

# Join Mary Stori and Fellow Quilters...

*on the Great Smoky Mountains Quilting Tour*  
August 05-12, 2010

## **Asheville, N.C.**

Named as one of Frommer's Top Travel Destinations in 2007!



**MARY STORI** has been helping quilters enjoy their travel adventures since 1994. She's an internationally recognized instructor and lecturer who was named 2004 Quilt Teacher of the Year by The Professional Quilter. Her work has appeared and won awards in numerous national shows, HGTV's *"Simply Quilts"*, *"Sew Perfect"*, and Fons & Porter's *"Love of Quilting"*. Mary has written articles and had work appear in scores of quilt magazines and publications! She's authored a DVD and six quilt books, the newest is *"Embellishing With Felted Wool"*. Her work is often humorous, generously embellished, and displays fine hand quilting. She loves the challenge of creating one-of-a-kind quilts, fashions, and unique workshop projects for her quilting tours and cruises.

### ***Your invitation from Mary***

Dear Quilting Friends,

Join me for this very special tour in the good ole' USA. We will explore quilting, arts, crafts, and head turning vistas here in my new home place; the beautiful mountains of North Carolina! The tour includes the Asheville Quilt Show, 2 nights at the Historic Biltmore Estates, the beauty of the Blue Ridge Parkway, visits to Lark Books, The Alliance for American Quilts, Handmade in America, Asheville Cotton Company for show and tell with a fabulous Fiber Arts group, local galleries, great food, and more.

Internationally recognized quilt professionals, **LINDA CANTRELL** and **JUDY SIMMONS** will share their incredible talents at meal time lectures. I too will be presenting a lecture the first night at our Welcome Dinner.

The Great Smoky Mountains area of the country is on everyone's 'to-do' list.....here's your opportunity to experience it. This brochure has the details.....read on because I know you'll want to reserve your spot immediately. I'm looking forward to spending time with you!....**Mary**

### **Included in your tour:**

Hosted by Mary Stori  
Lectures with Mary Stori, Judy Simmons & Linda Cantrell  
Five nights at the Michelin 3-Star Renaissance Asheville Hotel  
Two nights at the famous Inn on Biltmore Estate  
Admission to the Biltmore Estate, House, Gardens, Winery, and River Bend Farm  
Admission to the 28th Annual Asheville Quilt Show & the North Carolina Arboretum  
Guided tour on the N.C. Quilt Trail  
Luggage handling at hotels  
Full breakfast each morning  
Lunch at the Pisgah Inn  
Three dinners as noted in the itinerary  
All group visits and activities  
Ground transportation for all group activities  
Meet with Mary's quilt group and MUCH MORE!

## Your tour itinerary:

Thu, Aug 5, 2010

You will need to arrange your flight to arrive in **ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA** in time to join **MARY STORI** for the **6:00PM WELCOME DINNER** and her presentation, **WOOL COLLAGE - WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN** ~ Mary has updated the mid-19th century penny-rug style of embroidered wool appliqué with a new look. Discover the visual warmth of wool, the appeal of embroidery, the charm of buttons, and the pizzazz of beads!! Mary shares construction guidelines to guarantee your success whether your sewing preference is hand or machine. View collaged traditional, folk art, and contemporary bead embellished wall quilts. Inspiration continues as we explore how these methods translate to table runners, pillows, purses, tote bags, and even scissors sheaths! Don't throw out those old wool coats or buttons before sharing this hour with Mary! Visit Mary at: [www.marystori.com](http://www.marystori.com) and [www.marystori.blogspot.com](http://www.marystori.blogspot.com) Located in the heart of the Smoky Mountains, Asheville is the home of the historic Biltmore Estates, and is heralded for its thriving cultural and arts scenes, which include art galleries, mountain crafts, and folk art. Centrally located in the vibrant and artsy downtown, **RENAISSANCE ASHEVILLE HOTEL** will be our home for the first five nights of the tour. With Michelin's highest rating of 3-Stars, you're sure to enjoy their recently renovated guestrooms that include 37" flat screen TV's, local coffees and teas, and a state of the art fitness center with the recent addition of a 60' indoor pool and Jacuzzi.

