



I taught my Fabulous Freeform workshop for the League of Northern Colorado Quilters in Loveland, Colorado.

Where in the World is Dana Jones?

With Covid restrictions relaxed, 2022 found me back on the road while still teaching via Zoom from home – the best of two worlds. I have to thank Lyric Kinard, Sue Bleiweiss and Mel Beach for creating the Global Quilt Connection and including me in this amazing community of quilt teachers and speakers from across the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. Because of this organization, I've been invited to speak and teach for more guilds than ever before. Speaking and teaching for AQS shows in Daytona Beach, Florida, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, and at International Quilt Festival in Houston were firsts.

To learn where I'll be in the coming months, check out my calendar on my website: <https://www.danajonesquilts.com/calendar>. I'd love to come to your guild or shop via Zoom or in-person so if you find an open date, be in touch. I'd also enjoy grabbing a bite to eat with you when I'm in your neck of the woods. I'm booking for 2024 too. Email me at danaellenjones@gmail.com. My rates are posted on my website so you can check those out. I hope to see you this year.

Riverton, Wyoming, Retreat So Fun

In September, I had a chance to teach my Peace Cranes of Hiroshima workshop at a retreat sponsored by Heritage Quilts & Fabric Shoppe in Riverton, Wyoming. If you're headed west to Yellowstone, this shop and its sister shop in Pine Dale, Wyoming, are must stops. I enjoyed meeting sisters Liz Bartlett, left, and Sue Hanson, right, at the shop the day before the retreat as they shopped for some final fabrics for their quilts. They came up with interesting color combinations for sure.



Above, "Peace Cranes Over Hiroshima" by Liz Bartlett. Right, Sue Hanson's quilt.. I love seeing how folks interpret this quilt I designed after visiting Hiroshima.





I enjoy speaking and teaching via Zoom. Above, is my home "classroom," complete with podium and webcams.



Road Trip Blog Gap

Late last summer into the fall, I made an extended road trip that I didn't blog. I had a few wifi issues, some long driving days and too many fun things to see, I guess. I will again hit the road in March to speak and teach in Illinois and then in April to California. I expect to blog those trips so watch for emails on those posts. For now, I'll share a few fun pictures and quirky sightings on the summer/fall trip that took me from Colorado through Kansas, Missouri and Illinois to Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the AQS show there. En route home, I drove through Iowa and through Nebraska into Wyoming where I led the retreat mentioned above. Enjoy the photos.



At top, Emma — my high-maintenance BFF, aka Rpod camper — sporting her new door. Those who follow my road-trip blogs know Emma as my constant companion, weather allowing. You may remember I had to duck tape her door when driving down the road for much of my trip last May and June. Her new door even has a window. The ant in the foreground was a find at Gringo Jones Imports in St. Louis and is now at home in my sister's garden.

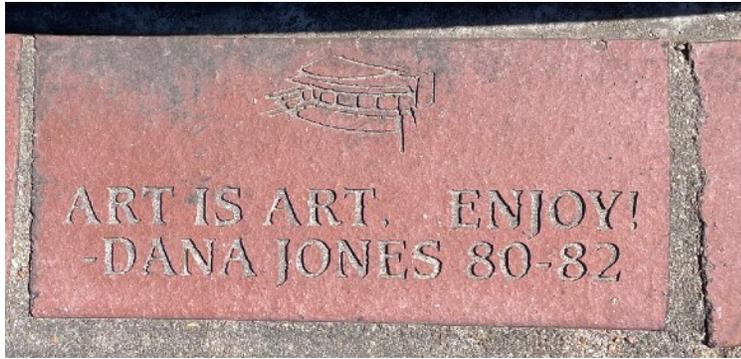


At left, a restaurant in Seneca, Kansas, is called the Log Cabin Cafe. It's made out of cinder block. Below, whenever I see a Dino, I want a ride. I took the invitation to do so at

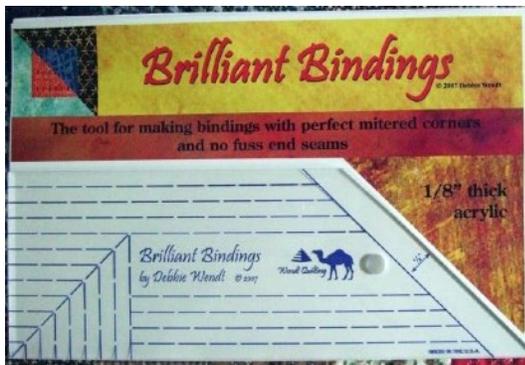


At left, 4-H'ers in Anton, Colorado, decorated hay bales as a recruitment campaign. Do you want to sign up? Below, It'll Do seemed to be a theme during my travels. The It'll Do Bar & Grill is near Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve in central Illinois. It's companion establishment, the Not a Hilton But It'll Do Motel is along Highway 36 in Atwood, Kansas. If I'm not pulling Emma, I like to stay at this local motel that has clean, spacious rooms and good beds for the right price. Gotta love folks who have a ski lodge in western Kansas. I've stayed in the Vail and Breckenridge rooms.

