

# Santa Barbara Quilting Retreats

We are very excited to welcome Jacquie Gering to Santa Barbara Quilting Retreats! She is one of the folks who helped build the Modern Movement into what it is today. Though she has been sewing all her life, quilting is a newly found passion for Jacquie. The improvisational spirit of the quilts of Gees Bend inspired her to make her first quilt and the improvisational approach provided the freedom she craved and the opportunity to explore her creative potential. Jacquie's quilt designs fuse her Mennonite background and respect for tradition with her modern design aesthetic. "Quilting Modern, Techniques and Projects for Improvisational Quilts" is her first book.

Jacquie is a contributing designer and author for *Stitch*, *Modern Patchwork*, *Quilter's World* and *Quilter's Quarterly* and her quilts have been featured in other national and international publications. She is one of the designers featured in the books, "Block Party" and "We Love Color." Jacquie is a leader in the modern quilting movement. She serves on the Board of Directors of the National Modern Quilt Guild and is one of the founding members and former president of the Kansas City Modern Quilt Guild and currently a member of the Chicago Modern Quilt Guild. Jacquie teaches and talks quilting across the country and shares her designs and quilting knowledge on her popular blog, Tallgrass Prairie Studio. She lives in downtown Chicago with her husband, Steve, and her black lab, Bruno. Though she has been sewing all her life, quilting is a newly found passion for Jacquie. The improvisational spirit of the quilts of Gees Bend inspired her to make her first quilt and the improvisational approach provided the freedom she craved and the opportunity to explore her creative potential. Jacquie's quilt designs fuse her Mennonite background and respect for tradition with her modern design aesthetic.

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She is going to teach her class **Composing With Lines** for us and this is what she has to say about it:

Explore the beauty, simplicity and complexity of line as you create modern linear quilts. Jacquie will teach multiple techniques that will support you as you explore the myriad of possibilities of composing with lines. Be inspired by lines in architecture, nature, or embrace abstraction. She will lead you through both technique and design exercises to prepare you to create an original linear composition. Each student will begin an original linear design project in class.

Her Artist Statement follows:

*I am drawn to modern art, mid century design, most things vintage and fabric.*

*My goal is to rethink quilting by finding and articulating my own voice.  
Ultimately it is about me, alone in my studio, creating my own process and expressing my  
preferences in my work.*

*Simple is my preference, but i tend to overcomplicate.*

*Quilts are life represented. Quilts are personal.*

**Please** join us for this wonderful class and I suggest registration soon as we will only have 22 spaces.

Thanks and see you in September,

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