Fri, Aug 6

We begin our day with a visit to **THE ALLIANCE FOR AMERICAN QUILTS**. AAQ is a nonprofit organization established in 1993 whose mission is to document, preserve, and share our American quilt heritage by collecting the rich stories that historic and contemporary quilts, and their makers, tell about our nation's diverse peoples and their communities. Our visit will include a presentation about this wonderful organization and how the Alliance brings together quilt makers and designers, the quilt industry, quilt scholars and teachers, and quilt collectors. Next on our agenda is a short tour of **HANDMADE IN AMERICA**. This is an organization that believes in making known the hidden heritage and craftspeople that are so vitally a part of Western North Carolina, serving as a support system for craftspeople and the craft industry. Now that we have been given so much wonderful information on quilts and crafts...let's head to the **28th ANNUAL ASHEVILLE QUILT SHOW!** The show is a judged event featuring more than 250 quilts of exceptional craftsmanship from across the U.S. In addition to live demonstrations and a merchant's mall, the show is held at **THE NORTH CAROLINA ARBORETUM** and your ticket will enable you to explore the 65 acres of cultivated gardens, including The Quilt Garden and one of the finest and most unique bonsai collections in the U.S. Visit <http://www.ashevillequiltguild.org/show.html> This is the first Friday evening in August and the Asheville Downtown Gallery Association will be hosting the Center City Art Walk, with approximately 25 galleries open and free for you to enjoy!

Sat, Aug 7

Breakfast this morning will be a special event, featuring **LINDA CANTRELL'S Trunk Show Lecture: APPLIQUE...I DID IT MY WAY!** Linda was a painter before she was a quilter. She made her first quilt in 1980, and before long she was thinking of pictorial quilts. Appliqué was a natural choice with fabrics and embroidery thread becoming her paints and brushes. This lecture is a lighthearted look at Linda's twenty years of award making quilting. If you have wanted to try appliqué but are fearful of making mistakes, don't worry she'll show you how to make mistakes you never even thought you could make, and how to hide them too! The rest of your day is free to enjoy everything that Asheville has to offer. In 2010 The Asheville Antiques Fair will be in its sixty-fourth year and is one of the oldest Antiques Fair in the Southeast. Upwards of sixty antique dealers from all over the country participate in the Fair annually, during this first week of August. We will be sure to provide you with a schedule of all the events offered today, along with maps and store listings. If you'd like to plan your free time in advance, or just see all that Asheville has to offer, visit <http://www.exploreasheville.com>

Sun, Aug 8

Have your cameras out and ready! This morning we depart downtown Asheville for a ride on the **BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY**. We'll spend a good part of the day enjoying scenery and making stops along the way. Located along the parkway at milepost 382 is the **FOLK ART CENTER**, the Southern Highland Craft Guild's flagship facility. The Center showcases the finest in traditional and contemporary craft of the Southern Appalachians and houses the Guild's century-old Allanstand Craft Shop. Opened in 1980, it is a cooperative effort between the Guild, the National Park Service and the Appalachian Regional Commission and is the most popular attraction on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Located at the Peak of the Parkway is the PISGAH INN. At an elevation of 5,000 feet, we will have lunch and enjoy the breath-taking panoramic views. We'll board our tour bus again and continue to enjoy the many viewing areas along the Parkway before heading back to our hotel.

