

Introducing our January speaker and Workshop Teacher: Lois Hallock by Cyndi McChesney

I am quilter, Professional Engineer, and a Professional Organizer. I was born and raised in a Mennonite Community in Pennsylvania, where the values of simple living, peaceful co-existence, and Christ-like behavior are modeled in everyday life.

I have a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering and have worked for years in Research and Ergonomics in a aircraft manufacturing plant. My career has been focused on cost and labor reduction through process improvements that maximize the efficiency of the factory worker. The efficient work environment is set up ergonomically with Parts, Plans, and Tools accessible.

My passion for quilting began after the death of my father. When he left this earth, he left behind furniture that he made with his own hands and documentation in the form of books that he wrote. Grief over his death caused me to search out my legacy. My female ancestors typically left behind quilts that are clues to their lives and spirits. I decided to follow in the footsteps of the women who went before and make quilts to express my life and spirit to those around me.

My two worlds of quilting and engineering have collided to form a new synergy in my life. I have applied my organizing and problem solving skills to my passion of quilting, forming a whole new perspective on Quilt Studio Design. The energy and enthusiasm created by following my passions launched me into the Professional Organizing business.

I have successfully designed over 100 quilt studios to date and published many magazine articles. I lecture, teach, and consult annually at the Fall International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas. I am available to lecture and teach or consult personally with quilters all over the world via skype or phone. I currently reside in Seattle, Washington with my husband and teenage kids. Feel free to contact me via email for any questions you might have: clearviewde-

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Cyndi McChesney, VP
Programs 2012, had a few additional questions for Lois:

1. Where does the inspiration for your designs come from?

Many places, but mostly from being a quilter and an engineer. My Boeing job was helping factory workers to improve their ergonomics and to improve the workflow of their jobs. It is just natural for me to help quilters with their quilt studios.

2. Who or what has been most influential in shaping the focus of your work?

My Dad was a Marriage and Family Therapist and he was very influential in my life. If I hadn't been an engineer, I would have majored in Psychology and Social Work. I am a good listener and find that all Quilter's have a story. If I get to know people well enough, I can help them tap into their passion by improving their workspace.

3. What do you see for the future of quilting in general in the next 10 years?

Quilters will do more longarming at home and host friends in their quilt studios. *For you personally?* I am currently writing my second book, so I plan on doing more traveling and more teaching so that I can help more quilters.

4. While you are visiting CQC here in Colorado, what would you most like to see or do?

I love visiting local quilt stores. I also have family in the area that I am hoping to see.

