

MARCH 2021

Welcome New Members

Welcome to SAQA!

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Way to Go!

Linda Hoffmeister

is pleased to announce her inclusion in recent exhibitions. **Beaux Arts (all-media)** at Manatee Art Center, Bradenton, FL. Invitation only, March 9-April 9, 2021

Artist Workshop Exhibit, New Smyrna Beach, FL (all-media) during March 2021. Two-artist show at Jane's Art Center, New Smyrna. Exhibiting with Suzanne Frank, the artists will showcase how the elaborate qualities of textile artwork can form interesting and surprising connections. It's all about COLOR!



Jane's Art Center presents:

Artists:

Suzanne Frank & Linda Hoffmeister

Exhibition:

IT'S ALL ABOUT COLOR

March 30 to April 24, 2021

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 3, 2021, 4-7pm

Bobbi Baugh is pleased to announce that she has been accepted as a Lightning Talk presenter at the 2021 SAQA Global Conference. Her talk is intended to inspire and is titled *What Poetry Can Teach Visual Artists*.

Karol Kusmaul

is pleased to announce that she has been invited to share a Textile Talk about her work in the exhibit *Season After Season* on March 10th. She'll be speaking about the piece in the exhibit and showing additional quilts featuring fiber figures. Other artists in the exhibit will also be included in the talk.

Karol is also featured in series 2700 of Quilting Arts TV.

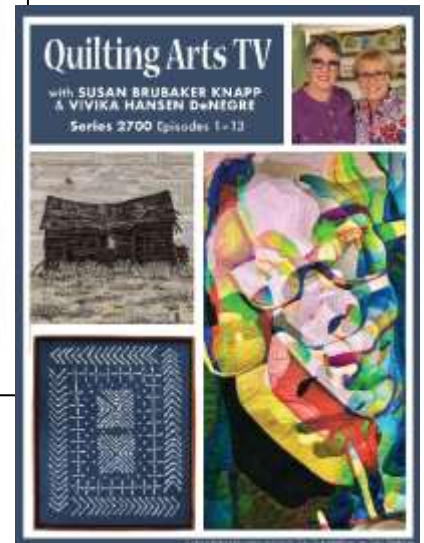
Watch for her in two segments:

2708, where she tells about the group Cloth in Common, 2711, where she shows a fun way to do machine stitched and painted portraits.

TEXTILE TALKS



Karol Kusmaul
Season After Season
Wed. March 10, 2021
2:00 Eastern



Kestrel Michaud is pleased to announce that her quilt, *There's Something in the Water*, won Best Use of Color at the Visuals #3 online quilt show, which is part of the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival. <https://www.onlinequiltfestival.com/visuals3winners>



Ellen Lindner is delighted to have her work in a (real, live) exhibit in Melbourne, FL. Her piece, *Croton Trio*, will be included in *100% Pure Florida* at the Fifth Avenue Art Gallery, from March 1 - 27. The gallery is located at 1470 Highland Ave., Melbourne, FL.

Ellen's piece features three components, each of them a 3D croton leaf. Each leaf has wire mesh inside to make it hold the shape of a softly curving leaf. Ellen dyed all the fabrics.

Statewide News... Presentation

Jane Dunnewold Presentation in April—exclusively for Florida SAQA

Another great opportunity for our Florida SAQA members! We have a lecture by Jane Dunnewold via Zoom on April 18 at 2 PM. It is titled "The Elegant Choice". It is open only to Florida members and is being offered for \$10. We are always on the lookout for exciting and useful events for you and hope that this is just one of many. We are using the participation in this lecture as an indicator to see if our members want more online lecture/workshop opportunities. So sign up for this one if you want us to offer more in the future.— Doris Hulse and Regina Dunn, Florida co-reps

REGISTER HERE <https://saqa.z2systems.com/np/clients/saqa/event.jsp?event=2073&>

Statewide News... Exhibitions

Floridian Flavors Update

Due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, the **Grand Opening for Floridian Flavors has been moved to Tuesday, May 4, 2021.**

Do not even try to go to Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art in the few days prior to May 4th as the museum will be totally inaccessible due to a major golf tournament taking place with the parking lot available only to tournament attendees.

Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art will also be hosting a **Virtual Reception for us on April 30, 2021** exact time TBD. A link and more details will be provided closer to the date.

