

SAQA FLORIDA REGION - NEWSLETTER

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Welcome New Members...

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Welcome to SAQA!

Pod 6 Beth, (Elizabeth) Altomonte, Naples, 34109 bethaltomonte@gmail.com

Pod 7 Lynn Westberry, Boca Raton, 33486 lynne@rail-tech.net

Way to Go!

SAQA Florida Region is well-represented in SAQA's newest book publication, Exploring Art Quilts. Vol I, New Directions.

The book includes interviews with Floridians **Bobbi Baugh**, **Maggie Dillon** and **Karol Kusmaul**.



Susan Rienzo has been selected as "**Artist to Watch**" for the SAQA Art Quilt QUARTERLY Magazine, Issue #21. This is an artist interview article. *Art Quilt Quarterly* is published four times a year and is filled with beautiful artwork and informative articles for collectors, art venues, museums, professional artists and art enthusiasts.

Kestrel Michaud was one of four artists with work in "Aloft" invited to participate in the Textile Talk *Conversations with the Artists – Aloft* which was held July 22. Over 480 people attended the event. The recording will be available soon on SAQA's YOUTUBE Channel:

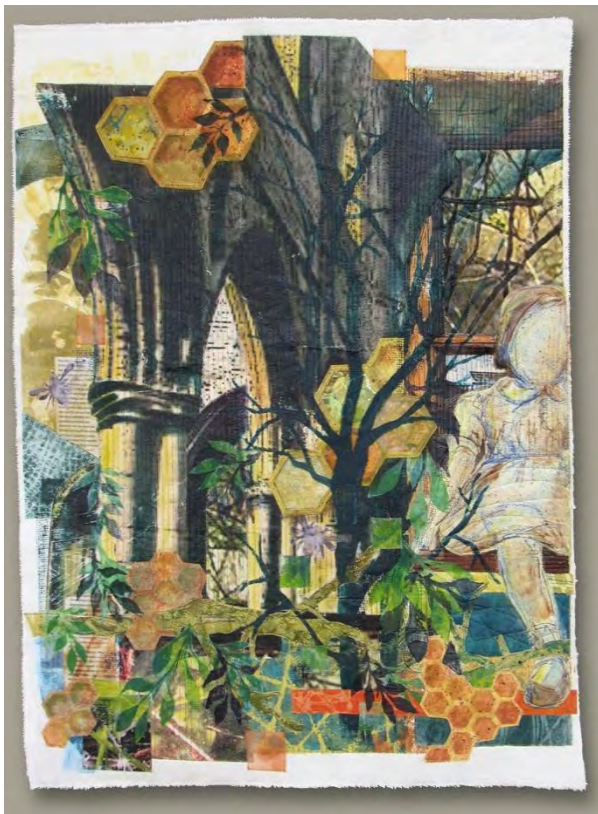


<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXsBpWjk3xVCTzucHkrU3ly5NlLa7mW3f>

Lynn S. Hartman is pleased to announce that her quilt "Sofie's August Morning" as well as "The Four Seasons of Sofie" have been accepted into the quilt contest for the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show 2020 Virtual Experience. This is a joint venture between PBS Wisconsin Nancy Zieman Productions LLC Held October 10-12,2020.



Maggie Dillon is pleased to announce that "Poppy Picnic" has been accepted to SAQA's Global Exhibition "Beyond the Mirror"



Bobbi Baugh is pleased to announce that her quilt "What Were We Supposed to Be" has been selected for publication in Sandra Sider's forthcoming book, "Quarantine Quilts., Creativity in the Midst of Chaos." The book will be published by Shiffer Publishing.

Bobbi's work is a quilt in four panels. Shown is one of the four.

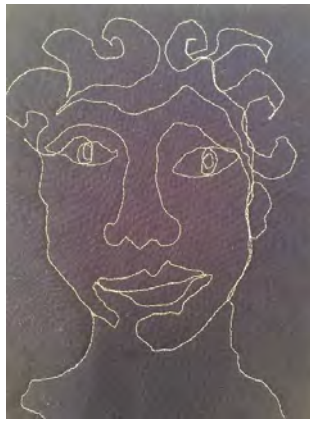
Karol Kusmaul is pleased to share big news: She has been invited to be a guest on Quilting Arts TV! "I am preparing for four segments, which will be taped in Solon, Ohio in mid-September.

I'm nervous about being on a plane for four hours each way, but praying that all will go well.

