

Farmington Valley Spring 2026 Programs

Sign up for these Workshops at the next Meeting!

Wednesday, April 15th

Robin Long: Trunk Show and Lecture

What began as a quest in 1992 to make a Mariner's Compass quilt for her Navy submarine officer husband grew into Robin Long's signature strip-pieced Mariner's Compass system featuring rulers, books, and patterns that make this classic block accessible without paper piecing. Since launching Robin Ruth Design in 2015, she has become an internationally recognized teacher and a sought-after quilt designer for fabric.



Thursday, April 16th

Robin Long Workshop: Strip-Pieced Mariner's Compass



You'll love this class for learning how to make 16-point compass blocks using Robin Ruth Design's rulers and strip-piecing method! Join Robin for this technique class to learn the compass basics as you make a Skinny Robin or Fat Robin Compass block - your choice!

- Class time is 10 am to 4 pm at Cotton Candy Fabrics in Simsbury.
- There is a maximum of 18 students and the workshop is open to non-members.
- Workshop fee is \$100 payable upon sign up. There is also a \$50 ruler/pattern fee payable the day of the workshop.

Wednesday, May 20th

Karen Salemi: Trunk Show and Lecture

Experience the best of both worlds as Karen shares timeless traditional quilt blocks blended with vibrant improvisational elements. Each quilt showcases quality craftsmanship rooted in classic techniques, enhanced by spontaneous, creative touches that bring a fresh and modern flair. Learn how she creates quilts that are both beautiful and uniquely expressive.



Thursday, May 21st

Karen Salemi: Where Tradition Meets Improv



Curious about improv quilting but not sure where to start? In this fun, low-pressure workshop you'll experiment with color, design, crazy angles, inset strips, and wonky log cabins—perfect for using scraps and leftover blocks. Designed for quilters of all levels, this class offers a structured yet flexible way to try something new in a warm, supportive environment. Come play with fabric and discover just how creative you really are.

- Class time is 10 am to 4pm at Cotton Candy Fabrics in Simsbury.
- Cost is \$75 payable at sign up.