The **in person reception is planned for Friday, June 4, 2021**, exact time TBD. For this reception, exhibiting artists (plus one

complimentary guest) and SAQA Florida members are invited to attend. Additional non-members are welcome to attend the opening, but there is a \$10 per person admission. **For the catering count, reservations are requested from all who plan to attend no later than Wednesday, June 2, 2021. (To make reservations, an email address will be provided closer to the reception date.) *Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the opening reception may be a virtual event or in-person event with limited capacity.** If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Diane Powers Harris at yearfive@hotmail.com and please remember to include Floridian Flavors on the subject line.

The Artist's Question ... Answered in Fiber

Reminder: online entry opens September 1, 2021 with a discounted fee of \$25 for up to 3 entries. On October 1, 2021 the online entry fee will change to our standard \$30 for up to 3 entries and entry will close at 11:59 pm Eastern Time on October 31, 2021.

I hope that by now you have decided on your concept for entry and are gathering supplies or actually working to create a fabulous wallhanging depicting your thoughts. If you're still struggling a bit, there's plenty of time left to define your "question" and develop your "answer in fiber." For those of you already hard at work creating your entry(ies), cudos to you!

Do keep in mind all accepted artists will be required to send a head shot or optional image of you working on your art. Additionally, the opening venue stipulates art must be for sale and a 45% commission will be retained by the venue for any artwork sold. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Diane Powers Harris at yearfive@hotmail.com and please remember to include The Artist's Question on the subject line. -- Diane



Pod 2 We met on Saturday February 27 by Zoom

Our next meeting is Saturday, March 27th at 10 am by Zoom. All Are welcome.

Come join us on Saturday March 13th for a field trip to the Jacksonville Arboretum. 10am-1pm. Lunch around noon. Bring a camera, sketchpads, art supplies, lunch and a chair. This is a planned outdoor event and we will observe social distancing and wear masks. Email Christina at dsty22@yahoo.com for details.

Our monthly presentation was presented by Erica Dodge on Image Transfers. Erica shared multiple ways to transfer images to fabric, silk and leather using your ink jet printer.

Last year as a group, we decided to do a Round Robin. The rules were simple, create a piece of fabric and pass on the next person. We had two groups of four. Each person had one month to add or subtract to the piece. There were no rules.

Participant were An Marshall, Ann Ouellette, Becky Stack, Christina Flores, Diane Rabideau-Wise, Emma Fleischer, Erica Dodge, Karen Kimmel, Lisa Hamilton, and Shirley Macgregor.

Show and Tell

Erica Dodge is a finalist in the Cherrywood Fabric Diana Challenge.

Becky Stack shared pieces from her drawing and painting class as well as her fused and pieced tree.

On a sad note, our artist friend Shirley MacGregor passed away on February 9th from ALS. Shirley was a dear friend and very accomplished artist. You can enjoy her work at ShirleyMacGregor.com



Pod 2 Round Robin

Left
Christina Flores Before and After (in progress)



