

# Sarah Hall Parker

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<b>Pfaff Creative Consultant Available Immediately!</b>	<b>Educational History and Degrees</b>	<b>Professional Experience - Quilting / Sewing / Sales</b>
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## Summary of Qualifications

**1** Master's Degree in Education (ART) with hands-on delivery and curriculum development.

**2** Experienced in Pfaff creative consulting, quilting and sewing workshops, persuasive sales and memorable customer service.

**3** Delivered hundreds of quilting and sewing workshops, including classes for Pfaff dealer.

**4** Award-winning quilter and teacher with advanced creative quilting expertise.

**5** Top-notch creative, communications, and organizational skills combined with sense of humor and patience.

**6** Member and Past VP, Wisconsin Quilters Guild, White Falls, WI

“Sarah has been instrumental in developing my store into the place to be to learn about quilting and sewing. Every class has at least one student that ends up buying a new machine. She is able to qualify every customer... and makes the sale.” - Meg Withers, Sew Creative, White Falls, WI Pfaff Certified Dealership

**Master of Arts, Education**  
Emphasis: **Gifted and Talented Art**  
University of Wisconsin - 1996  
36 Post-Graduate Credits

Bachelor of Science, Art Education  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, WI

## Certifications and Licenses

- ✓ Lifetime Teaching License Art K-12
- ✓ Certified Trainer for Dimensions of Learning, Everly Institute, Chicago
- ✓ Licensed 4-H County Fair Judge
- ✓ First Aid Certification, Red Cross

## Personal Brand Strengths

**Creativity** - ability and eagerness to explore new ideas, unique approaches, and innovative projects. People say, “Sarah, I can’t wait to see what you will come up with next.”

**Energy** - bubbling personality and role model for “just go on and do it” philosophy. People remark, “You must never sleep! How do you do it all?”

**Organized** - ability to plan, prepare, and prioritize time, budget, resources, and projects in highly time-sensitive settings with great attention to detail.

**Care and Patience** - natural talent for treating others with thoughtfulness and empathy. Listen fully and give positive feedback, hands-on tips and demos, and encouragement.

**Humor** - interject fun to engage and de-stress learners, and create enjoyable experience for all. Proven track record of delivering popular workshops and programs with exuberant participant evaluations (see Testimonials on page 2).

**Quilting and Sewing Teacher**  
Sew Creative, White Falls, WI  
2005 to Present  
The Quilting Workshop, Sand Hill, WI  
2003 to Present

- Taught 228 beginner-to-advanced group classes and private lessons, demonstrating wide array of sewing and quilting techniques.
- Generated \$35,000 in add-on sales of sewing machines, quilting and sewing supplies, and/or fabric.
- Presented Trunk Shows for “After 5 Club of Sand Hill” and Grand Opening of Sew Creative in White Falls, WI - 2005.

## Independent Quilting & Sewing Consultant - 2001 to present

- Designed and delivered more than 100 group classes and quilting retreats privately, as well as by request of quilting shops and guilds, throughout Wisconsin.
- Developed 22 original quilting patterns for sale featuring paper piecing, Redwork embroidery, traditional piecing, fabric painting, appliqué, and 3-dimensional appliqué.
- Arranged programming for 125-member Wisconsin Quilters Guild (2 meetings per month) from 2001-2004. Brought in acclaimed guest speakers and presenters. Initiated White Elephant Auction in 2003 as charity fundraiser which became ongoing event.
- Organized quilters’ sales/display booth at Summer Log Jam in White Falls, WI from 1997 to 2000.
- 4-H Judge for 250 entries annually, Central WI State Fair, Middleton, WI and Wood Co. Fair, Kildee, WI - 1999 to Present



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## Professional Experience - Art Teacher

**Art Teacher, Fairfield Public Schools, Fairfield, WI - 1990 to 2008**

- Art I (overview of dimensional Art) to 27 multi-culturally diverse ninth graders in five sections daily at middle-class-level public school. Due to high demand, school administration prompted to hire additional full-time art teacher.
- Developed gifted and talented curriculum (MAGIC - Music, Art, and Gifted Integrated Curriculum) for Junior High. Implemented in 1996 and adopted district-wide, with updates and improvements.
- Wrote lesson plans to meet State Standards and Benchmarks, sourced and acquired materials, and oversaw \$8000 annual budget.
- Precepted and trained two student teachers and mentored art student hired full-time by Fairfield Public Schools as new Art Teacher.

**Art Teacher, Univ. of Wisconsin, Kildee, WI - Summers 2000, 2001**

- Chosen by Head of University's Gifted and Talented Program to create and implement pioneering art curriculum for gifted and talented youth (grades 4-6) summer school program.
- Designed and taught innovative "Youth in College" art program, challenging 42 students with individualized learning demonstration project, open-ended classroom activities, and discussion.
- Presented foundation art principles, demonstrated techniques, purchased all supplies, and maximized limited resources.

**Art Teacher, Harmony Public Schools, Harmony, WI - 1980 to 1990**

## Quilting Workshops and Testimonials

**Techniques:** Paper-piecing, appliqué, machine quilting, hand piecing, hand quilting, metallic thread, stippling, 3-dimensional appliqué, photo transfer, fabric painting, traditional patchwork, and tied quilts.

"Sarah gave me the courage to tackle free motion quilting - something I've wanted to try for years." - Amy Whitlock, Quilting Retreat Attendee

"I enjoyed being pushed outside my box, to try new things like dimensional appliqué." - Kerry Masters, Past President of Wisconsin Quilters Guild and Quilt Retreat Attendee

"Sarah truly cares that people enjoy quilting - beginners and seasoned sewers alike. She exhibits patience and calm in the face of difficult machine, fabric or pattern problems..." - Betsey Bonier, Current President, Wisconsin Quilters Guild and Quilt Workshop Attendee

## Computer Skills

- ✓ Computerized sewing machines, including embroidery function, for Pfaff, Elna, Janome, and Viking.
- ✓ Photo-transfer and graphics design using computer software.
- ✓ Advanced skills with MS Office, email, printers, and Internet.

## Awards and Recognition

- Awarded 18 quilting ribbons at Wisconsin Quilters Guild bi-annual quilt shows from 2000-2007. Won "Judges' Choice Award" out of 385 entries in 2006.
- Interviewed by *Sand Hill Daily Herald* for feature article on Quilt Judging Criteria (2007).
- Won "Best of Show" award for abstract Art Quilt in 2005. Chosen out of 45 entries in Center for the Visual Arts Museum showcase featuring local art educators.

## Professional Affiliations

- ✓ National Education Association
- ✓ Wisconsin Education Association
- ✓ Fairfield Teachers Association
- ✓ Mid-Wisconsin Quilters Guild
- ✓ Elegance Ballroom Dance Club, Co-Founder and Co-President for 10 years

## Professional Presentation

**Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted, Fall Conference 2000:** Addressed 50 public and private K-12 teachers on activities and insights into challenging gifted and talented students in typical, integrated classroom setting.

## Volunteer Activities

- Art Judge, Rotary Club Annual High School Poster Contest from 1990 to Present.
- Raised \$1000 annually to send high school students to UW Summer Art Camp - 1990 to 2008
- Displayed students' art work at Fairfield locations and local coffee shops during 1990 to 2008.
- Led junior high students in painting Hardees' and Burger King's windows for seasonal décor - 1990 to 2006

