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Beth's Bio:

A quilter since 1975, teacher from the age of 17 months (when the first of five sisters was born) and a needle worker from the age of five, Beth has had a life long love affair with needle and thread.

An inability to follow instructions coupled with a talent for giving directions led to the birth of Applewood Farm Publications, Inc, Beth's publishing company. They've published four books, including *Hand Appliqué by Machine*, and dozens of patterns.

You've seen her on two segments of HGTV's *Simply Quilts*, several segments of *Kaye Wood's Quilting Friends* and *Quilter's Toolbox* on PBS and on *The Quilt Show* with Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson.

Beth has twice been nominated for The Professional Quilter's Teacher of the Year Award.

Beth is also a frequent contributor to *The Quilter Magazine* and has a regular column, "Totally Off-Grain", in *The American Quilt Retailer*, a magazine geared towards the independent quilt shop owner. She has also designed a line of fabric for P&B Textiles. Called "Audrey's Garden", after her mom, it was released spring of 2008.

Beth lives in Saginaw, MI with her darling husband, Kent, and their four sons (one is still at home), three feisty cats in a Greek Revival-style farmhouse that was built in 1860.

Thank you for considering my classes for your group. My goal as a teacher is to present new ideas on traditional techniques in a fun and relaxed setting.

My classes are thoughtfully paced to balance teaching time with hands-on sewing time, always maintaining an air of calm, and comfort. If it's on the supply list, you will use it!

While I use a digital projector and camera to make the classroom demonstrations easily visible to all students, my lectures are live and in person! No boring PowerPoint or slide show will do for me: I bring as many quilts as the airlines will allow and then you get to touch them!

My website makes it easy to promote the classes. Digital files of publicity photos of the class projects (and of me too, if you want that) are available by email. Your event will be added to my class schedule on line, with live links to supply lists and registration information.

New this year I have added a blog, *Pieces of a Quilter's Life*. (www.applewd.com/blog/) Filled with teaching, quilting, and personal observations, the blog will also include promotion of upcoming classes.

Lecture/Trunk Shows

Each lecture is a "heaping" hour long, plus a trunk show of dozens of quilts. Fee: \$350 plus travel and lodging.

Pieces of a Quilter's Life

What do you get when you mix a life long addiction to needle and thread, an inability to follow directions and a love of language? In Beth's case that landed her a career in quilting. You'll be inspired take on those goals you've always thought were just beyond your reach. Includes a trunk show.

When Finishing is Highly Overrated

Why do we quilt? Are we really trying to cover the world (or at least all the beds in our world) with our quilts? Or perhaps we quilt with an entirely different goal in mind. If finishing is a lifelong goal, or a dirty word, you will enjoy this talk. Includes a trunk show.

Workshops

A heaping six hours, each workshop is jampacked with great information, heavy on techniques and lots of fun. Fee: \$600 plus travel and lodging for each full day workshop. Half day workshops are available in conjunction with at least one full day workshop.



Hand Appliqué by Machine

Learn how to imitate the look of fine hand appliqué with your sewing machine. My nifty-deluxe appliqué technique will take you from novice to appliqué goddess in one class!

Grow Your Own - Hand Applique by Machine

Two Day Workshop: My sample is an apple tree, graced by a blue bird. Your perfect tree might produce pears, or cherries, or even flowers. You'll learn the basics (and more!) of my fun and easy applique technique. We'll talk about color theory, design placement, perfect circles, and point so sharp that the applique police will cry.



Sneaky Piecing Tricks

Everything's easier when you know the tricks, let me show you how my favorite tricks will improve your piecing, saving time and effort in the process.



Fools for Tools You bought 'em, you may not even know what they do, but the quilt shop had them and now so do you. When you see how these cool tools are you'll congratulate yourself for your brilliant foresight.

Machine Quilting Basics

One Day Workshop: In this workshop, we learn how to take advantage of the speed of machine quilting without sacrificing the look of traditional hand quilting. From basting to binding, we'll cover the basics and more. The class is packed with tons of information on batting, fabric, needles, threads, washing and care. For all skill levels.



Romancing the Stitch



One Day Workshop: For the experienced machine quilter who is ready for a challenge. We will explore scads of free motion designs that don't require marking the quilt, including feathered wreaths and border garlands. We will discuss specialty threads and bobbin quilting. Intermediate to advanced skill level. (Stubborn beginners are always welcome.)

Machine Quilting Master Class

Two Day Workshop: Combine Machine Quilting Basics and Totally Free Motion to go from zero to hero in two days! Bring your summer spreads to class and we'll help you design the quilting motifs!



Pictured here are just a few of Beth's books. Known for her Sneaky Piecing Tricks and beginner friendly applique technique, Beth's books are packed with tips, tricks and techniques to make quilting fun. Just a little on the silly side, they are also a fun read. Available from distributors or from us directly.