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Way to Go!!

SAQA MEMBERS ROCK at the textile exhibit at Fifth Avenue Gallery. The list of award winners is full of SAQA members. Congratulations to all!

3rd Place *Bothered* by Gabriele DiTota (right)

Honorable Mentions Awards

Florida Spirits by Susan Rienzo (Below)

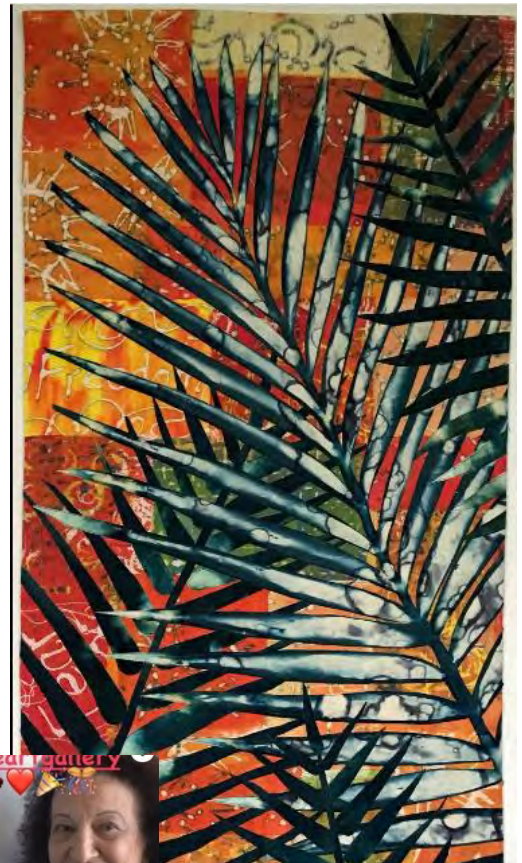
Suspended Moments by Gabriele DiTota

Steampunk Puppy by Kestrel Michaud

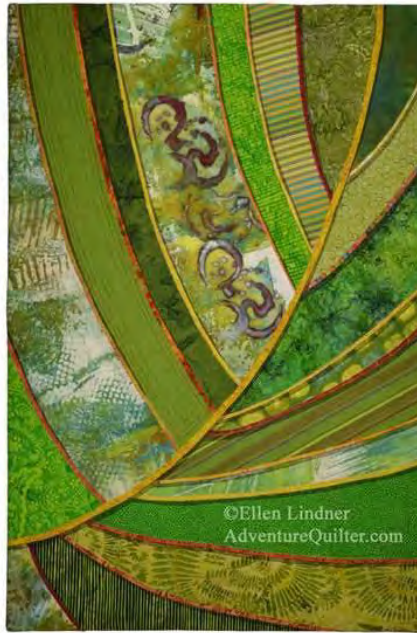
Moondance by Doris Hulse

Miscommunication by Ellen Lindner

Liquified Cacti by Cathy Parker



Ellen Lindner is happy to have her piece, *Florida Native II*, in a regional (NC/VA) SAQA exhibit called *Let the Sun Shine In*. The exhibit will travel to several venues, starting with the Virginia Quilt Museum, in Harrisonburg, VA. It will be there September 21 – December 23, 2022



Linda Hoffmesiter is happy to be in the exhibit *Purplicious* at Gallery 500, Daytona Beach, FL. Opening reception is September 9th, 5:00-8:00PM. The exhibit will be open until October 30th, 2022.

Susan Rienzo is happy that her quilt, "Sunset Visions" will be on exhibit at the Vero Beach Art Club Annex & Gallery, 1903 14th Avenue, September 8 to October 21st. Theme is Color & Movement. Susan is also pleased to have an article written about her and her work in the Vero News. You can read it here



<http://veronews.com/2022/07/28/distinct-style-susan-rienzos-art-quilts-are-extra-special/>

Artists announced for Exhibit at Key Biscayne National Park – Opens Sept 23 From Ranger Gary Bremen Gallery Director

"Water, Water Everywhere" is a juried show of art quilts highlighting the planet's precious water resources.

The exhibit, created by some of the nation's most respected fiber artists, will open at Biscayne National Park's Dante Fascell Visitor Center Gallery on September 23, 2022 and run through the end of the year. "Biscayne National Park is almost entirely covered by salt water, but this show will feature water in all its forms: fresh and salt, frozen and free, and even the life that depends on it for survival," said Gary Bremen, the gallery's manager. "I love the opportunity to show off the talents of fiber artists in our gallery. One of our shows, *Piecing Together a Changing Planet*, traveled the US for over two years to

various national parks and park gateway communities, emphasizing the impacts of climate change on the nation's most special places. I know that this show will also have exceptional creativity and quality.”

