

## ***Storytelling in Fabric: A Quilting and Fiber Arts Retreat***

June 4-6, 2010 and Nov. 5-7, 2010

Led by Beth Ann Williams and June Mears Driedger

The Hermitage in Three Rivers, Michigan

***Storytelling in Fabric*** is a weekend retreat for women who want a safe, nurturing, playful environment to explore our stories through fiber art. Our theme for the 2010 retreats is “**Improvising in Life and in Quilts.**” We will explore improvisational quilting in our projects and improvising in our lives during our reflective small-group time, nurturing our souls with conversations about how we can live in more freedom without fear, and live boldly with courage.

Improvisational Piecing - Innovative piecing techniques and construction tips for creating design-as-you-go quilts. Among the topics covered: crazy piecing with strips, improvisational stars and flying geese. No templates, no tricky angles, and almost no measuring needed! This open-ended workshop will include plenty of hands-on creative play.

Improvisationally pieced fabric may be finished into quilts, wall-hangings, one-of-a-kind bags, journal covers or fabric postcards. As always, participants also have the option of bringing their own projects to work on, if that's what they prefer.

Sample photos and a detailed supply list will be available by mid-April at [www.bethannwilliams.com](http://www.bethannwilliams.com).

The retreat will be held at The Hermitage, a retreat center near Three Rivers, Michigan. Facilities include a 19<sup>th</sup>-century barn converted into a guesthouse, chapel, library as well as hiking trails and a labyrinth. Further information can be found at: [www.hermitagecommunity.org](http://www.hermitagecommunity.org).

**Cost:** \$315.00 (\$100 deposit—see dates for registration). This includes room, meals, and instruction.

**Two weeks prior to the retreat we will send a detailed supply list, schedule, and directions to The Hermitage.**

**Please complete the attached form with a \$100.00 deposit** and send to: June Mears Driedger, 1918 Clifton Ave., Lansing, MI 48910.

The registration deadline for the **June 4-6** retreat is May 31. Deposits are non-refundable after May 31. Registration for the **Nov. 5-7** retreat opens Sept. 15 and the deadline is October 30. Deposits are non-refundable after October 30.

Registration is limited to twelve participants.

### **Storytelling in Fabric Leaders**

A Michigan resident, Beth Ann Williams is a renowned contemporary quilt, fiber and mixed media artist. Her award-winning work has appeared in museums, galleries, magazines and calendars. She is the author of the books Celtic Quilts: A New Look at Ancient Designs, Colorwash Bargello Quilts, and A World of Quilts, and is a contributing artist to the books Within Sacred Circles, Creative Cloth Doll Beading and Open Your Heart with Quilting. She has been a featured guest on HGTV and DIY television networks. Beth Ann has exhibited, lectured and taught a variety of fabric and surface design workshops across the country. Beth Ann is the Creative Director of Lakeshore Sewing, and founder and mentor of the Lakeshore Fiber Artists.

Also a Michigan resident, June Mears Driedger is a writer, editor, quilter, and accomplished fiber artist. She is an ordained Mennonite minister, spiritual director, retreat leader and workshop speaker. Beth Ann is June's quilting mentor.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobility Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you!*