

# Threadlines

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## January Program - Trade Secrets

The new year is here and I'm ready for sharing good times and happy quilting with all of you! I think we are kicking this year off with a bang with this month's program Trade Secrets. We have organized some exciting demonstrations for you all. I will be demonstrating circle play with the Circle Savvy Ruler by Karla Alexander...thanks to the help of some very dear friends who helped me master this technique. We also have the talented Donna Northcutt demonstrating both the Flying Geese & Squaring Up rulers by Eleanor Burns. I just love learning clever new time saving ways to cut fabric! Andrea Maki will be showing us Mile A Minute quilting which speaks to my always sewing too fast heart so I'm happy for this demo! And I'm so grateful to present two more demonstrations. Marge Nickels will be teaching us something I sorely need to learn, Finding The Quarter Inch Seam Allowance, her reputation for accuracy ensures me that we will learn something new and helpful. And last but certainly not least Margaret Smith will be demonstrating the Stack & Whack quilting technique and we all know she is the queen. She gave me a small taste at the retreat so I really look forward to a full demo, it's really amazing how this technique turns out in the end. I'd like to say thank you to these wonderful ladies for stepping up to help me out with this months program, you guys are awesome!

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## WEATHER POLICY

**If the Memphis Schools are closed the day of our meeting, we will not meet.**



## SAVE THE DATE

### Susan Cleveland Workshops

#### February 26

Piping Hot Binding

#### February 27

Double Pointed Dresdens:  
Design Your Own or Not

Guest speaker at  
Guild meeting

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## More Program News

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### Coming in February – SUSAN CLEVELAND!!!!

I'm so excited for this! I know you long time members are used to celebrity speakers coming in for classes but I'm a newby so her coming to Memphis is a very special treat for me. I just hope I don't gush too much. As you know she'll be here for two classes, on February 26th she'll be teaching Piping Hot Binding and on the 27th she'll be teaching Double Pointed Dresdens: Design Your Own or Not. Both classes will be from 9am to 4pm at Emmanuel United Methodist Church with a break for lunch. The room we will be using has a small kitchen with a microwave so bring whatever you want for your lunch and snacks. We will have the supply lists for the classes on our website, [www.ucquilts.com](http://www.ucquilts.com) for those either taking the class or wanting to know what all is involved. Or contact me The fees are \$70.00 for members and \$80.00 for non members. I'm happy to say the classes are filling up but we would like to completely fill the classes with 20 students in each one, so please sign up if you want to secure a spot as it's now open enrollment. I realize there are other ways to see how she does her techniques but I guarantee you it's not nearly as much fun as interacting with her in person. I had so much fun learning from Karla Alexander at retreat, something I would not have experienced from a video. Susan will do a lecture at our guild meeting on the 27th and for non members there will be a \$5.00 fee if anyone wants to invite friends to join us. She's very funny and entertaining and I know we are in for a really good time!



**March** is fast approaching so if you haven't started your challenge quilt, **Through The Windshield**, you might consider getting going on that. Mine is still in the sketch pad so I'll start the process of fabric choices while I'm snowed in this weekend. It's not too late to get a template which will be available at the next meeting. I really look forward to seeing what everyone creates when the finished pieces are displayed at the March meeting. That month's program is the challenge with Iris Tyler, the challenge chair, as moderator.

For our **April program** we will be coming together to tie some of our Hospice quilts so we can get them ready for binding. I feel like this one is important because the recipients who our quilts "hug" really love them. It's a truly meaningful way to use our time together and it's the heart of what we are all about and I'm really proud to be a part of this. Plus I've never tied a quilt before so it will be a learning experience too. And don't forget to take pictures of your sewing space for our Virtual Tour! I've received a few pictures but I need more, a lot more and I'm not above knocking on doors and taking the pictures myself....but it'd be easier if you guys just sent me some yourselves. Send some messy as well as clean pics, I'm interested to see if you all allow your space to get as crazy as I let mine get. That's all for now. This guild is amazing because of all of you. So I look forward to seeing you all on the 23rd!

**Karen Lightman**  
Programs Chair

## Follow the Thread

Mark your calendar to visit the **Dixon Gallery and Gardens** in the next few weeks. **Paula Kovarik**, a member of our guild, has her first major museum show as well as the Dixon's first fiber art exhibition. Paula has been featured in numerous magazine articles, national shows, and received awards for her unique approach to quilting. Her background in graphic design and her deep thoughtful perspective, along with years of practice, give the viewer so many different levels to appreciate her quilts.

**Show your support!** Tell the Dixon staff how much the recognition of fiber art means to you. and of course, how proud we are of Paula!



### Paula Kovarik at Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Jan 15 - Apr 1

**Meet the Artist:** Feb 15 from 6-8 pm.  
Opening Reception for Paula Kovarik in the Mallory/Wurtzburger Galleries. Live entertainment, light refreshments, cash bar. Free admission

**Tours at 2:** Feb 18

**Munch and Learn:** Feb 21 at noon-1.  
Paula showcases her work and talks about what inspires her.

**Saturday workshop:** Feb 24, 1-4 pm

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Using stitch in artwork begins with an expressive line. Learn to channel your inner thoughts through simple exercises that spur ideas for drawings, stitching and journaling. Observations of nature, art and our built environment adds to your vocabulary of line. We will share in communal drawings, draw from observations and simply have fun following the thread.

**Meet the Artist for Students:** Mar 2

**Tours at 2:** Mar 6

**Tours at 2:** Mar 11

For more information about the exhibit, admission times and cost, visit the Dixon at [www.dixon.org](http://www.dixon.org)

Visit Paula's website [www.paulakovarik.com](http://www.paulakovarik.com)