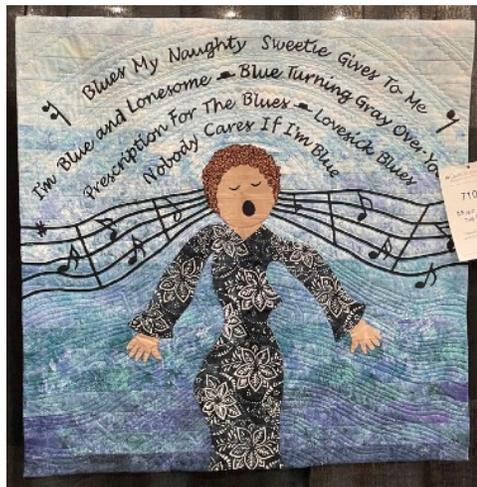
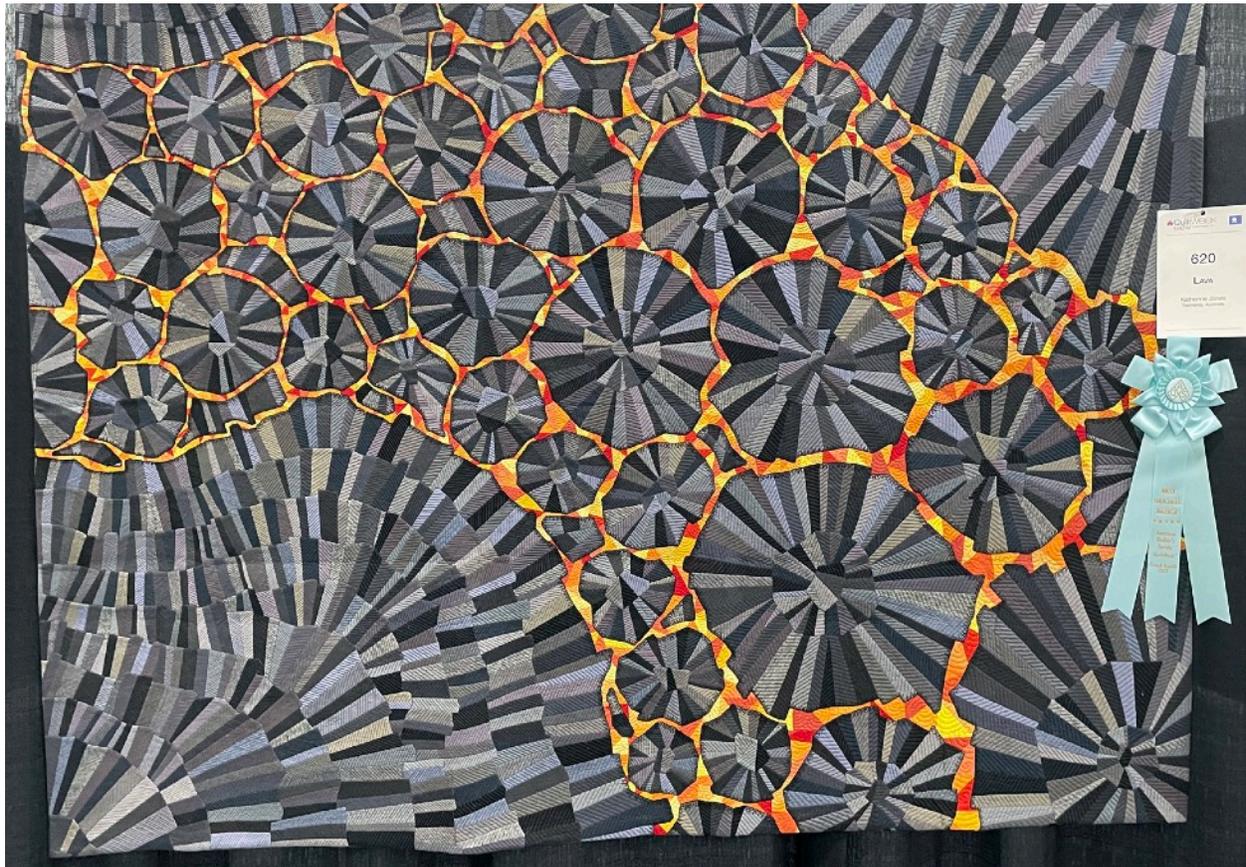




At left, I was privileged to visit Southwestern Illinois College — formerly Belleville Area College — in Belleville, Illinois, where I found the brick I “purchased” when I gave a donation for construction of an arts center at this wonderful community college. I took art classes and worked as director of public information at this school in the 1970s.



Above, I camped at Steamboat Park Campground in Jenison, Michigan, while speaking and teaching at the AQS show in Grand Rapids. What a beautiful spot along the Grand River, and the drive to the Grand Rapids convention center was quick and easy. I enjoyed the campground’s swimming pool and friendly neighbors, who were, mostly families from around Michigan. A highlight of the show was spending time with Debbie Wendt, excellent quilt speaker and teacher and creator of Brilliant Binding and Hex-a-Mig tools. <http://www.wendtquilting.com/>



Just a few of the quilts exhibited at the AQS Grand Rapids show. At top, my favorite, "Lava" by Katherine Jones of Tasmania, Australia. The other four quilts were part of guild challenges. I was surprised to see that four of these guilds were ones I've either spoken to or taught for or will do so in 2023. Some great work. Above from left, "Time Flies" by Deborah Yates, Northwest Suburban Quilt Guild, Rolling Meadows, Illinois; "Music Out of the Blues" by Rosemary E. Lubzik, Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit, Michigan; and "It's Just Rusty" by Nancy McCormick, West Michigan Quilters' Guild, Grand Rapids, Michigan. At right, "A River Runs Through It" by Dotti Holman and Evelyn Eilers, Havasu Stitchers, Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

