

Announcing!

The Quilters Unlimited 2022 Fall Event

With Kena Tangi Dorsey

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USING VIBRANT AFRICAN WAX PRINTS IN QUILTS - TRUNK SHOW

Saturday, 10 September 2022 – 7:30 pm – Zoom Details to follow ~ one week prior



Kena Tangi Dorsey, is a quilt artist, teacher, designer, mentor and owner of Kena Quilt Studio which was launched in May 2021. Originally from Pittsburgh, PA, Kena moved to New York City and lived there for 18 years before moving west to Los Angeles, CA in 2006 to go to film school and pursue a filmmaking career. Kena began quilting 21 years ago while living in Harlem. Although she still enjoys taking master classes and learning new techniques, She was originally self taught and started out by learning the basic techniques for piecing traditional blocks and patterns. Early on, Kena was influenced by many of the Harlem Renaissance artists such as Jacob Lawrence, Romare Bearden, Zora Neale Hurston, James Van Der Zee, and Langston Hughes, to name a few. So, it's no surprise that when she quickly became intrigued with portrait quilts, that she began making raw edge appliqué story and art quilts using images that reflect African American people. While living in Harlem, New York, Kena had an abundance of access to African shops and boutiques along 125th Street, so she began infusing African wax prints, kente cloth and mud cloth textiles into her quilting projects - by making wall hangings, table runners and quilted bags with them. She also loves working with Indonesian Batiks and had fun purchasing a large collection of them on her trip to Indonesia a few years ago! Kena teaches both in- person and live virtual classes and workshops. A number of her classes such as “Let’s Make a Selfie-Portrait Quilt” and “The Big, The Bold, The Beautiful: Working with African Fabrics in Quilts” are available on-demand for open enrollment. When not designing and making quilts, Kena teaches filmmaking and television production to high school students and is an adjunct professor at Los Angeles City College where she teaches cinema and multi camera television studio production courses.