

## Great News! Way to Go!

**Sharon Buck** is pleased to have a piece in the current SAQA Journal, Vol 33 #4. It's in the article about the trunk show and it's titled "Childhood Memories."

**Regina Jestrow** is happy to share news of her solo show at The Studios of Key West 1/4 through 1/25  
<https://tskw.org/vulnerability-and-resilience-regina-jestrow/>  
Opening reception JAN 4, 6-8PM  
<https://tskw.org/gallery-talk-regina-jestrow/>  
Gallery Talk Jan 5th, 5pm

**Susan Rienzo** was delighted to receive a First Place Ribbon for "Secret Courtyard" 12 x 12 in the Vero Beach Art Club, Holiday Treasures Exhibit until Dec. 15. Her new submission for Dec-January is *Sunset Visions II*, open 12/20-2/09/2024.



Susan is also thrilled that her studio photos were published in the Uppercase Magazine, Issue #60 with the theme of **Colour Celebration**.

From Susan, "This is an amazing magazine and I highly recommend it. It's all about art, design, typography & craft, designed for the 'Creative & Curious'. It is solely supported by its loyal subscribers and has no advertisements."

**The power of remembrance.** January 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. It is an appropriate time to reflect on the issues that inspired SAQA's Global Exhibition, **Bearing Witness**. It opens in August 2024, presented in collaboration with the Raritan Valley Community College Institute of Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Work by three Florida artists will be among the 36 accepted.



## Joan Engel

*You Shall Tell Your Children* Exodus 13:8



(From her artist statement) Every year, at Passover seders, Jews re-tell the story of the Exodus - their escape from slavery in Egypt. The most important gift a generation can impart to the next is the knowledge of the journey our ancestors took. Hindsight is a necessary tutor of foresight. We must retell the stories over and over, challenging ourselves to re-interpret, merging the old and new (e.g., lessons of the Holocaust and current events) into stories to pass to our children. This story-telling is a "re-living". This quilt is based on a photo of the actual forest in Nemenčinė where my ancestors were murdered in 1941.

## Karol Kusmaul *Traditions Transposed*

(From her artist statement) An abstract triptych expressing the story of a young Rwandan child who has a happy life in his village until warriors with machetes and clubs come to kill his friends and family. A few are able to escape, and have to travel many miles on foot to a refugee camp where many more suffer and die. They learn to cooperate and eventually regain hope. This piece was created for the **Diaspora** exhibit, and was not accepted. In 2023, I added some paint, which boosted the composition, and submitted it to **Bearing Witness**. 61.5 x 75.5". Hand quilted.





## Bobbi Baugh

### *Do Not Look Away*

In Art Spiegelman's graphic novel, Maus, Holocaust survivor Vladek Spiegelman remembers: "The Germans intend to make examples of them... They hanged there for one full week. I did not want to go outside to pass where they were hanging." Each public murder victimized both an individual and a community.



Such control-by-targeted-brutality crosses cultures and years. It also characterized America's Jim Crow South. Those in power printed post cards of Black lynching victims. Whole communities were terrorized. Who might be next? I chose to depict both the murdered and the ones who had to look. Remembering, we should not look away. Triptych 54 x 86 (From her artist statement)



*Bothered*, by Gabriele DiTota

# COVER STORY:

3 Perspectives on Contemporary Quilting  
Gabriele DiTota Ellen Lindner Sue Robinson

February 14 - April 6, 2024  
Museum of Florida Art and Culture  
Avon Park, FL

Two Receptions:  
February 21, 12:30 - 2:30, light refreshments  
March 23, 5-7, no refreshments  
Artists will attend both receptions

South Florida State College  
600 West College Drive  
Avon Park, FL 33825  
[www.southflorida.edu](http://www.southflorida.edu)



## SURFACE DESIGN LECTURE

Surface Design: The Evolution of a Printer  
by Jane Dunnewold



There's still time to sign up for Jane Dunnewold's  
lecture: 20 Jan 2024 2:00 PM

Location: Unity Church of St. Petersburg, 6168 1st Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL

Sign up at [surfacedesignguild.com](http://surfacedesignguild.com)

## NEWS... from OUR FLA REGION REP

*Deb Gluszcak*



I hope that every one of you has found time to rest, relax and enjoy your holidays with friends and family. I've been spending some time reflecting on how I will move forward with my creative efforts in the new year. I would love to have *your* input to share in future newsletters – how do you plan to move forward creatively in 2024? Is this different than your past approach? What knowledge/advice do you have to share with others regarding creative processes?