My segments are:

Non-stop faces Inspiration

Cloth in Common and Collage Compositions. Here are the beginnings of two of the Non-stop faces. They will look very different when finished. Wish me luck, please!! " Karol Kusmaul



Announcements & News

NEWS... From Karol... To the SAQA Florida region members:

I've been trying to imagine what it will be like to not be the SAQA Florida Rep. I will miss it. I truly enjoyed being involved in the workings of our region. We made some headway in adding members, initiating the Roaming Galleries, and volunteering our region for the global SAQA conference. We started Zooming before we had to! We had some excellent exhibits, wonderful workshops with world class instructors, some fun retreats, and we held some terrific Meet and Greet events. This has been a rewarding experience which I will always cherish. I was fortunate to work with both

Ellen Lindner and Doris Hulse. We are lucky that we have Co-Reps in our region so that we can share our talents and the responsibilities.

I hope that even through the difficult times we are facing, that our SAQA groups will continue to thrive. We need the connection with others who love the work that we are involved in – people who can relate to our efforts and struggles, and who can uplift us, and vice versa.

Toward that goal, I would recommend that you volunteer your services to your pod. Pod leaders, please stay in touch with everyone in

your area. Inform all members about your meetings through the newsletter so that anyone can attend. Just yesterday, I attended a pod meeting in New York! Remember that every SAQA member is welcome at any pod meeting anywhere! Let's make every effort to stay connected and active, and support SAQA as much as possible.

What can you do?

Send news items to Bobbi Baugh: newssaqafla@gmail.com Show what you are working on. Bobbi will be glad to share your work in the newsletter.

Step up and take a turn leading your pod, or taking notes, or taking photos. Do a little so one person doesn't have to do it all! Join a committee!!! If you want to help, email your state rep and ask where you might be needed.

Take advantage of the many offerings on the SAQA website. Don't forget to scroll down so you don't miss great information. Big SAQA has been working hard to continue educating (and entertaining) our members.

Consider entering your work in some of the many SAQA calls for entry.

Attend meetings! Even if they have to be virtual ones. You will be surprised what you will learn, and will enjoy seeing your comrades.

Share your expertise! Let your pod leader know what you can demonstrate or speak about at an upcoming meeting.

Donate to the benefit auction opportunities. The deadline for the current one has come and gone, but you

can still send an underwater creature for the Fresh Fish call. These are small, and a good opportunity for others to see the quality of your work. <https://www.saqa.com/events/freshfish>

Stay in touch with your SAQA friends. We have been isolated for quite awhile.

Thank you for being a fantastic region. It has been my pleasure to represent you. I look forward to seeing you again, down the road.

Love, Karol Kusmaul
karol@kquilt.com

NEWS... From Doris Hulse - Florida Co-Representative

As Karol Kusmaul shares her farewell announcement from being a SAQA Co-Representative for Florida, I first want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to her. She has done a great job always keeping us informed and on schedule. Karol has been a source of creative ideas, inspiration, support and encouragement to us all. She has served well beyond her commitment to SAQA. I think I can speak for us all expressing our deep appreciation of all she has done for SAQA in Florida.

I want everyone to be assured that Karol and I have worked together and we have identified a new co-representative. However, SAQA does require a bit of a training process for all new representatives. So right now, we are in a transition period. Our new rep is someone many of you know, and I am excited to share, but we have been asked to wait until she has completed her training before we announce who it is. We are targeting an announcement for the Zoom meeting on August 16th. We will also send out an

email announcement after the meeting.

Details for the regional Zoom meeting are included in this newsletter. Please plan to attend the meeting if you want to be in on the big announcement. If you are unable to attend watch your email for an announcement later this month. Thank you for your patience as we make this transition.

Doris Hulse SAQA Florida
Co-Representative
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News... STATEWIDE ZOOM MEETING – Sunday, Aug 16 2 pm

Greetings SAQA friends,

Our next regional zoom meeting has been scheduled for the month of August. In our first meeting in June we determined that we would meet every other month. To give everyone an opportunity to attend we decided to alternate our meetings and meet on Tuesday evenings and on Sunday afternoons. Our meeting for August will be on **Sunday August 16th at 2:00 pm**. Please mark your calendar now, so you won't forget to join in.

The meeting will feature:

1. Kat Campau doing a book review
2. Kestrel Michaud showing how she uses a program called Flowscape.
3. We will share the results of our optional creative opportunity: make a quilt inspired by a line in a song.
4. Then we can relax and enjoy the rest of the time **sharing our work** and learning from one another. This Show and share

time will be a regular feature of meetings going forward.