Artists in the Exhibit

Cindy Ambler	Andrea Huffman
Bobbi Baugh	Deon Lewis
Melani Brewer	Kestrel Michaud
Suzanne Evenson	Maya Schonenberger
Jane Gaskins	Patricia Turner



Entering the Wonder of It by Bobbi Baugh will be included in “Water, Water Everywhere”

Ellen Simon sent news of this upcoming exhibit in St. Pete exploring Black history in the West with a timeline of original pictorial quilts.

The James Museum of Western Art
150 Central Ave
St Pete FL 33701

THE JAMES MUSEUM OF WESTERN & WILDLIFE ART



Black Pioneers: Legacy in the American West

September 3, 2022 - January 8, 2023

Member Preview Day: September 2 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Opening Reception: September 9 | 5-8 p.m.

This exhibition, the first of its kind, explores the path of Black history in the West with a timeline of original pictorial quilts. Dispelling the myth that Black people in the old West were mostly cowboys, the exhibition shows rich diversity in their occupations and achievements.



In Search Of Freedom: The Black Presence In The West | Panel Discussion with Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi & Artists
September 10 | 1-2:30 p.m.

Led by Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi, six exhibiting artists (Beverly Kirk, Dorothy Burge, Georgia Williams, L'Merchie Frazier, and Ora Clay) discuss the important legacy of the Black presence in the West, including some of the people and events who inspired the works of art on display in our upcoming special exhibition.

Included with admission; free for members. Space is limited; registration required.

Another textile exhibit in downtown St. Pete is by multidisciplinary artist Gio Swaby whose work explores the intersections of Blackness and womanhood, employing the portrait genre and a range of textile-based techniques,

Through October 9 at Museum of Fine Arts.
<https://mfastpete.org/exh/gio-swaby/>



NEWS ... from our State Reps

October 2022 Regional Zoom Meeting Tuesday, October 11 at 7 pm.

Zoom Details will be emailed closer to the meeting time

We are very excited to announce Lorraine Turner as our guest speaker for our October regional meeting!

Lorraine Turner, a professional animal communicator, uses her conversations with animals as an inspiration for all of her textile art. It's within this inspiration that she learned to BOOST her creativity. She will speak on how ALL people can quiet their hearts and silence their minds to take their creativity to the next level. To learn more about Lorraine visit calicohorses.com

Supply List for our October Regional Meeting Activity

We will be doing an activity about value. Please have the following supplies ready for the meeting: scissors, a glue stick, a blank piece of paper, and a collection of cutouts of text paragraphs from magazines and newspapers. You'll need a variety of text sizes and density. For example, have some paragraphs where the text is spaced out, some with little empty space, some with large font, some with small font, some in bold, some italics, etc.



For the love of ALL animals

2023 Workshop We need your input!

We want to deliver the best possible workshop experience to you so we are asking you to provide ideas for what you want. What type of learning experience appeals to you? What instructors do you recommend? What venue would you recommend? Please send your responses to Debra Gluszcak at dgluszcak@att.net or call 860 705 1333.

NEWS ... Florida SAQA Retreat

When: March 17th to the 20th, 2023

Cost: only \$395 This price includes all meals and lodging at the lovely and inspiring [San Pedro Retreat Center](#) in Winter Park.

The Florida SAQA retreat promises three days of fun, learning, and sharing. Whether it's watching a formal or informal demonstration, chatting with your neighbor, or discussing things over a meal, you're bound to learn something new at the retreat. Past demonstrations have included topics as diverse as using tulle in art quilts and making 3-D shells out of tissues. (Ellen Nepustil demonstrates, right) The 2023 retreat promises to be just as informative and lively.

Registration commences December 5, 2022, just in time for dropping those holiday hints to loved ones. The retreat website is now **LIVE** on SAQA's website. See all the retreat details [HERE](#).