Some words for thought from poet Mary Oliver: “The most regretful people on earth are those who felt the call to creative work, who felt their own creative power restive and uprising, and gave to it neither power nor time.”

### FEBRUARY SAQA FL REGIONAL MEETING

**Our next regional meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7 pm.**

I'm excited to announce that Lynda Heines will be joining us to present her Skillswap “Creating Fabulous Fabrics with Resists!”.

**Zoom Invitation** Time: Feb 13, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada). To Join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84589467821?pwd=UFhsM0xYamNhSm9KMVloZnE5eUo5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 845 8946 7821    Passcode: 695447

**Notes from our December regional meeting** We met Zoom on December 10. Attendees had a great time sharing with each other, each in their own way. If you did not get a chance to participate here is the link to the recording:

**December 10 Regional Meeting Recording:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/4n\\_wreirfr7ZvxghJ5v2SSd\\_vA8en7\\_bB\\_NcEy9sEbA9yRnbvf5gwgVpUvwUstCF.loMbEIOgxRhuSohD](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/4n_wreirfr7ZvxghJ5v2SSd_vA8en7_bB_NcEy9sEbA9yRnbvf5gwgVpUvwUstCF.loMbEIOgxRhuSohD)

**And, here are links to information that was shared in the Chat during the meeting:**

From Marcia Berkey - Sarasota To Everyone: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=V92u7qKfwAM>

From Marcia Berkey - Sarasota To Everyone: This was slow but in response to the discussion on different books. There was a quilt group where each read the book *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* and then each made a quilt based on their inspiration. It was really fun to see.

From Marcia Berkey - Sarasota To Everyone: <https://www.pbs.org/video/nancys-corner-dianne-kane-and-joanne-macnaughton-6bkb2v/>

From Marcia Berkey - Sarasota To Everyone: I liked the book of Ikigai and read it along with Stephen Covey's last book of *Live Life in Crescendo: Your Most Important Work Is Always Ahead of You*

From Linda Geiger • Cocoa Beach To Everyone: Zero Waste Life

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3\\_9KPlhiahU&list=PLFEzXnlQVwV9aBmTgSvkMX8d8RNI0QgPx&index=28](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_9KPlhiahU&list=PLFEzXnlQVwV9aBmTgSvkMX8d8RNI0QgPx&index=28)

## SAQA FLORIDA REGION... HAPPENINGS "AT A GLANCE"

### Awakening Exhibition

Venice Art Center Opening and Reception	Friday, Jan 12, 2024
Venice Art Center Close	Wednesday, Feb 7, 2024
Visual Art Center (Punta Gorda) Opening	Monday, May 13, 2024
Visual Art Center Reception	Thursday, May 16, 2024
Visual Art Center Close	Friday, May 24, 2024

### Gallery of Textile Art - SAQA FL

Website goes LIVE!!!

January 1, 2024

### Jane Dunnewold Workshop

In person. Dunedun, FL Tues-Thurs

January 16 - 18, 2024

### Florida Regional Meetings

SAQA FL Regional Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 13, 2024 7pm

## NEWS... from the EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

for questions: *Bobbi Baugh, Committee Chair* [exhib.saqa.fla@gmail.com](mailto:exhib.saqa.fla@gmail.com)

**Our NEXT Regional Exhibit...** Begin now to think about what you will create for our NEXT Regional Exhibit ... **TRIO**. The TRIO of states (Florida – Georgia – South Carolina) will present a collaborative exhibit that incorporates the concept of threes or a trio in any creative way.



THERE'S LOTS OF TIME!!! Artwork submissions are due July 31, **2025**. We will begin venue recruiting right at the beginning of 2024, with the hope of obtaining exhibit opportunities in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. The exhibit will travel throughout 2026 – 2027. The prospectus is LIVE on the SAQA website now. Take a look... and start creating!