NOTE: To make sharing more efficient and enjoyable, we are asking everyone who wishes to share to send (ahead of time) a photo of one piece you are working on or have made, that you would like to share. When it's time for show and share, we will put your work on the screen and you can tell us about it. Please send your photo to hulse2dw@msn.com by August 15th to be included.

Many of us are learning to use Zoom through our Pod meetings. Remember to mute your sound whenever you are not speaking. If you have never used Zoom before, you can download a free version of Zoom here: <https://zoom.us/>. We will review some basic Zoom etiquette and various buttons that are helpful at the beginning of the meeting. PLEASE JOIN US.

Looking forward to Zooming with you.

NEWS... Ellen Lindner is Going Virtual

Seeing the need for virtual presentations and workshops, Ellen Lindner is now offering all her lectures and classes online, via Zoom. www.AdventureQuilter.com

In addition, she'll be part of the Global Quilt Connection event, which introduces guilds to many of the options available. **Perhaps your guild rep would like to virtually attend this free event?**

<http://suebleiweiss.com/globalquiltconnection.html>

Wednesday August 5, 2020 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. EST

Event details:



This virtual meet the teachers webinar will be conducted using Zoom. Each of the teachers presenting will deliver a short presentation describing the live-online courses and lectures they are offering. We will conclude with a 30 minute Q & A for your guild representatives to ask follow up questions. You will also receive a

list of the teachers names and contact info after the webinar. This event will also be live streamed via YOUTUBE. Two additional events in September.

There is no fee for guilds to attend these events but you must pre-register for them

NEWS... from Maggie Dillon.

Maggie announces that she is now offering two virtual classes on her layering technique.

For the first time, I am offering a SPECIAL Textile Portrait Masterclass!!

Learn to create realistic-looking portraits with confidence using Maggie Dillon Designs Textile Portrait Technique!



Also being offered is the Art Quilts & Textile Collages workshop that I teach at guilds, where students work on an animal, flower or still life.

visit

www.MaggieDillonDesigns.com

to sign up!

NEWS... From Normajean Brevik, Pod 4 Leader

As an ambassador for C and T Publishing I create a monthly project for them which is published on their website as well as on my blog. This month I've been waxing nostalgia and created a Chatelaine using one of my dad's ties. He's long since passed but he still "hangs around" (my neck) when I'm in the studio. It's a happy way to remember him and I feel like he's giving me a little hug when I put it on. The pattern is free and just went live on my blog for anyone who would like it: <http://seasew.blogspot.com/>

NEWS... Call for Artists... Apply by Oct 31

The all-volunteer **Aquarium Art Walk** team is excited to invite you to enter your original artwork in a juried competition to display in various venues throughout Brevard County. The purpose of the **Aquarium Art Walk** is to raise awareness of the world-class **The Aquarium and Indian River Lagoon Restoration and Stewardship Center** to be built at Port Canaveral by **Brevard Zoo!** Artwork must be Aquarium or Indian River Lagoon related.

Entry Requirements and Entry Form:
AquariumArtWalk.org



Pod 2

We met Saturday July 25th

Each month we have a educational presentation. We are working through Lyric Montgomery Kinard's book *Art & Quilt*. Becky Stack did a GREAT Power Point presentation on lesson 2 Shape.

Our monthly discussion was the SAQA article from Pat Pauly - *Now That I've Made This , I Can't Cut It!*. Great tips using prized fabrics. Next month discussion will be presented by Emma Fleischer - Teabag art.

An Marshal an SAQA member is hosting **“Creativity Challenge: Connecting with**

Creativity to Fuel Your Soul in Uncertain Times”

"We all are creative. Tapping into creativity is that process of accessing inspiration, joy, and mystery. This FREE 10-session creativity exploration encourages you to pick a focus of your choosing - to give deliberate attention to, breathe new life into, and bring forth in a tangible form"

Join us for an overall view of the creative lifestyle and deepen your awareness to a fuller and more creative potential. There is no better time than now, in today's world, to invite more awe and wonder into everyday life. We'll meet Monday/Wednesdays/Fridays starting 7/27 and end Monday 8/17 (10 sessions) at 7:00 ET (4:00

PT) for 30 minutes on
Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86183951514?>

or my Facebook page Live _
<https://www.facebook.com/an.marshall.3>

or ask to join the private FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/655807315279324>

Pod 2's meetings are recorded if you are interested in seeing what we are doing in Jacksonville. Next meeting August 22nd at 10am.
Christina Flores dsty22@yahoo.com



Show and Tell from Pod 2.