If you have questions, please contact Ellen Lindner, elindner@cfl.rr.com



NEWS ... from the Exhibition Committee

ANNOUNCING OUR NEXT EXHIBITION . . . Almost! For now, stay tuned and watch your email. You will receive all the information and prospectus **by mid-September**. We have a good theme, a good juror, more size flexibility, and plans for the exhibit to travel. You'll have a year to create, with entries due September 30, 2023. **WATCH YOUR EMAIL!**

Meanwhile, our current exhibit, "The Artist's Question—Answered in Fiber" opens at Eastern Shore Art Center in Fairhope, Alabama September 2. It will show till October 29. This will be the exhibit's fourth venue. (The virtual exhibit at the SAQA Global Conference, in-person exhibit at Florida CraftArt

in St. Pete and exhibit at Alliance for the Arts in Ft. Myers are now completed.)

Three exhibit venues are scheduled after Eastern Shore Art Center: Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, Museum of Texas Tech University and Marco Island for the Arts.

For exhibit questions contact committee chair Bobbi Baugh at exhib.saqf.fla@gmail.com

News from our Pods

from Christina Flores

Pod 2 met at the Bartram Trail Library on Saturday.

We invited Bobbi Baugh to speak to us regarding her wonderful art and her processes. Bobbi brought multiple pieces and explained how she tells a story and how her story continues within the body of her work. Bobbi was generous with how she uses her, paint, stencil-making, image transferring and design process. She sent her gel plate printing and photo transfer recipes for others to try. We did an excellent exercise of creating a piece of art from the first thought to sketch to finish project.



Pod 2 will be representing SAQA at the Jacksonville Quiltfest Quilt Show September 15 -17 at the Prime Convention Center. Make sure to stop by and say hello.

Are you interested in the big conversations of introspection, spirituality, and meaning in art-making? Art, Archetype & Ancient Wisdom Community in Action is a monthly live zoom meet-up to discuss the creativity process in relationship to the big influences and how they are reflected in our art. The gathering is meant to be engaging and interactive with inspiration/discussion, show/tell, and techniques/resources. Meetings in 2022 are Saturdays, Sept 17th, Oct 22nd and November 19th 1:00 - 2:30 EST. You can click here to received zoom link: [Art, Archetype & Ancient Wisdom Community for Action](#) Or you can contact An Marshall for more information, an@anmarshallartist.com

Shout out to Erica Dodge for her piece in Cherrywood Graffiti show. An Marshall, Erica Dodge and new member Melissa May their art was in the recent Sacred Threads Show.

Left An Marshall
Thief



Ctr An Marshall
Victim



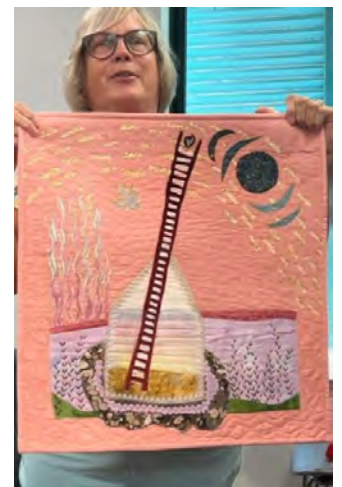
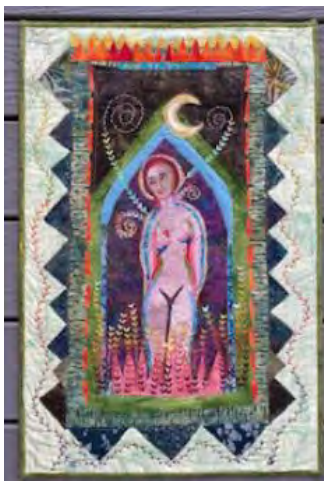
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Celeste Beck – *Big Dream Flower*

Ctr and Rt; Diane Powers Harris. *An Aromatic Nighttime Garden. Llewellyn & Pooch in Florida*



Above L to R: Melissa May *Inside Out, By the Light of the Moon, The Great Escape*

Below: Left work by Diane Rabideau-Wise, Ctr: Erica Dodge *Innocent Prayer*, Rt: Erica Dodge *Mammy's Garden*



from Kathy Peel

Pod 3C

Whole pod three meeting is in odd months, pod three central (us) meets monthly.

Textile show at James Museum in St Pete this fall. Pat Grice is working on a project tied to this, let her know if you can cut fabric this coming Tuesday or Thursday at Fabric Smart from 4 to 6 pm.

Members shared some UFOS with discussion on what to do next or just abandon.

Lucy brought in her ARR piece which we discussed as we hadn't seen it yet.