Pod 2 Round Robin

Left
Erica Dodge
Before and After



Pod 2 Round Robin

Diane Rabideau-Wise
Before and After





Pod 2 Round Robin

Shirley MacGregor

Before and After



Pod 2 Round Robin

Left and Below

Lisa Hamilton

Before and After



Pod 2 Round Robin

Below and Right

An Marshall

Before and After





Pod 2 Round Robin
Becky Stack - Before and After



Pod 2 Round Robin

Ann Ouellette
Before and After



Pod 2 Round Robin

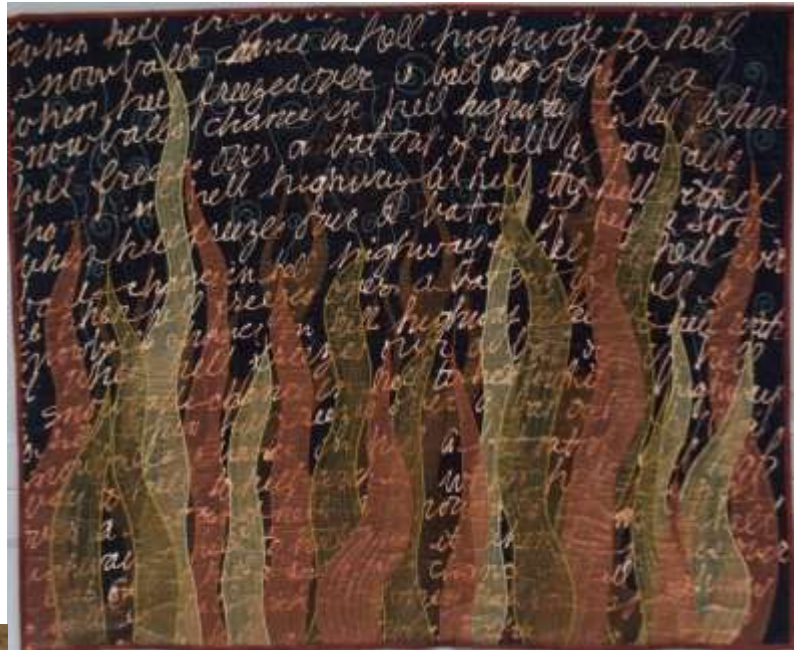
Above: Emma Fleischer
Before and After



Pod 2 Round Robin

Erica Dodge
Before and After





Pod 2 Show N Tell

Above left - Erica Dodge
Cherrywood Fabric Diana Challenge

Above - Erica Dodge Bleach Ink

Left - Karen Kimmel Quilt

Below

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Pod 3 will host a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, March 10, at 12 noon. You are invited to join us, see link below. This time we'll start with a game. You can win unbelievable prizes! (wink, wink) All for answering things you already know. Several lucky winners will get a package in the mail, and who doesn't love that? So have a paper and pen ready to join the game.

If you have made any artwork as a result of things you learned at our last meeting, please share it with us. Remember we learned a good source of ideas, I'm sure it sparked something. And of course we want to see what you've been doing.

We will meet a new member, and she will share her journey with us.

Dale Gruder's presentation will focus on her transition from a traditional quilter to an art quilter from traditional blocks to a combination of appliqué and piecing. She says, "I don't like rules, so I've taken on traditional blocks and added my own special touches."

Can't wait to see you again, it's been so long. Kat Campau

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 881 7521 7126 Passcode: 167121

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88175217126?pwd=cDVYc0VPWTBzNHFFWTBtNEtxK0tmdz09>

Pod 3 Central

ZOOM meeting was held at 10:30, Tues the 9th. On line were Pat G, Lucy, Dayle, Leslie, Kathleen, Katherine, Ellen, Pam.

Pat spoke about the start up in a few months of the Florida committees for next year's Florida conference April 28- May 1, 2022. The conference will be both live and virtual. The venue is the Hilton in downtown St Petersburg with 225 attendees possible.. Some of the things that will need to be done: decorations, places for attendees to see and enjoy inc. close by restaurants, make it and takes it, fun things for before and after. Pat asked us to put on our thinking caps on how to salvage all of the bags that have been printed with 2021. Discussion was also about the possibility of having speakers be available before or after the conference to have workshops. Send any suggestions for artist lecturers to Angie Knowles.

The Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO, Lakeland is March 18-20. Some of us plan to go on the 18th. Ellen urged us to take part in the COLOR workshops provided by SAQA, plus the chats afterwards.

Lucy & Ellen recommended Jane Dunnewold's Strength Training. Kathleen suggested two weekly emails to enjoy: Mary Corbet and PINTANGLES both on hand stitching and crazy quilting. Kathleen, Carol. and Dayle spoke a bit about a polymer clay seminar that featured some interesting free workshops. Kathy mentioned the Florida Craftart Call to entry entitled The Artist's Question answered in Fiber Art. Prospetus is on the SAQA website. We were all reminded of that

evening, Feb 9th's Regional ZOOM MEETING, and the BUDDYING UP Program to "bring" a member to the next Regional zoom meeting. There was also a reminder to donate an auction piece for the Oceana conference. For info check the SAQA newsletter. Carol has received a personal letter of thanks from that committee for her donation! Also I missed bragging that Carol's lace fish is in the fresh Fish Bool! Buy your copy while you can. Pat has agreed to repeat her presentation title

"From the Sun" that she presented at the regional conference in January at our Next ZOOM Meeting is Tues March 9th, 10:30 AM.

Contact LNKPEEL@GMAIL.COM if you would like to join us.



Right: Ellen's felted vest, Carol's Turtle

Pod 4 *from Normajean Brevik*

I hope that you have been following along in the SAQA Seminar "COLOR" (free to all SAQA members). You can still join in if you like or follow at your own pace online. Go to SAQA.com, Events, SAQA events and scroll down to SAQA Seminar. Sign up first then sign in to participate.