Left: Mini Cooper – Shirley MacGregor
Above: Wise Fish – Diane Rabideau

POD 3

Pod 3 members, You are invited to a zoom meeting on **Sunday, August 16, at 2 pm.** Mark your calendar, so you don't forget.

Please send any topics you'd like to discuss to me, Kat Campau, and I'll put them on the agenda. It will be so nice to talk with you all again.

Pod 3C

This month Pod 3 Central met July 14, 2020 by Zoom. Present were Leslie, Lucy, Kathy, Janice, Pat Grice, and Katherine. We welcome our newest member Anthony Jones to our group!

The meeting started off with a discussion of everyone's health and safety. Everyone is reporting that they have managed to stay healthy to this point. We had a short discussion of places that we had managed to visit and whether we recommended those places as safe for others.

This month's topic was: What workshop or seminar was your favorite? What inspiration did it give you?

Pat Grice recommended Community Creativity to our group. She said that they have hundreds of classes which are all available through Zoom.

Kathy said she had taken many different lectures, conferences etc through SAQA and she received information and inspiration from them all.

Janice shared she enjoyed the classes she took with National Teachers through the American Quilting Society. Katie Pasquini was a favorite teacher.

The rest of the meeting we talked about projects, both new and old.

The next meeting will be via Zoom on August 11, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
from Kathleen Peel lnkpeel@gmail.com

POD 3 North

Sadly, Pod 3 North has not had in-person meetings since Covid-19 came into our lives, however, we are all fine and buzzing along with our at-home lives.

We continue creating FRESH FISH fiber art which is due to KAROL KUSMAUL by OCTOBER 31, 2020. We hope all of you in Florida are also still creating fiber art for this.

Recent work
from Pod 3
North

Two works
created for
“Fresh Fish”
by Gail
Casady.



Two recent
works by Kat
Campau.





Left: A recent work by Kat Campau

Below
Four recent works by Gail Casady.





Among other projects, I've been making leaves from strip sets for a Cloth in Common quilt about green spaces. Here's a photo of the process. To see the finished quilt fo to www.clothincommon.com (after the end of July)

From Karol Kusmaul

Left: "Rising Tide, We have Been Warned" by Suzanne Evenson was included in the most recent issue of SAQA Journal, published only online. The section is Member Gallery: Climate Control. This piece was in the SAQA traveling exhibit "Piecing Together a Changing Planet" and traveled for several years to National Parks in the US.

POD 5

SAQA Pod 5 will have its next meeting on August 15 at 12:30pm over Zoom.

Laura Parkel is doing a brief talk about AppliQuick, followed by Ellen Lindner and Kathryn Robinson presenting "Photo Representation in Quilts", a program about different ways of using photographs as an inspirational source for both realism and abstract art.

POD 6

I'm happy to report that many Pod 6 members have been creatively busy and busily creating during this continued time of relative isolation.

Cheryl Costa reports that she had a solo exhibit scheduled for September 7 thru October 6 in the La Petit Gallery at the Marco Island Art Center.

Rose Young provided the following update on art from the Turf Wars:

Turf Wars: Art Speaks for the Earth moves on! See the outdoor tapestry that hung from the roof 72' across the lintel atop the Davis Art Center in Ft. Myers. Fiber Artists created rings filled with

fibers representing algae & cyano-bacteria floating in our river. "Currents of Destruction" presently is displayed in the Alliance for the Arts "Art Yard" on the corner of McGregor Blvd. and Colonial Blvd. A second Art Installation "River of Decay" is displayed on the grounds, a 6' x 60' fence woven with textiles and CD's Both works directed by Rose Young with help from Pod 6 and Weavers of Char-Lee.



More Good News! Rose Young's Woven & Quilted work, "Weeping Waters" took 1st place in the Members Showcase at the Visual Art Center, Punta Gorda. Dates: July 2- August 6. This represents a breakthrough at the VAC, since years ago they would not accept "Fiber Art" in their fine art shows.

I received the following wonderful input from Shannon Pernoud (one of our newest SAQA and Pod 6 members) for this month: "I have discovered all of the amazing shows and offerings of SAQA. Presently I am producing works to present to jurors for several upcoming shows. "Primal Forces: Earth", my striated creation made in formal wear fabrics; "Floridian Flavors", special permission from Norman Love Confections; "Light Up the World", (capitalizing on my former career in the lighting industry) a quilted Chandelier. I am very busy these days—thanks SAQA. Will send pics, but right now it is only a confusing mountain of seemingly unrelated parts that I am unable to find when needed."