Mon, Aug 9

We drive north to Burnsville to meet up with Barbara Webster, Executive Director of the **WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA QUILT TRAILS** and our guide for the day. Quilt Trails is a project that got its start in Ohio when Donna Sue Groves put a block on her barn to honor her mother. From that simple act, the project has spread to 24 states. North Carolina has more quilt blocks than any other state, with the highest concentration in Burnsville. Although there won't be time to see them all, Barbara will be showing us a good portion of them as she relates the stories behind the blocks, with time for shop stops and lunch. Dinner tonight will be at our hotel and features a presentation by **JUDY SIMMONS**. Judy is a fiber artist, teacher, author, judge and lover of quilts. She specializes in creating unique quilts made with her own hand dyed,

marbled, painted, screen printed and computer manipulated fabrics. Exploring machine art and embellishment techniques is another of her joys. **CREATING QUILTS WITH PHOTO TRANSFERS** ~ Have you ever been curious how to transfer photos to fabric and then...what to do with them after they're transferred? This lecture will cover everything you need to know for transferring photos to fabric. Learn creative ways to use photos/digital imagery, create fabric from imagery for piecing and learn how to incorporate with other fabrics from your stash...it's presented in Powerpoint and accompanied by many samples and quilts to be passed around. It's fun, interesting and informative. Be sure to visit Judy at: [www.judysimmonsfiberart.com](http://www.judysimmonsfiberart.com) and [www.judysimmonsfiberart.blogspot.com](http://www.judysimmonsfiberart.blogspot.com)

#### Tue, Aug 10

Mary has arranged for us to start our day with a private tour inside the working offices of **LARK BOOKS**. Almost 20 years ago, Lark published its first book. Since then, their list has grown to more than 300 books, with 60 to 70 new titles now appearing every year. From bead work to community quilts, from crocheting to textiles and needlework, they publish a large variety of craft books, including such popular titles as "Quilt National 2009", "Masters: Art Quilts", "Art Quilts: A Celebration" and "Freddy & Gwen Collaborate Again". With more than 8,000 bolts of the latest quilting cottons, the **ASHEVILLE COTTON CO.** is a place we want to visit! In addition to finding much-needed fabric to add to our stash, we'll be meeting with Mary's Fiber Arts group for a **SHOW AND TELL** and some socializing with the local quilters! After time for lunch, we arrive at the **INN ON BILTMORE ESTATE**, our home for the next two nights. You'll experience Biltmore's tradition of warm and gracious hospitality as an honored guest, with luxurious rooms, flawless service and marvelous mountain views. Each of the Inn's 213 rooms have recently undergone its first room makeover since its opening in spring 2001, with new custom bedding, carpets and fabrics inspired by Biltmore House, and large plasma televisions. During your two-day stay at the Inn on Biltmore Estate, your tour price includes admission to the Biltmore Estate and daytime admissions to **BILTMORE HOUSE, GARDENS, WINERY, AND RIVER BEND FARM**, along with scheduled shuttle service within the estate property. It will be a full day, but rest assured that when you return to your room this evening, your bed will be turned down and a chocolate will be on your pillow!

#### Wed, Aug 11

You will have the entire day to explore the **BILTMORE'S 8,000-ACRE ESTATE**. The scheduled shuttle transportation will enable you to visit and utilize your admission tickets, in addition to having access to the many dining and shopping venues located on the grounds. If relaxing is more your style, you can spend time at the Inn relaxing on the veranda, having afternoon tea in the library, or taking a dip in their refreshing pool. Just be sure to arrive back at the Inn on Biltmore Estate in time for our **FAREWELL DINNER** at 7:00pm. It will be your last chance to meet with your fellow travelers to reminisce about the wonderful time you had, the crafts and fabric you have purchased, and to spend time with Mary, thanking her for making our visit to Asheville a most memorable one!

#### Thu, Aug 12

You will be departing from **ASHEVILLE AIRPORT**. When making your reservations, please note that breakfast at the Inn does not begin until 7:00am and check-out time is 11:00am.

**BOOK EARLY...SPACE IS LIMITED!**

#### *Tour Cost:*

\$1,899 per person, based on double occupancy

\$ 560 single supplement

Airfare and airport transfers are not included

You will be provided information for getting from the Asheville Airport to the Renaissance Hotel and from the Inn on Biltmore Estate to the Asheville Airport.

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