

# Julie Brown Neu

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Quilt Artist, Instructor, Lecturer

## Lectures:



### Quilts in U.S. History

Quilts often reflect the lives of their makers. Wedding quilts and baby quilts track the events in our lives. We also often use quilts to express our grief and loss, to help us cope with cancer or acts of violence, or to demonstrate political feelings. However, quilts don't just track the events in our lives, they also mirror the course of history in the United States. In this lecture, I discuss the history of quilting in this country and how it reflects the history of the country itself from the colonial period until today.

### Getting Started Online

Based on my popular class at Quilt University, I discuss various options for going online, including blogging, selling, and managing your own site in this lecture. I cover the logistics of set-up and hosting, including how to choose and register a domain name and important considerations for designing a site. I also provide tips on boosting your "Google Juice." Web technology has come a long way in recent years and it's now possible for novices with no Web design skills to launch a site in a few days. I'll get you started.



### A Quilter's Dictionary of Household Terms

A lighthearted look at household items used in quilting, based on an article to be published in 2010 in *Quilter's Newsletter*. Audience participation encouraged and prizes awarded.

## Fees:

Lecture (1 hour) - \$275

Workshop (6 hour) - \$475

## Policies:

- Fees to be paid in full immediately following the lecture or workshop. If combined, fees to be paid in full before the close of the final event.
- Workshop fees are based on a maximum of 25 students.
- Mileage is reimbursed at the IRS rate on the day of the event.
- Air travel arrangements will be made by Julie and are to be reimbursed by the group. We will do our best to find the most reasonable fare.
- The group will provide meals, transportation, and accommodations during the event and during travel to and from the event.
- A private hotel room for lodging is preferred, but Julie will stay in private homes that are smoke-free and pet-free.

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## Workshops:



### **"Simplicity" Yoga Mat Bag**

Use simple piecing techniques and basic bag construction to create a yoga mat bag to tote your mat to and from class. The bag also makes a unique gift for your yogi friends. This class will take you from start to finish, including creating a pocket for keys or your ID, a quilted carrying strap, and a drawstring closure. All levels.



### **Quick Quilted Gifts**

Learn to make a lavender-filled coaster that will transport you to Provence in July just by putting your hot beverage on it. Turn fusible interfacing into journal covers that are individual works of art. Both projects can be whipped up by the dozens as great gifts for friends and family. All levels.



### **Free Your Mind**

Exercise your creative problem solving skills and get rid of a UFO with this hands-on class. Bring a stack of blocks from your UFO drawer and a little fabric from your stash and leave with a finished top (or leave a finished top behind to be donated to charity). Either way, you'll return home with a sense of accomplishment and more space for new fabric. All levels.

*Additional lectures and workshops can be designed upon request.*



One of Julie Brown Neu's first major sewing projects might have been the Walkman cover she made one summer day to protect the tape player from raspberry brambles as she did chores on the family farm. But, she didn't start quilting until after college when she wondered how she'd spend all of the time she'd previously spent studying. In the more than twelve years since graduation, quilting has gone from being a hobby to keep her hands busy after work to an absolute passion.

Julie began her quilting pursuits with traditional, hand quilted bed quilts, often in the bright jewel tone fabrics that she prefers. She has since added art quilts and their various techniques, such as fusing, painting, dyeing, etc. to her repertoire. Now, in addition to time spent working in her Massachusetts studio, Julie teaches at Quilt University, sells patterns through The Quilt Pattern Shoppe, lectures, and teaches workshops.

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