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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, Sept. 14, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The class will meet once a week for six weeks in Jefferson Office Park in Lewisburg, WV.

Quilt making 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”). The fabric that will be used in the class to make the quilts (and each person will make their own quilt) was designed by Robin Pandoff after a visit to Fancy Hill Farms in WV.

Pre-registration is required by Aug. 24 to allow time to order supplies for kits. Space is limited. To register, please call the New River Office of Workforce Education at (304) 793-6101 or (304) 872-4520.

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