Beginners Quilting Course Offered At New River Community and Technical College

[LEWISBURG, WV] New River Community and Technical College will offer a beginners quilting course starting Tuesday, June 1, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The class will meet once a week for six weeks in Jefferson Office Park in Lewisburg, WV.

Quiltmaking is a tradition in West Virginia. Often passed down from parent to child, the skills of the craft can be as basic as sewing straight lines or as intricate as applying appliqué and embroidery techniques.

This course will cover the basics, from how to read patterns and rulers to using rotary cutters and piecing methods. Instructors Dorleen McDowell and Kim Roberts, members of West Virginia Quilters Inc., will take participants step by step through each process involved in sewing together a quilt. Every student will take home a 74"X106" quilt.

Students will be given a supply list and will need to furnish their own sewing machine. A kit provided by the instructors, including fabrics, a special ruler and book, will also be required.

The cost of this six-week workshop is $100, plus a $150 kit fee (to cover fabrics, special ruler and book, “Morning Star Quilt”). Preregistration is required by May 4, to allow time to order supplies for kits. Space is limited.

To register, please call New River Community and Technical College at 304-647-6570 or 304-872-4520.

West Virginia Quilters, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote quilting in West Virginia and to encourage learning, understanding, and appreciation of the art of quilting. The organization continues the recording of the tradition, culture, and history of
quiltmaking in West Virginia that began with the West Virginia Heritage Quilt Search Inc. and encourages the care and preservation of quilts, both old and new.

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