

Anna Davison

Creative Quilt Designer & Teacher

Quilting cv

1965-1982

- First learned to sew in Home Economics class in high school; graduated wearing the gown I made for the prom; made clothing for myself and friends.
- Made my first baby quilt on a \$12 treadle sewing machine. I was hooked! Experimented with fabric, colors, and designs; made and quilted an Ohio Star Quilt [double] completely by hand; read the few books and articles on quilting available, and started designing my own quilts. Attended various craft shows in Nova Scotia selling quilts, home décor items, quilted clothing and accessories.
- Taught “Make Your Own Quilt” workshops in Nova Scotia through the Mahone Bay and Lunenburg Recreation Departments’ Adult Education classes. Workshops lasted 8 to 10 weeks.

1991

- Co-founder with Michele Stevens and Valerie Hearder of the Mahone Bay Quilters Guild – Piecemakers by the Sea (Nova Scotia); served three terms as president; taught workshops to the guild since its inception.

2000/2002/2004

- Co-coordinator of Mahone Bay Quilt Guild’s Art in Stitches Shows and Quilt Show & Sale.

2005 – 2011

- Began my own home-based business, Anna Davison Creative Quilt Designer & Teacher; launch website www.AnnaQuilts.com; and sell design patterns.
- Designing more patterns for workshops, for sale and artistic development.
- Collaborated with children’s writer and an illustrator to design quilts which reflect her story;
- Developed a multi-visual presentation to validate, celebrate, encourage and motivate women who “work willingly with their hands.” This presentation consists of a slide show of women in their traditional and modern roles, inspiring quotes reflecting world wisdom, a theme song, quilted wall hangings depicting women’s work, a scrapbook of women interviewed for the project – their photos and stories. The Womens Work Project presentation is an on-going project - its first showing was on International Women’s Day, March 8, 2008 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- Thailand women’s cooperative using my designs to make quilts and quilted wall hangings - sold exclusively at the Mahone Bay Quilt Shop.

- Moving more in the field of art quilts, 3-dimensional flowers, embellishing, thread painting and other artistic techniques.

Selection of Workshop Teaching Venues Across Canada:

- Mahone Bay Quilters Guild – Mahone Bay Nova Scotia [many workshops]
- Thistle Quilt Guild – Pictou NS
- Mariners Quilt Guild – Lawrencetown NS
- Harmony Bazaar – Lockeport NS [2]
- Paradise District Quilt Guild – Paradise NS
- Atlantic Fabrics Store – Bridgewater NS
- Sharon Hartling & Friends – Halifax NS
- Cabot Quilters Guild – St John’s NL [2]
- The Chocolate River Quilt Guild – Moncton NB
- Greenwood Quilt Shop – Guelph ON [2]
- The Croft House Quilt Shop – Winnipeg MB [2]
- Sew It Yourself Shop – Fort St. John BC [2]
- Mom and Daughter Sampler Class – Bridgewater NS [2]
- Cock a Doodle Quilt Shop – Toronto ON [2]
- 9-day Training Workshop for Women’s Coop – New Germany NS
- Atlantic Sewing Guild – Halifax NS
- Desbrisay Museum – Bridgewater NS
- Personally sponsored workshops – many & varied
- Sunrise Quilters Guild – Tatamagouche NS – 2011
- Faculty of Quilt Canada Halifax 2012

Womens Work Project ‘She works willingly with her hands’ Presentations:

- Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women – Int’l Women’s Day 2008
- Oak Island Resort and Marina – Women’s Retreat 2008
- Creativ Festival , Metro Centre, Toronto ON 2009
- VON Annual Quilt Auction & Sale – Featured presenter 2009
- Acadia Life Long Learning – Brown Bag Luncheon presenter 2010
- Mahone Bay Quilters Guild – Featured presenter 2011

Commissions and Donations:

- South Shore Tourism Assoc – “Lights Along the Shore” 1 & 11- raffle quilt [2 years]
- ASSE Student exchange Program – “Peace Love & Harmony” – raffle quilt
- Peace Love & Harmony 11 – private collection
- Peace Love & Harmony 111 – private collection

- Indigo Stories of Women in Cloth – “Kaleidoscope” - Commission
- Mahone Bay Quilters Guild ‘Art in Stitches’ – “Stonehurst” – raffle quilt
- South Shore 2004 Celebration Assoc. – “Champlain” – raffle quilt
- In private collections in Canada, the USA and England
- Pictou Lodge Retreat 2005/2007 – packages of 10 Design Patterns each year
- Pictou Lodge Retreat 2009 – package of 8 patterns
- The Bay Hammock Company 2008 – “Hammock Diva”- commission
- Free Beginner Quilt Classes – 2009 & 2010 – Mahone Bay Quilters Guild
- Jeans to Gems Fundraiser – Workshop donation – Bridgewater, NS

Professional Affiliations

- Member – Mahone Bay Quilters Guild
- Member – Visual Arts Nova Scotia -VANS
- Member – Studio Art Quilts Associates -SAQA
- Contributing member – ‘elder-zone’ – monthly column ‘Anna Quilts’

Art Quilt Exhibitions

- SAQA Atlantic Region Art Quilt Show ‘ROOTED’ – Halifax NS 2012
- Spoonerism Challenge – ICCA- Inverness NS – 2011
- Mahone Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show & Sale - 2010
- VANS Studio Gallery, Halifax NS – 2009
- SAQA Show, Creative Festival, Toronto ON - 2009
- HONEY Design, ‘The ARTS Project, Toronto On – 2009

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