

“Stitch Your Story”

Create a lasting memory with artist DeJeonge Reese in this hands-on quilt design workshop



DeJeonge Reese, the Notre Dame Initiative on Race and Resilience's Artist in Residence

Memory quilts have long served as powerful vehicles for preserving stories, celebrating heritage, and honoring those who came before us. DeJeonge's workshop draws upon this rich tradition, inviting participants to consider how material and texture can embody both individual experiences and collective memories.

During this experience, you'll be guided through the process of creating a small quilt panel using layered fabrics, needle, and thread. Participants are warmly encouraged to bring an image (a photograph or drawing) of someone or something significant: a cherished loved one, or any person, place, or object that evokes a strong memory. While bringing your own image is encouraged, several images from the Civil Rights Heritage Center's African American Landmark Tour will be available for use during the workshop.

No prior art or sewing experience is required—simply an open mind and a willingness to explore the layers that shape our identities. This intimate gathering welcomes up to 20 participants of all experience levels, fostering a supportive environment for creative exploration and shared reflection.

Two workshop dates are available in different locations:

Tuesday, March 24 @ 6 - 7:30 pm

Civil Rights Heritage Center

1040 W Washington Street, South Bend

Wednesday, April 1 @ 3:30 - 6:30 pm

300 O'Shaughnessy Hall - Sojourner Truth Commons

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