

Marbe Cook



Mission Statement:

Fabric is an art medium; my students take their original designs and collectively create an Art Quilt. It is my goal as Art Quilt teacher to give students design concepts, skills to use quilter tools and cooperatively create a work of wall art.

Grades Served:

3-5, Adults
Special Project for
1-2

Lives In:

Hood River, OR

Homestay:

Required for weeklong residencies if more than 70 miles from Hood River. No smoking, no cats.

Curriculum Connections

CL GH MA MM
SC VA

Art Quilting - Site Specific Installation Project

Students are introduced to art quilting as an installation wall art piece, possibly site specific. The students pre- design the work. Students learn the anatomy of an art quilt, develop quilting skills, work cooperatively on construction. Share the ownership of their original final project. Past project pictures available.

Staff & Community Offerings

The following are available to teachers, parents, and volunteers. (Limit- 10 students) 1. Introduction to art quilts – 3 hrs, a small finished art quilt top. 2. Series (4 or 5 sessions) 3 hrs each, art quilt techniques. In each session teaches a different art quilt skill, such as fabric manipulation, printing on fabric, creative piecing, framing.

Facilities & Supplies:

A space that can be setup as a “quilt studio” such as an un-used music room, library or even science lab. Plenty of light and electrical power. Iron board if available. Flat tables with chairs for all students. Up to three volunteers available as needed for set up and monitoring. Access to a copier. Students need – Their design, glue stick, scissors that cut fabric, and pencils.

Staff and Community Offerings Supplies-Basic sewing supplies, fabric of choice, working machine.

I provide all the equipment needed, sewing machines, and irons. I provide all the fabric, storage bags and some embellishment. If the school wants the “art quilt top” quilted by a local professional long-arm machine quilter the costs is about \$2.00 per student depending on the finished size. That may or may not include batting and backing.

About the Artist...

I am an educator, retired, with years of experience as teacher, program director, and administrator. I can teach however playing with fabric is my passion. As a teaching art quilter, I play at my craft daily honing my skills. My father was a European “old school” (pre-digital) graphic artist. I credit him for teaching me to visualize in 3D an essential skill in my art. My work is graphic. I partake in training workshops; my quilts have won regional awards. Classroom quilt projects continue to taken blue ribbons at the county fair. I am president of the Columbia River Gorge Quilters Guild backers of the annual September CRG Quilt Show, Stevenson.WA. I curate local area quilt showings.