<https://www.saqa.com/events/trio-saqa-regional-call-entry>



### Our **CURRENT** Regional Exhibit... **Awakening.**

In-person premiere: Venice Art Center  
January 12 – February 7, 2024  
Reception Friday, January 12 5-7pm

LOOK! You can also see the entire  
**Awakening** exhibit  
on our NEW gallery website:

<https://www.gallerytextileartsaqaf.com>



Now that the Gallery of Textile Art – SAQA Florida is LIVE, we want to promote it and help people find it. **You can help!** We also now have a presence on Facebook and Instagram. (With many, many thanks to the hard work of Ellen Lindner and Teresa Stoller.) So take a look. Follow along. Tell your friends! You know the drill... LIKE! FOLLOW! SHARE! COMMENT!

FACEBOOK **Gallery of Textile Art - SAQA Florida**

INSTAGRAM [@gallery\\_textile\\_art\\_saqaf](https://www.instagram.com/gallery_textile_art_saqaf)

Visit the website:

<https://www.gallerytextileartsaqaf.com>

Interested in being a part of the Gallery of textile Art portfolio website? Participation is open to any SAQA member of the Florida region. The Cost is \$25 annually. Please contact Bobbi Baugh, website administrator, for information and instructions. Welcome aboard!

Contact Bobbi here: [GalleryTextileArtSAQAF@a.com](mailto:GalleryTextileArtSAQAF@a.com)

# News from our Pods

## **Pod 2** *from Christina Flores*

The January meeting will be at the Fabric Art Shop in Lake City on January 27th at 10 am. Barbie Swanson is hosting the project. Barbie will be leading us with working with Mulberry Paper. Fee: 1<sup>st</sup> ½ half sheet is free. Additional papers will be \$1 to \$3

**Pod 3N** *from Diane Powers Harris* Our meeting was held at Kay's home which was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Attending were Jenny, Karol, Diane, Gail, Kat, Dariel, Sue, and Kay

**Our meeting was focused on Show N Tell** - Unfortunately several items talked about have no photos to share. Kat - Gave out handmade bird ornaments to all present, Thank you Kat, they are lovely and was so thoughtful of you.

Kat also talked about the Rocket Tour at the Kennedy Space Center she had taken. And, of course, it gave her an idea for a future quilt! She also shared the Article about herself published in [The Villages Magazine](#), Dec 2023, pages 82 - 84.

Dariel - Talked about the photos from the postcard project she had made for her Daughter's wedding 7 years ago. She also showed both the lovely fabric growth chart created for her granddaughter Layla and Layla's quilt. She also shared with us a fabulous felted Christmas tree skirt made by her Great Aunt over 60 years ago!

Jenny - Showed a flour paste resist fabric which looks like Spider webs, a bleached fabric reminiscent of dark forest trees, and a fall wall hanging made with a mixture of commercial and her hand designed fabrics.

Karol - Brought many of the handmade tree ornaments made by her students during her teaching years.

Kay - Shared various of her Christmas wall hangings, ornaments, and altar banners

Diane - Was surprised to find so many fiber art items she had made over the years in her Christmas box. Some things she brought were a pieced and tied table runner, a fused and embellished framed Christmas Star, a macrame wreath, and a queen size hand quilted in the ditch Barn Raising Christmas quilt.

Gail - Shared several works which included a Bamboo quilt and 2 Christmas pieces.

For the January meeting at Karol's house, we are to bring Christmas cards to make a project.

**2024 Meetings**

January 9<sup>th</sup>

February 13<sup>th</sup>

March 12<sup>th</sup>

April 9<sup>th</sup>

May 14<sup>th</sup>

June 11<sup>th</sup>

2nd Tuesday of each month from 1 - 4pm.

Karol will host, her address is 185 N Meadowlark Pt., Inverness 34453

Doris will host, her address is 1414 La Hermosa Dr., The Villages 32162

Jenny will host, her address is 25 S Columbus St., Beverly Hills 34465

Diane will host, her address is 5248 NW 20th PL., Ocala 34482

Kat will host, her address is 3566 Woodmill Terr., The Villages 32163

Dariel will host, her address is 3513 Galesburg Ct., The Villages 32162



An article about Kat in The Villages magazine. Gail displays Rudolph and her bamboo quilt.

