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Pacific Rim Quilt Company announces Hawaiian Quilt Design classes in Hawaii, May 2010

In the original tradition of Hawaiian quilting, no two Hawaiian quilts were alike, each one was unique. Gradually this tradition faded as patterns became readily available. But the tradition is revived every time a quilter designs their one-of-a-kind quilt without the aid of a pattern. It is the desire of Nancy Lee Chong and Janice Lee Baehr, co-owners of Pacific Rim Quilt Company, to perpetuate this aspect of Hawaiian quilting by sharing their design techniques with those who are interested in designing a personal Hawaiian quilt.

Nancy and Janice will lead participants in a creative exploration of Hawaiian quilt designing May 20-24, 2010 on Maui, Hawaii, and May 26-30, 2010 on Kauai, Hawaii. The first day of each event will be spent touring a local garden and museum to be inspired by the Hawaiian culture and natural surroundings; followed by three days of designing.

“Janice and I each designed our first, and many subsequent Hawaiian quilts; we have made it possible for thousands of quilters to make Hawaiian quilts using our patterns and video; and now we plan to teach anyone with the desire, how to design their own Hawaiian quilt,” explains Nancy Chong. “From the moment we decided to offer this unique class we knew it had to be in Hawaii. This is where students will feel the spirit and witness the beauty that is Hawaiian quilting.”

Class size will be limited to just 20 students. This assures everyone will receive individual attention from Nancy and Janice, and all will be inspired by the flow of creative energy from those sharing the experience.

For additional information about the Hawaiian Quilt Design classes, and to reserve your space, contact Janice Baehr, or visit www.prqc.com.

Pacific Rim Quilt Company, based in Snohomish, Washington, was founded by Nancy Lee Chong and Janice Lee Baehr in 1990, to perpetuate the art of Hawaiian quilting. Pacific Rim Quilt Company has a complete line of 24 Hawaiian Quilt patterns, plus 27 “*2 Fabric Appliqué Quilt*” patterns, and two instructional DVDs. Nancy Chong teaches Hawaiian quilting and needleturn appliqué internationally. Nancy and Janice have curated several Hawaiian Quilt exhibits, including “*Tropical Treats: The Hawaiian Quilts of 2 Sisters*” at the American Quilters Society Quilt Expo in Nashville, Tennessee, 2007, and at the Vermont Quilt Festival, Essex Junction, Vermont, 2009.

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