

## *Meet Mary Huey*



I've taught quilting since 1977 and specialize in machine piecing skills, understanding the use of value and color, and exploring creativity. My favorite part of teaching quilt making is to foster self confidence and creativity in my students. I share techniques and tips that will help you take your skills to a new level in both accuracy and satisfaction. I encourage you to make quilts that reflect your personal preferences inspired by all the exciting possibilities of quilt making.

I reside in Willoughby, Ohio with my cat, Harley. My grade school interest in sewing progressed to a degree in clothing and retailing from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Upon graduation, I worked for the Ohio Cooperative Extension Service until I retired to raise three children with my husband, Doug. During that retirement I became hooked on quilt making and it wasn't long before I was teaching others to piece something wonderful. Teaching led to a hunger for better supplies and in 1979, I opened Erie Street Quilts in Willoughby. During the 1980s, I attended eight seminars with Mary Ellen Hopkins, author of *It's Okay to Sit on My Quilt*. The skills and techniques I learned studying with Mary Ellen continue to influence my work style and teaching approach. My consulting work with Kings Road Imports of California during the 90s expanded my experience as a designer and led to designing annual mystery quilt projects for my shop and the Northern Ohio Quilt Shop Hop.

In 2005, after 26 years, I closed my quilt shop to focus on teaching quilt making and expand my pattern line. At that time, I was certified to teach for Marti Michells Perfect Patchwork products line of rotary cutting templates and tools. It has opened up a whole new world of piecing for me and I find myself making quilts I would not have attempted without excellent templates.

I teach and lecture extensively along the southern shore of Lake Erie and in western Pennsylvania. I'm committed to nurturing creativity in my students, and have mentored a group of quilt makers since 2001 who focus on the aspects of quilt making that keep them inspired. My classes and workshops are designed to stretch students at all levels, from beginner and on, and to challenge them to step up to new levels of satisfaction in their skills.

Since retiring from retailing, I have another little job that grew out of my lifelong obsession with birds. I'm an Interpretive Naturalist at Lake Metroparks here in Northeast Ohio. I have to organize and lead birding programs and trips and go for hikes with folks. It's really a tough job!?

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