November Meeting has been moved to the 15th to avoid meeting on election day.

September - Pat will lead a hands-on demonstration with gel plates. Supply list to follow. (This has been swapped with Carol's October demo on using lace)

October- Carol will demonstrate her lace technique

November - Mary Ann is leading something

December will be a holiday celebration with potluck

Please remember to renew your SAQA membership and to pay rent for church to Pat Grice. They both email reminders when due.

from Diane Powers Harris

Pod 3N

Meeting began at 10 am. Present were Doris, Diane Powers Harris, Lori Benjamin, Kat Campau, Karol Kusmaul. Guest, Kris Loffler

1. Plan meeting frequency--bimonthly, 6 times a year, alternate months with entire Pod 3.

2. Day of meeting-- we will meet Tuesday, the date will be determined by host.

3. Location and Program--we will meet at member's homes.

October 4 - Kat Campau, 3566 Woodmill Ter, The Villages 32163. Program- Museum Power point

Dec. 6 - Lori Benjamin, 7360 SE 168th, Mitzi- Program- Bojagi

Feb. 7 - Karol Kusmaul, Inverness. Program-Getting the most from Critique. Lori has a Guide for Critique by Lyric Kinard, and will send it out before Karol's program.

4. Communications—Diane Harris will send out reminders for meetings. She will also receive and send pictures and news from members. Diane Harris - yearfive@hotmail.com

5. Members and guests - We will invite Kris Loffler to meetings as a guest. Suggested members from STARS are Andrea and Judy Weber Lucas will be invited by Kat.

6. Minutes - A member will be chosen at each meeting to take them.

There is so much happening this summer in Florida!

The STARS textile arts group has an exhibit at One Blood donation center, 1550 Bella Cruz Dr., Lady Lake. It's an eclectic collection of work, including unusual materials. Some of our members are meeting in front of Koyami Asian Fusion Restaurant (which is almost next door to the blood center), on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 12 noon. We will see the art display, then have lunch. You are invited to meet us at 12 noon in front of Koyami. Hope you can make it.

Textile Trends, is on display at **5th Avenue Art Gallery, 1470 Highland Ave, Melbourne.** Doris says after a long string of rejections, she **was elated her work was accepted. Then she found it was awarded a prize! What great news!** Some members are going to see the show.

This calls for a ROAD TRIP! Friday, Aug. 19, leaving at 9am. There is one spot left in the car, call Kat- 352-446-9995. UPDATE: This spot has been filled since the meeting.

Show and Share

Doris shared some paper/cloth she painted. It's paper fused to cloth with Mod Podge. She's playing with Inktense Blocks and stitching on watercolor paper. We were all fascinated by the texture and effects she got. In fact the back was as captivating as the front!

In a recent meeting Doris had asked for critiquing from members on a quilt in progress. She brought it back this time after incorporating some of the suggestions members had offered. The new quilt, called **ORIGINS OF LIFE**, is now mounted on canvas and she's very happy with the results.

Lori showed us the MANY small art pieces she made this summer. She printed on fabric with a gelli plate, then added stamping, and painting, hand and machine stitching and the results are beautiful! We were awed and amazed. Lori has a gift for displaying her art. Maybe she will share some of techniques and inspiration with us in a future meeting.

Lori also showed a recently finished fabric collage, and talked about how she will display it on a canvas. She had a remarkably productive summer vacation.

Kat showed a purse she made from scraps of fabric, adding a lot of hand embroidery. The main reason she made it was to show off a beautiful jeweled pin! The pin was too heavy to wear on clothing, but a bag works very well. And she can take it all over!

Program

Karol Kusmaul brought scraps of fabric and pieces of batting for us to make a **mystery project**. We each showed the last photo we took, and we drew cards to see who we were paired up with to **merge the 2 pictures in a quilt**. This was not an easy thing! But it was fun, and in some cases funny

Not all of the pairings were dissimilar. One featured palm trees and waves.

But one merged piece featured a wedding portrait from the 1600s with a picture of flowers on a backyard wall! As you'll see in the pictures, the bride became a bird. Kat calls it **“Abraham Lincoln Marries Birdwoman.”** We all laughed a lot during that project. If you've had a workshop led by Karol, you know she can stimulate your brain with unusual results.

Miscellaneous Suggestions

Watch the circus program by Ken Burns about the Ringling Brothers.
Look at Dade City for a charming place to spend an afternoon.

