

Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting Cruise™

Southern Caribbean, December 3–10, 2010



All quilting notions and kit are included and yours to keep.



Imagine a place designed to satisfy your craving for quilting—the artistry, the fabrics, the stitching, the legacy. Now you can experience that place on Fons & Porter's *Love of Quilting* Cruise, an event where the soothing rhythms of the Caribbean meet the passionate expression of the quilter's arts. Join *Love of Quilting* editor Jean Nolte, Chief Quilting Enabler and *Quilt Out Loud!* co-host Jodie Davis, and *Love of Quilting* co-founding editor-in-chief Marianne Fons in a program of classes, projects, and social events (oh, and just a little bit of pampering, if you go for that sort of thing) on a mellow cruise seminar.

We've kept things simple so you can relax and focus on quilting. You have a conference fee, and a cruise fee. No surprises. No need to carry cash for classes and kits. No need to load your luggage with notions. No collection of small UFOs at the end of the seminar. We provide use of a sewing machine and iron. Exhale slowly, and nibble a welcome message from *Love of Quilting*. Meet new friends at our socials. Refine your quilting skills in a seminar that sends you home well on your way with a new quilt enhancement to your household. Stitch! Indulge a bit with a complimentary spa treatment. Savor Holland America Line's gracious service and warm hospitality.

Have fun with kindred spirits, recharge your batteries, and enjoy balmy quilting weather on Holland America Line's ms Westerdam, sailing roundtrip Ft. Lauderdale, December 3–10, 2010. Visit www.InSightCruises.com/Quilting for the full details.

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Cruise prices start at \$799 per person. The Quilting Program (including classes, one project, and all your quilting needs) is \$895. Taxes and other fees are \$104 pp. For more info contact Theresa at 650-787-5665 or theresa@InSightCruises.com



TWO PROJECT CHOICES

Option 1. Learn and perfect your piecing and pressing skills while making Jodie Davis' sampler quilt. With simple brick walk rectangle blocks, friendship star blocks, pinwheel blocks, hourglass blocks, and nine patch blocks, *Jodie's Sampler* is easy enough for a new quilter and useful for anyone looking to pick up quilting secrets and finesse.

Choose a kit from two color choices: batiks or 30's prints and rev up your quilt craft:

- Quick cutting and sewing
- Pressing savvy
- Half-square and quarter-square triangles
- Flying geese expertise



Finished size is 96" x 108"

Option 2. Start a family tradition with the *Christmas Joy* quilt. Row by row, you'll add new techniques making this row quilt from Marianne Fons and Liz Porter. Join Editor Jean Nolte in a techniques-oriented workshop. Stretch your comfort zone and feel at ease with more complex but vital quilting know-how.

Through the *Christmas Joy* quilt, pick up tips and tricks on:

- Squaring up blocks: step by step
- Making Flying Geese units
- Making pieced letters
- The ups and downs of setting blocks on point
- Easy foundation piecing: materials, permanent vs. temporary, templates & tips
- The hows and whys of diagonal seams
- Simple appliqué to add design elements where piecing won't work
- Using strip sets for borders and binding
- Making a quilt label: the how, what, why, and when



Finished size is 81" x 95"

FOUR LECTURES

Why We Quilt—In this entertaining and informative visual presentation, Marianne Fons examines the motivations of American quilters from 1776 to the present day. Her lecture is illustrated with scores of quilts from museums and institutions around the U.S., as well as quilts from Fons & Porter's *Love of Quilting*.

My Favorite "Quilty" Things—In this informal session, Marianne Fons provides the inside story on the creation of the successful Fons & Porter collection of special, better tools for quilters. You'll learn what it takes to build a better mousetrap, find out which are her "faves" and enjoy mini-demos of several of the most popular items.

Top TV Tips—*"Love of Quilting"* co-host Marianne Fons shares favorite viewer tips from over a decade at the Tip Table on Fons & Porter's popular show *"Love of Quilting."* Learn how TV viewers handle binding control, tool storage, and stash management. Bring your own favorite tip to share!

Sew Much Fun with Marianne & Mary—For this informal session, seasoned quilter Marianne Fons and her daughter, budding quilter Mary Fons, share the perspectives of two distinctly different generations of quilters. TV viewers have enjoyed the mother-daughter dynamic of Marianne and Mary on their public television episodes. Here's an opportunity to share the fun in person.



Marianne Fons