

Making the World a Better Place: The Magic Combination of Quilting and Storytelling

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ITHACA, Neb., USA -- When I tell people that I spent five years as a high school in-school suspension supervisor, most respond with a shudder and "Oh..., what was that like?" When I tell them that it was one of the best experiences of my life, they look at me like I've lost my mind! The many lessons I learned there from my students have fueled much of the work I do today. One of the biggest was the realization that very few of them could give me even one example of something they did well. They had no concept that they had any impact on their world, much less a positive one.

So now, fast forward six years since my exit from ISS to my career today as a teaching artist. Between January and March of 2006, I spent two days each week with students at Yates Alternative
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