Class Name: Saturday Seminar Series: Intro to EQ
Class date:Saturday, May 21, 2016
Times: Pt 1 only: 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon; Pts 1 and 2: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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Introduction

Electric Quilt (EQ) is a computer software made for us quilters to vastly speed up and facilitate drawing, coloring and placing quilt blocks, planning quilt layouts and borders and even auditioning colors and real fabrics. It is very user friendly and you really do not need much computer expertise to use it. However, if you have it and are still a bit intimidated by it, or just need more help and extra tips and pointers on how to make it an efficient tool in your quilt making - here is a class for you! We will go through basics by hands-on, designing a quilt from scratch, go through an overview of what EQ can and can not do and then address any specific questions you might have or design a block or quilt you want.

Supplies Needed

- Your laptop with EQ installed and working (If you just got it and it is not installed, try to complete that since you do need Internet access to do it in order to register your software properly) NOTE: If you need help, call EQ technical support for help, they are excellent and will walk you through it.
- EQ manual (specially if you have specific questions)
- Notebook to take notes if you like
- OPTIONAL: picture of a block or quilt you would like to plan/draw in EQ

Part 1: topics to be covered

- Quick overview of what EQ does and what it doesn't do (slide presentation)
- Getting started basics: open a new project, select blocks from library, select fabrics from library (if desired), color blocks, pick quilt layout(s), set blocks into a quilt, pick and set borders
- Quick color changes within your created quilt
- Quick basics of drawing a block yourself (also changing the drawing of an existing block from library

Part 2: topics to be covered

- Drawing blocks – pieced and appliqued-overview
- Exploring Layout Library in EQ- great way to expand your creativity
- Q and A session or working on specific topic or project that students want to cover or have trouble with