Karol talks about 2 felt button hole stitched oversized holiday pillows made by a friend and a small assortment of the many handmade ornaments Karol received from her students during her teaching years



This early queen size Log Cabin Barn Raising quilt by Diane is hand quilted in the ditch by her





Gail's modern Christmas tree.



Jenny explaining her resist process and in-progress mixing her dyed fabrics with commercial batiks



(Right) Dariel shows Layla's quilt.



(Far right, Below) Holiday fabric creations and a 5-panel altar banner by Kay



## **Pod 3 St Pete** *from Ellen Nepustil*

Our little pod had two meetings this holiday month!

Our first meeting on the 12th was at our usual time and place. Pat shared the curator's videos and the catalog from the Elegant Threads Show at the Lighthouse Art Center. Several of us had visited this show on the other side of Florida and really enjoyed it. A discussion about all things fiber art followed the videos.

Our second outing was a potluck holiday lunch hosted by Lucy Snyder at her house in Valrico. Fabulous company, food and a handmade gift exchange complete with steals! Many comments were made about how much we all appreciate this group of women and the sisterhood that has grown over the years. Upcoming events:

**Awakening** Reception January 12 at the Venice Art Center

Lecture with Jane Dunnewold January 20th 2 pm, right here in this church(Unity of St Pete, 6168 1st Ave N). Sign up at [surfacedesignguild.com](http://surfacedesignguild.com)

## **Pod 3S** *from Pam Morris*

We did not meet in December.

We are all so excited to visit the Fla SAQA show **Awakening** which is opening in our backyard! Come one come all to the lovely and welcoming and popular Venice Art Center Friday Jan 12 at 5:30.

Our Pod resumes meetings at Gulf Gate Library January 26 at 10 am with a program and discussion regarding art etc. Bring show 'n tells!

## **Pod 5** *from Kestrel Michaud*

Pod 5's next meeting will be on Saturday, January 13. We are meeting at a new time this year: 11am-2pm. Joan Engel will be leading our Bookshare. Kestrel Michaud will guide attendees through a practice jurying process using a SAQA Trunk Show.

## **Pod 7** *from Cindy Ambler*

Pod 7 met via zoom on December 18. Discussion ranged far and wide from how to price a piece, how much time it takes to make our creations to a potential field trip in the future. As always information was shared with one person's inquiries benefiting all. Our next meeting will be in person on January 15.



## **Pod 8** *from Perlie Petrillo*

Both Perlie Petrillo and Susan Rienzo have completed the requirements to be a part of the exciting Florida Regional Website Gallery ! We are very excited !!

Out of the Box Challenge.. 'Line' was the name of the challenge.. Nancy Ialacci, Kim Borowy, and Cathy Parker. Fabulous work!!

Cathy Heeter has a rust garden in Indiana and creates these amazing scarves. And love her Mud cloth bag!!



(Right) Jennifer Sabella finished her quilt for the South Florida modern Quilt challenge: mystery quilt. Several of us are participating in this challenge.



Virginia Walton's quilt using up her scraps and her Christmas quilt made with various fabrics !

Barbara's Fugazzoto's outstanding work!! Her fan and silk, painted jacket!!



(Far right) This is Sandy Naval's pocketbook she recently created.



From Perlie-- Cheesecloth with paper napkin technique demonstrated by Linda Geiger, a Christmas wall hanging to a dear friend in Maine.

Nancy Knoll has graciously donated twenty beautiful quilts to Israel. These quilts are being hand carried and delivered by Joan Engel to Israel. Joan will be in Israel for a period of time donating her time and energy. If your pod would like to donate any quilts to Israel, Perlie ([phyllispetrillo@hotmail.com](mailto:phyllispetrillo@hotmail.com)) has a contact name to facilitate to make this happen.



St. Lucie Cultural Alliance has a show called ELEMENTS, exploring the essence of Earth, Fire, Water and Wind. The show will open January 16, 2024.

This is Perlie's piece called Elements.

Valerie Johnson has entered a piece called Good Fortune. This exhibit is featuring Treasure Coast Pottery work (Valerie's piece has both!)



# Staying Connected

How to send news for the next newsletter issue:

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