

The Enclave a Quilter's Retreat

The National Conference Center – Leesburg, Virginia

March 23-27, 2022

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Each workshop is limited to 25 students.



SEA SNAILS

3-day Workshop with Wendy Mathson

Storm at Sea. Snail's Trails. Two wonderful, traditional blocks that have delighted quilters for over one hundred years. Is making one of these quilts on your personal bucket list? Are you attracted to traditional piecing, but wish there was a better way than cutting with templates and precisely lining up each piece? These may be traditional blocks, but you do not have to construct them the traditional way. You'll learn a trim-after-you-sew piecing technique that ensures accuracy without all the fuss of traditional piecing. You will use specialized rulers, designed by Wendy, and will be available for purchase at the Retreat.

In this workshop you will make at least one quarter of the blocks, in fabrics and colors to match your personal style. Pattern variations and how to achieve different effects from the same blocks will be discussed. You can choose to continue sewing and construct the entire quilt or spend your time designing your second Storm at Sea and/or Snail's Trail project. Design play can be with paper grids and colored pencils, or digital using a low-cost app on your phone or tablet.

The "Sea Snails" quilt shown here was made with 6 fabrics. Low-contrast prints and batiks that read as solids emphasize the feeling of movement that makes this pattern so distinctive and appealing. You will receive a pattern with cutting instructions to make the 51" square quilt as pictured. Variations and creativity are encouraged, however! Make it scrappy and traditional, more modern, less symmetrical – the choice is yours. You will make one quilt top during the workshop, finished size is 51" using the 6" SIS TRIMplate. More information will be provided to make the quilt either larger or smaller.

Skill Level: Confident Beginner to Advanced, with basic piecing and rotary cutting skills.

Supply Lists will be available 30 days prior to Retreat

Sewing Machine required and specialty rulers must be purchased through The Quilters Studio