Remember **our next meeting is OCT. 4 at Kat's house.** She hopes you can come.



(Left) Doris Hulse w/ her quilt *Moondance* Juried into Textile Trends and won an Honorable Mention Fifth Avenue Gallery, Melbourne. (Right) Lori Benjamin, Doris Hulse, Pat Campau, and Diane Powers Harris enjoying lunch and the view at Squid Lips overwater grill in Melbourne



(L) Loraine being welcomed by Doris (Ctr) Diane enjoying the conversation (Right) Kat shares her bag with jeweled pin



(Left) Karol shows first piece in a new series. (Center) Kris Loffler shares a new piece (Right) Doris shows completed *Origins of Life* quilt



(Left) Lori detailing a new style bag she is making, and a recently completed collage (Right) Diane's benefit auction quilt

Results of the meeting's mystery project.

Left Kat Campau

Center Top Doris Hulse

Center Bottom Kat Campau

Right Diane Powers Harris



from Kestrel Michaud

Pod 5 Pod 5's next meeting will be on September 10 at 12:30pm. KC Grapes will demo "straw bubbles", which is her method of using acrylic paint to create realistic-looking cloud textures on fabric. Ellen Lindner will lead our group through an exercise on using color.

Looking ahead, Pod 5's last meeting of the year will be on November 12 at 12:30pm. Our group will meet at Kestrel Michaud's house for our annual Photo Day. Kestrel and her dad, Bob, invite attendees to bring their quilts to be photographed in Kestrel's garage photo studio. Attendees should also plan to bring a dish to share potluck-style for lunch. This event is open to all SAQA FL members, but will require an RSVP. If you'd like to attend *and you're not a Pod 5 member OR on Pod 5's email list*, please contact Kestrel: kestrel@kestrelmichaud.com

from Cindy Ambler

Pod 7 met August 14 via Zoom. Discussions ranged from on-line class offerings to having a potential workshop in someone's home. And of course we shared our work. Our next meeting will be in-person September 20 at Pompano Beach Library. No structured program is currently planned. Cindy assures us that, despite her brief synopsis, the discussions are interesting and freewheeling!

from Perlie Petrillo

Pod 8 We are excited to welcome two new members who have joined Pod 8! Welcome to Sandy Naval and Jennifer Sabella.

Sharon Buck shared her quilt that tells a summer story! The cool, lush turquoise speaks of the ocean and the sparkle on the water, the side panels are full of fish and the middle is a flawless beach where all of us would love to spend time!

Perlie Petrillo created a smaller version (12 1/2" square) of her quilt *Reflections 2* and it was accepted into Online Exhibition of 'small works, BIG-TALENT-2022' in Laguna Gallery, California.





(Left) New SAQA member, Jennifer Sabella, who recently moved here from SFO, California to Riverland. This is her jellyfish. (Center) work by Esta Rubin
(Right) These are amazing pieces created by Kim Bowery. She is so creative and artistic . She created the colored one on the cutting machines, painted, quilted and then used Fosshape (with a steam iron) similar to Betty Busby, and volia!! We are hoping Kim will teach this class at the Creative Sewist in Jupiter.

(Right) Sharon Buck shared a quilt (hand painted on silk) she considers a ufo. She asked for some help and she received many suggestions.



(Below) Work by Valerie Johnson.. A wine quilt, a Christmas quilt and an original bag.

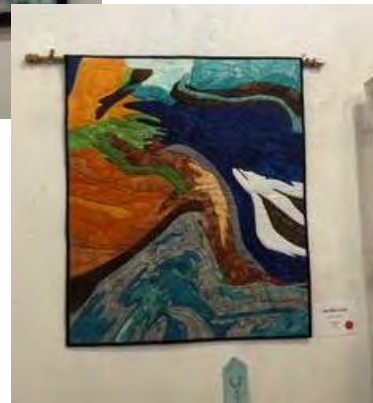


Work by new member, Sandy Naval, from NYC who lives in Riverdale. Sandy is a board member of the South Florida modern art quilt and she has completed the challenge for the whirly gig.

The next quilt is in process and Perlie loves the colors of her new in process quilt.



Four Pod 8 Members got in the Fifth Avenue Gallery Show. Cathy Heeter (L) Esta Rubin (R) Susan Rienzo and new member Cathy Parker. Cathy and Susan received Honorable Mention Awards



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