

Hello my quilting friends,

The owning and operating of Silver Lane Quilting, Inc is truly a dream come true. My professional background is in offset printing and graphic art/design. I have 20+ years of experience in many areas of the printing industry. This is where my love of color has its roots. (If you listen closely, every once in a while, you'll hear me slip and reference "ink colors".) Late in 2005 I again found myself without a job as part of corporate restructuring. This cleared the path for my new career as your quilt shop owner.

As I progressed in my quilting I truly felt that I didn't have a quilt shop I could call "home". I knew I couldn't be the only one who felt this way and I set out to create a quilt shop with a warm and inviting atmosphere. Over the years I had saved snippets from magazines and newsletter all stuffed into a manila envelope and they were what I considered to be the best of ideas for "if I ever own a quilt shop. . ." it was time to lay all those ideas out and get to work.

I have been involved in garment and craft sewing since I was nine or ten years old. My first sewing machine was a 1903 Singer treadle which I still have today. I am proud to say I sewed on it until the early/mid 80's when I bought my first electric sewing machine.

When I was in high school someone suggested I try quilting. I remember making templates, adding in the seam allowances and cutting out all the pieces with a scissors. I was frustrated with it and it wasn't a craft I wanted to pursue. In the mid to late 1980's a friend was explaining how rotary cutting was changing quilting. I took a beginning rotary cutting and machine piecing class at a local quilt shop. I was hooked! Since then I have slowly given up all my other crafts to focus on quilting.

Among my closest of quilting friends I am known for my accurate rotary cutting and machine piecing. I am a believer in the benefits of finger pressing. When I go through my personal stash, I can't deny being the queen of tone-on-tones and a collector of fat quarters.

We all have a quilting project we set as a goal. Someday I want to hand quilt a whole-cloth wall hanging and embellish it with embroidery and ribbon. I enjoy hearing about your quilting aspirations.

*I am truly blessed to have the support and encouragement of my family. My husband **Mike** is with me at the shop every chance he can. Our daughter **Megan** visits occasionally (if you blink you'll miss her). She works behind the scenes with me on web-site files and I do believe she is the fastest fat quarter folder in the state of Minnesota. She enjoys sports and crafts of all sorts. She has been known to occasionally sew a gift item or two. Our son **Doug** appreciates the art of quilting and truly is "my left-hand man" on weekends, during the summer and on school vacation days. He loves to see and hear what projects you are working on. He learns so much when you share with him. I do have to wait my turn when the quilting magazines come in the mail! He is a great resource for you when you visit.*

*We invite you to bring in your projects for show-n-tell. This includes your unfinished projects - let's breathe new life into them and get you excited about them once again. Let's share our love of quilting. At Silver Lane Quilting we sincerely mean it when we say - **we are proud to be part of your quilting success.***

kindest Regards,

Elaine