

“Early Bird” quilt workshop

“Trees” quilt workshop

By Joni Morgan, June 13, 2016 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Peter Luthern Church, 1079 Riverside Dr.

This class is for the *intermediate* level quilter. The quilter must have knowledge of general quilting basics such as the use of a sewing machine, rotary cutter and acrylic rulers.

Joni will be teaching the basic techniques for making her Early Bird quilt and her Trees quilt. These quilts are great examples of liberated quilting and the techniques can be used in a variety of ways. The possibilities are endless.

In this class students will make their own liberated parts that can be elements of a quilt of their design. No two liberated quilts are alike. In this class we will be focusing on piecing a bird and piecing wonky flying geese.

If making the wonky trees quilt time may permit for instruction on finishing this quilt by using free motion quilting, a walking foot, embroidery or not quilting at all.

The student should aim for the quilts finishing approximately 15”x 20”. They can be bigger, smaller, fatter or skinnier. That is up to the quilter.

Materials Needed

Pallet box of fabric – Bring fabrics of contrasting colors that you like. I like bright colors for the Early Bird quilt project, but other fabrics would be great as well. Add some solids or “reads as solids” in your mix. Fat quarters will be fine. For the trees green is always good, however I have made them other colors.

Thread, Rotary cutter, rulers and mat, Basic sew supplies such as scissors, pins, thread snips, marking pencils, Sewing machine, Sparkly embroidery floss if adding embroidery to the trees, Batting big enough to finish your quilt. Approx. 19”x26” if you want to complete to project. Below are some pictures of what you can do with the basics of either or both, trees and birds.



Here are creative ways of using the Birds and trees in bigger projects:



Other resources Joni suggests if you are interested in Liberated Quilting

Liberated Basics Resource Materials

AKA my favorite quilt books

Collaborative Quilting by Freddy Moran and Gwen Marston, Lark Books, 2006

Freddy & Gwen Collaborate Again by Freddy Moran & Gwen Marston, Lark Books, 2009

Liberated Quiltmaking II by Gwen Marston, AQS Publishing, 2010

Out of the Box by Mary Lou Weidman, Martingale & Co. 2009

Out of the Box with Easy Blocks by Mary Lou Weidman, Martingale & Co. 2011

* Liberated Medallion Quilts by Gwen Marston, AQS Publishing 2013

Intuitive Color and Design by Jean Wells, C&T Publishing 2009

* Free Range Triangle Quilts by Gwen Marston and Cathy Jones. AQS Publishing 2015

* - Joni has quilts featured in those books