I hope that you will also participate in Regina Dunn's square challenge. Using and interpreting the SQUARE. Pioneer and create with any materials, you are not limited to fabric. This does not need to be a completed project it can simply be an exploration of the shape and materials.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Our next meeting will be via Zoom on Monday March 15th from 2 to 4. Jo Ann will host the Zoom meeting for us again. Emma Fleicher will conduct a presentation on the use of Inktense Pencils.

Our Pod Facebook Group is, SAQA Pod 4. If you have a Facebook account simple request to join.

Work from Normajean: I plan to use the squares/blocks that I did for the color challenge for my "square" challenge. I call it "3-D Squares".

I also had some fun news that my pin cushion was chosen to appear in an upcoming issue of Quilting Arts "Put A Pin In It" challenge. :-)



Work from Pod 4 Member

Teresa Stoller

My Princess Diana - In And Out Of The Shadow art quilt made the Finalists cut in the Cherrywood Fabric Challenge. In my piece, her humanitarian, philanthropist, paparazzi target and style icon side shine brightly from below her hat brim, while pieces of her life that she probably wished could remain in the shadow are reflected in the right side that is hidden in the shadow of the hat brim. The quilt is pieced, turned-edge applique, fabric weaving, inked and acrylic painted, thread painted, and, of course, quilted (FMQ).

I enjoyed the challenge of their limited palette - not easy for me, but I did it!



Work from Pod 4 Member Chris Clark

Shown is Chris's response to the Pod's Square challenge



Pod 5

Pod 5's next meeting is on Saturday, March 13 at 12:30pm. Linda Geiger will be presenting our Bookshare and Laura Ruiz & Ellen Schwark will be presenting our main program on silk dying.

Reminder email and Zoom invitation will be sent the week prior. Those of you who have added Pod 5's Google Calendar, the Zoom invite is in the description of the meeting event.

Pod 6

Pod 6 member Cheryl Costley has a solo exhibit entitled: **ABSTRACT FIBER COMPOSITIONS** that will run March 5-25 in the Tranovich Gallery at the Art Center of Bonita Springs. Go to www.artcenterbonita.org for the address and additional information.





Pod 6 member Rose Young's bleached coral section was accepted into the Alliance's All Florida show, March 5-27 as part of this summer's SAVE THE REEF project at SBDAC
For more information, see <https://www.artinlee.org>

Pod 6 member Sally Dutko's work also was accepted into the Alliance's All Florida Show!

Pod 7 met on Monday, February 15 via Zoom. The topic was embellishments. We shared our pieces with embellishments and their stories. We spoke of other pieces we had seen and what had been used. March 15 will have us looking at edge finishing, both the tried and true as well as more unusual methods. Again, show us some examples of unusual edge finishings you have done or tell us of what you know. **Cindy Ambler**

POD 8

We had a wonderful informative meeting and our guest artist was Hilary Clark from Wellington, Florida. We were all thrilled to hear about Hilary's journey, and many of us became inspired by her work. Hilary's abstract work is about feelings, and she described her process to us which is fascinating.

We've decided to have a brainstorming session on the upcoming regional SAQA call for entry due in September. We will meet outdoors, and discuss ideas for the The Artist's Question answered in Fiber.

Two of us (Kim Laffont and Perlie Petrillo) have signed up for the mentor program offered by SAQA. We have both been assigned a mentors, and are

very excited and grateful to SAQA for this program. And there are a few of us signed up for the FREE Color Seminar which is excellent, and we are learning so much and realizing there are so many aspects of color.

At right are pictures of two of Hilary's art pieces.

Inflamed

Joy

The consensus was inspiring, creative, freeing, intuitive, and I think we are all going to try to do one ourselves. Thank you Hilary!

JOY



Susan Rienzo's piece called "Beach Ride" received a 1st place ribbon at the Vero Beach Art Club Annex, and another piece is also in this show, called "Beach Happy".

Valerie Johnson's quilt "Yellow Flower" will be on display at the Broward Quilt Expo 2021, on Sunday, March 7th, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



Staying Connected...

SAQA website helpful links: SAQA Calls for Entry: www.saqqa.com/calls
Renew your SAQA Membership: www.saqqa.com/renew
Current SAQA exhibitions: www.saqqa.com/art

Our State Website: saqqafl.com

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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 #saqqafl or #saqqaflorida to be shared on the SAQA Florida Instagram page.

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