

2020 West Valley Quilt Study Topics and Study Guide

February 17th: Pilgrim Roy Collection

- What is the collection?
- Who owns the collection?
 - Why was the collection started?
- Where is the collection?
 - Does the collection (or parts of it) travel?
 - Where has the collection been shown?
 - Have you seen the collection?
- What is unique about the collection?

April 20th: The history of dyes and their evolution from natural to chemical

- Types of dyes available in each century (these are not hard and fast dates...think "circa")
 - 18th (1700 to 1800)
 - 19th (1800 to 1900)
 - 20th (1900 to 2000)
 - 21st (2000 to now)
- How and why did the hue of a color change over time and why?
 - What were the names for the colors as they changed (double pink, bubblegum pink, etc)
 - Consider red, green, blue, yellow, brown, etc.
- How does the availability and stability of dyes influence fabric colors used in each period?
- When and where were chemical dyes developed?
- How did WWI impact the availability of dyes?

June 15th: Kit quilts over the years

- What is a kit quilt?
- Who produced kit quilts?
- Where and when was the first kit quilt produced?
- Why were kit quilts produced?
- Was America the only country to produce quilt kits?

August 17th: Regional (and international) styles of quilting

- How do these factors influence the quilting produced in a region?
 - Farming and agriculture
 - International trade
 - Social disruption (war, depression)
- Identify unique characteristics of quilting in these regions/countries
 - Wales
 - Great Britain
 - New England (USA NE states)
 - Southern states (USA)
 - States west of the Mississippi
 - Alaska and Hawaii
 - Australia
 - Japan vs. China

October 19th: Changes in borders and edges

- Identify border styles by period and region.
- Identify edge finishes by period and region.
- How does the availability of supplies influence borders and/or edges (ie factory binding vs. homemade binding)?

December 21st: Quilt dating

- Identify at least 5 factors to consider in quilt dating (create your own quilt dating checklist).
- How does knowledge of the following factors influence quilt dating?
 - Social history
 - Political history
 - Industrial development
 - Ethnic group (ie, Jewish quilting)
- Is quilt dating a science or an art? Why?