This month, we welcome Beth, (Elizabeth) Altomonte of Naples to Pod 6 as our newest member.
Debra Gluszcak Pod 6

Pod 7

We got together via Zoom July 20 and it was good to see familiar faces and one new one. After sharing what we had been doing and some of our work, it was decided that with the Zoom format we would try to meet once a month instead of our usual every two months. Therefore, our next meeting will be August 17, the third Monday, at 11:00 a.m. A reminder will go out about a week before. We will talk about facings. Bring your ideas and Cindy will show us a different way of doing facing that will reduce bulk and assure that the facing will not show on the front. For more information, contact Cindy Ambler at c@jakirk.com.

Pod 8

In this difficult times, we are asking for loving thoughts and prayers to Lyn Elkind and her family recovering from Covid. Lyn, and her daughter, Sharon (both members of our POD) and her husband, Bud, are struggling with Covid. Please keep them in your prayers !

POD 8 has lots of news ! We have started a "BLUE HANDS STUDIO" where we get together once a week for dying, cyanotype, indigio, painting, origami folding, discharging to experiment have fun together. We meet at Perlie's house in Port St. Lucie on Thursdays. I'm attaching some of the pictures of our work-in-process art quilts.



Left
The sign Valerie
made for Blue
Hands.

Right: Kim
Lafront's quilt
made at Blue
hands. Indigo
dyeing,
cyanotype,
painting and
homemade
stencils

Perlie has sold two of her art quilts in a Tennessee Art Gallery. One is called, Isabella, (right) and the other is called Summertime. Exciting and motivating for Perlie !



Cathy Heeter is now a permanent artist at the Seriously Mixed Media Gallery in Fort Pierce at 207 Orange Avenue. You must check out this awesome gallery in Ft. Pierce.

Nancy Knoll has taken Ellen Lindner's class on line, Double Reverse Applique and at first, didn't think she would like it. She enjoyed it so much, she created her own, called Hummingbird.



Nancy Knoll also mentioned to us how much she enjoyed the South Florida Modern Quilt Guild. We now have four of us from Pod 8 in this Quilt Guild. They had a guest speaker, Amy Friend, who demonstrated paper piecing (improv) and Valerie Johnson loved it and purchased the book, Petals and Stems, and started working on a SunFlower Quilt. The next SFMQG meeting will be held on August 15, 2020, for members only.

If you are Interested in joining, your membership will be pro-rated to join. Check out their awesome website. They offer many challenges as well and are active remotely (on line classes, meetng).

www.southfloridamqg.com.

There are several of us who also belong to a group called “OUT of the BOX”, and we meet monthly (outside lately in a beautiful park) where we meet-up, have a program, and have our show n’tells. We had a member give us a presentation on the Mola works. Barb Lacey went home and gathered up her molas (from South America (and one from Hamong Pendow (Southeast Asia). She put together this awesome quilt .



UPCOMING shows and exhibits:

GONE but NOT FORGOTTEN: Remembering Those Lost to Police Brutality (Sharon Buck will be submitting a GEORGE FLOYD) art quilt.
Due July 31, 2020 to the Textile Center

FRESH FISH: A few of us have sent in our 12” x 12” fresh fish due October 31, 2020, and I know more are on the way.

FRESH FISH (20 x 36) representing our Pod 8 is in process, called Under the Sea. We have contributed mermaids, treasure chests, moray eel, octopus, turtles, seaweed, different kinds of fishes and have it on a design wall having fun putting this together !

“Along Came ... CALL for ENTRY Deadline is 9/01/20.

This is going to be based on artistic merit, and photo quality.
Perlie is working on “ALONG CAME a GIRL WITH A CURL”..
(Perlie’s nspiration photo shown at right.)



FLORIDIAN FLAVORS due October 31, 2020 and Perlie is working on a Seminole Native American and using the ‘discharge’ method for the feathers.

