



National Educator

Waynna Kershner

Waynna Kershner's first exposure to quilts occurred many years ago, when her husband gifted her with two quilts he found at an antique shop for her birthday. She took an immediate liking to the well-loved and well-used quilts; however, never thought she would make one, let alone machine quilt one on a long arm system. Many years went by, and in 2005 Waynna took her first quilting class at her local quilt shop. She had the quilt professionally quilted. When she finished her second quilt, Waynna knew she wanted to do her own quilting!

One day, a friend called to tell her about a "quilting machine" she saw at a county fair, strongly suggesting Waynna take a look at it. She went to the shop where it was on display, and put her hands on the handlebars of an HQ Sixteen®. It was love at first grip! She purchased the machine that day.

When she heard that the Pro-Stitcher® was released, she immediately went in for a demo. That was it! Computerized quilting was the way to go for her. Waynna purchased the Pro-Stitcher that day and has not looked back. She now has a HQ Fusion® with Pro-Stitcher and *Art and Stitch* software, and has been quilting professionally since 2011.

Waynna's passion for quilting has led her to teach quilt-making classes at a local quilt shop, and to help quilters with their projects and quilting aspirations. She enjoys working with machine quilters of all skill levels, but she especially enjoys working with new and current Pro-Stitcher owners. She loves to build confidence in quilters, using the power of the Pro-Stitcher program to put the finishing touch on their works of art. In addition to her specialty of working with Pro-Stitcher, she enjoys working with *Art and Stitch* software to digitize her own designs.

Waynna retired from her career in the healthcare industry, and now resides in Western Pennsylvania on a 39-acre vineyard, with her very supportive husband, Denny, and farm dog Stanley. Waynna and Denny have two adult children and one granddaughter.