FEATURED SPEAKER: <u>GYLEEN X. FITZGERALD</u>

Gyleen Fitzgerald makes quilts that blend color, pattern and texture to provide a contemporary essence in traditional quilting. Her strength as a quilter is demonstrated by the infusion of engineering tools and innovative techniques to simplify visually complex quilts. She shares her enthusiasm for quilting through interactive lectures and workshops. As a writer, Gyleen centers on quilt project books and how-to videos, magazine articles, haiku poetry, and children's books.

An avid quilter, Gyleen has earned Best of Show honors and as a publisher, she is a Gold Medal winner for *Polygon Affair...So Easy You'll Fall in Love* and *Quilts: Unfinished Stories with New Endings*. She is best known for inspiring *Trash to Treasure Pineapple Quilts* and the creation of the Pineapple Tool by Gyleen.

Gyleen has appeared on The Quilt Show and Lifetime TV promoting a contemporary spirit in traditional quiltmaking. She has presented numerous trunkshows and workshops throughout the United States.

For Gyleen, dreams hold no limits. Ray, her husband is her shining light and quilting is her passion; together her life is in balance. Gyleen is a Philadelphia, PA native who spent her formative years in Taiwan and Japan.

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