Here’s Perlie’s sketch of her work in progress





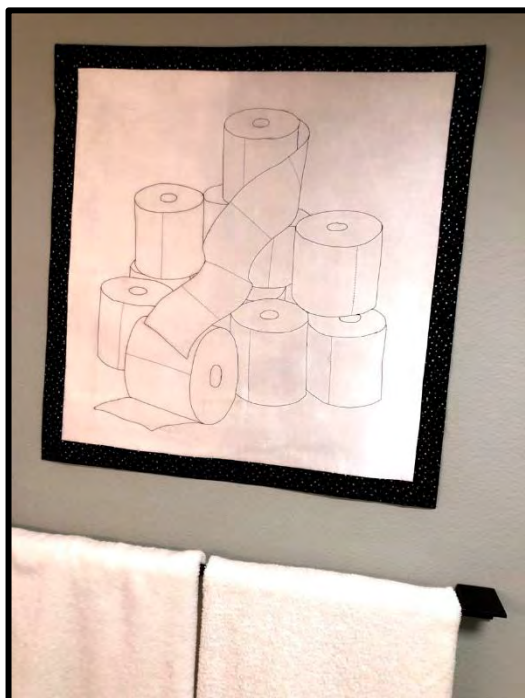
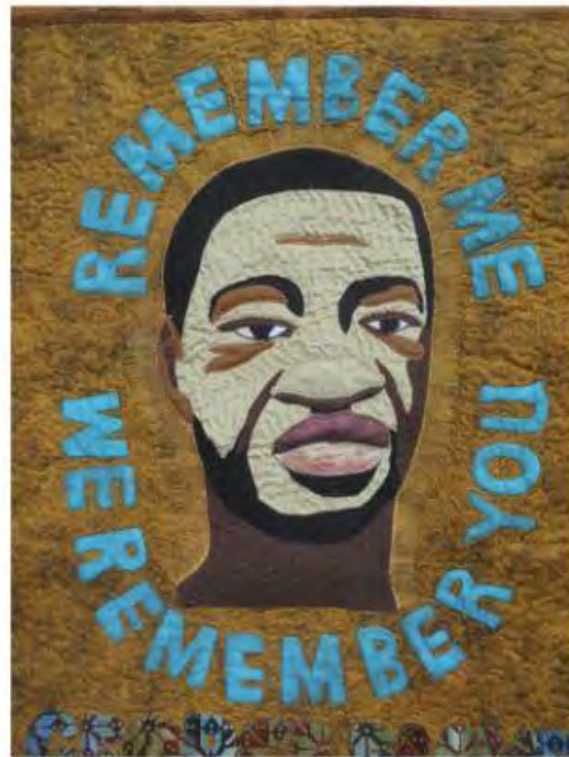
Ladybird with the Emily Bronte poem. Still needs batting, backing, quilting, and embellishing.



More recent work from Pod 8:
Kim Laffont's Ladybird
with the Emily Bronte Poem, and .
Valerie's purple quilt with yellow flower.

Kim Laffont's preview of her "Bug" quilt.

Sharon Buck's Remembrance of
George Floyd for "Gone but not Forgotten."



I wanted to make something showing the sign of the times.
Here we go. This is on white silk (just for fun), black thread,
and gray thread for the perforations. It hangs in our guest
bathroom.

A very simple piece, but gets lots of laughs!
From Ann Moroz

There are several of us who are going to enter the CALL for ENTRY (DUE 8/19/2020) being held by The Arts of Martin County. It is a fiber friendly show, and more information can be found on the website: <https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals>. The photos are due 8/19/2020, and the contact person is Jennifer Hearn and she is very helpful.

NEXT MEETING

We look forward to our next POD meeting to be held on August 7, 2020. We have a guest speaker from Hobbs Bonded Fibers, to discuss useful information on batting selection(s). You are all invited to attend if you'd like to hear Stephanie Hackney's presentation. Meeting starts at 10:30AM.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85734490513?pwd=ZWJqQnBl d0VESk50Tm9iZ0t3WlpQdz09>

Staying Connected...

SAQA website helpful links:

- SAQA Calls for Entry: www.saqa.com/calls
- Renew your SAQA Membership: www.saqa.com/renew
- Current SAQA exhibitions: www.saqa.com/art

SAQA Florida Region State Co-Reps

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Social Media

If you are on Facebook, please ask to join our SAQA in Florida FB group. This is a closed group and we'd like to get some lively discussion going there. Great instant way to stay in touch with SAQA members around the state!! Visit SAQA on Instagram and hashtag your post #saqafl or #saqaflorida to be shared on the SAQA Florida Instagram page.

How to Share Your News

The newsletter is a great place to share your accomplishments both as individuals and as Pods. When sharing information on your Pod meetings consider sharing the topic of your meeting program. Send to:

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Editor's Note: I always acknowledge news I receive with an email reply. If you did not receive a "got it!" from me, please try again or contact me. I want to include everybody's news.

