of the pattern is \$18. We can make custom kits for you based on your color choices, if you wish.

## INSTRUCTOR BIOS

**Susan Brubaker Knapp** started quilting as a hobby, but it turned into a passion and a business. She teaches both nationally and internationally, hosts “Quilting Arts TV,” and has produced numerous patterns, two books, and five video workshops. She loves traditional hand quilting and needleturn appliqué, but embraced innovative machine techniques and started making art quilts in 2005. Her quilts have won national as well as local awards, and have been exhibited at national and international venues. Susan’s work has been featured in several national magazines. She lives near Charlotte, NC.

**Gudrun Erla** is the designer and owner of GE Designs, and was born and raised in Iceland. After owning and running quilt shops in her home country, quilting brought her to Minnesota in 2003. Gudrun loves to take traditional ideas and put a little bit of a modern spin on them. Gudrun has written 20 books. Her patterns have been published in all the major magazines. She has taped educational classes with both Craftsy and Craft University. Gudrun travels to teach and lecture both nationally and internationally year round and escorts quilting tours to Iceland and other destinations.

**Cynthia St. Charles** is an award winning textile and quilt artist from Billings. She expresses her passion for color by painting and printing on cotton and silk fabrics with dyes and acrylic paints. She often incorporates mixed media and unusual tangible elements into her designs. Her fabric paintings are often enhanced with machine or hand stitching, creating additional texture and depth. A native Montanan, Cynthia expresses her love of the natural world in a bold, expressive style. Her work is represented in private collections and galleries throughout the world. **Cynthia is also the featured artist for Big Sky Quilt Show 2019.**

**Susan Colley** found quilting was a natural progression, as sewing was sewing, whether it was garments, crafts, or quilting. Sue taught art to grades K through college for 26 years, presented art education topics through the National Art Education Association in many major U.S. cities, and is now teaching and designing at Traskside Quilting in Laurel, MT.

**Phyllis Ditto** is originally from Louisiana but has called Montana home for 31 years. She began machine quilting five years ago, practiced with a vengeance and now is sharing that new found skill with others. She teaches at Bernina Sewing Center.

**Betty Hecker** learned to sew in 4-H, made her first quilt when she was in high school, but started liking it in 1998 when she took a class with a group of friends. Betty was a co-owner of a quilt shop in Red Lodge, has taught many people to quilt, and she loves making things little.

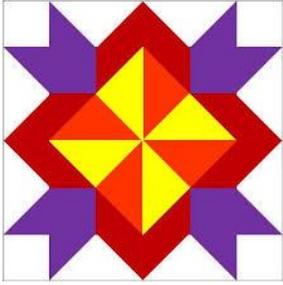
**Alice Jagiello** took her first class in the early 80s, and it has had an impact on her life ever since. She began teaching just a few years later. Alice says she learns with every class she takes or retreat she attends, and loves to share those tips.

**Michelle Luce** is an enthusiast of all things fabric! She especially loves projects that are easily completed in a day or two. She is the owner of Bernina Sewing & Fabric Center in Billings.

**Lauren Rogers** started sewing as a participant in 4-H. She made her first quilt 27 years ago. Her background and passion has always revolved around fabric and sewing. In 2002, she opened Back Door Quilts with her mother. Her goal with all her students is for them to finish their projects and finds it rewarding to help them see the “aha” moment when it all clicks.

Don't forget to visit [www.bigskyquiltassociation.com](http://www.bigskyquiltassociation.com) to learn more.

## COMMUNITY QUILT DRIVE!



Bring any completed quilts you wish to donate to the Big Sky Quilt Show, and for each quilt you donate, lap size or larger, your name will be entered into a drawing. One lucky winner will receive \$25 cash. Drop off your quilt for donation on Tuesday, March 12 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

You can also drop your quilt off any time during the retreat at the quilt show table. The quilts will then be donated to organizations in the community such as, but not limited to: Billings Public Schools, Dialysis Clinic, Eagle Cliff Nursing Home, Family Support Network, Habitat for Humanity, Riverstone Hospice House, Riverstone, Maternal/Child, Tumbleweed, Young Families.

*The Big Sky Quilt  
Association is proud to  
present our featured  
artist –  
Cynthia St. Charles.*



### THANK YOU TO OUR BIG SKY QUILT SHOW VENDORS!!!

**BACKDOOR QUILT SHOPPE**

**CLOUD NINE QUILTS & THE BIG YELLOW HOUSE**

**FOUR WINDS QUILTING**

**HIGHAND GAMMILL**

**INNOVA/MONTANA LONGARM QUILTING AND SUPPLIES**

**MERRY MOOSE QUILT SHOPPE**

**TRACKSIDE QUILTING**

**FULL DAY CLASSES ARE \$60 MEMBERS/\$70 NON-MEMBERS  
EVENING CLASSES ARE \$30 MEMBERS/\$35 NON-MEMBERS**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

Drop Off Quilts 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

Welcome Reception 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Pre-Registration 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

Registration 8 am – 9 am  
Quilt Show and Vendor Mall 10 am – 6 pm  
Classes 9 am – 4:30 pm  
Evening Class 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

Registration 8 am – 9 am  
Quilt Show and Vendor Mall 10 am – 6 pm  
Classes 9 am – 4:30 pm  
Evening Class 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

Registration 8 am – 9 am  
Quilt Show and Vendor Mall 9 am – 4 pm  
Classes 9 am – 4:30 pm  
Pick Up Quilts from the Show 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

**Lunch every day from 12 pm – 1:30 pm**



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