

Welcome New Members

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Great News! Way to Go!

The Dirty Dozen Fiber Artists are pleased to announce their exhibit at Osceola Art Center February 20 – March 31. Exhibiting artists are: Jill Brown, Gabriel DiTota, Joan Engel, Linda Geiger, Anne Kobus, Ellen Lindner, Andrea Luliak, Dij Pacaro, Ruth Anne Parker, Phyllis Petrillo, Kathryn Robinson, Sandra Shenker, Becky Stack

Reception: Saturday, March 2 2-5pm

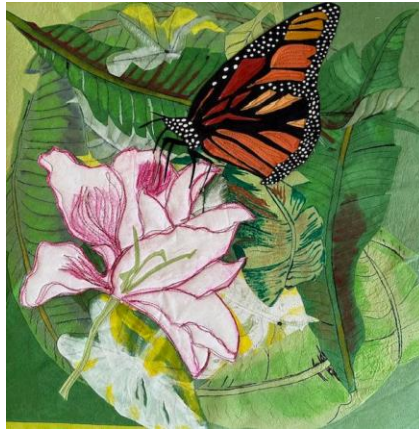
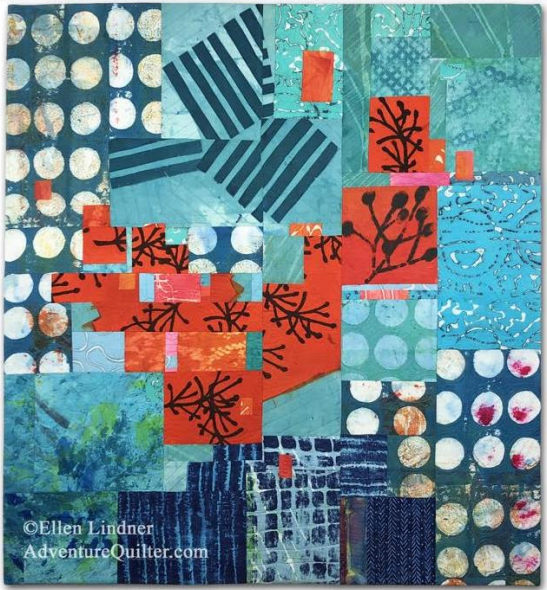
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Ellen Lindner, Perlie Petrillo and Anne Kobus are pleased to announce they have work juried into the “100% Pure Florida” Exhibit, an all-medium fine art show at the 5th Avenue Art Gallery in Eau Gallie.

The show runs from February 26 through March 30 with an **opening reception** on Friday, March 1, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Showing at the 5th Avenue Gallery 100% Pure Florida Show:



(Above) "Exuberance" by Ellen Lindner
 (Above Right) "Arrival" by Perlie Petrillo
 (Above, Far Right) "Sunward" by Anne Kobus
 (Right) "Coastal Crescendo" by Anne Kobus



Frieda Anderson has been invited to teach and have an exhibit at the Sitges Patchwork Festival in Spain March, 14-17, 2024 . What a great time that will be. "Maybe I'll see you there," writes Frieda.

Perlie Petrillo is pleased to have eight pieces exhibiting at the Center for Spiritual Care in Vero Beach. The exhibit runs March 1 to April 26, 2024.

Cover Story, 3 Perspectives on Contemporary Quilting featuring work by **Gabriele DiTota, Ellen Lindner and Susan Robinson** is open and continues through March 29th at the SFSC Museum of Florida Art and Culture in Avon Park.

There will be a reception with the artists on Saturday March 23 from 5 to 7 PM.

This is a link to a video of the artists talking about their work: <https://youtu.be/2IWN7CIHWYU>



Work by Gabriele DiTota (Left) and Susan Robinson (Above)

Bobbi Baugh is pleased to announce she is part of the Off the Beaten Path Studio Tour in the DeLand Area Saturday and Sunday March 2-3, 2024 from 10am – 5pm.

Tour visitors plan their own itinerary, visiting up to 27 artists in 22 locations. Bobbi welcomes SAQA friends to her studio during the tour. For more information, list of artists and maps, visit www.ArtsTours.org.

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NEWS... from the EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

for questions: *Bobbi Baugh, Committee Chair* exhib.saq.fl@gmail.com

“Awakening” will be a special exhibit at SWFQG Southwest Florida Quilt Guild Show

at Charlotte Harbor Event and Convention Center
75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, FL

Art Delivery / Setup..... Thursday, March 7

Exhibition Start Date..... Friday, March 8

Exhibition Close..... Saturday, March 9

Exhibition Take Down..... Saturday, March 9,
after show closes at 4 pm

HELP WANTED!!!

This special exhibit has been organized by state rep Debra Gluszczak. It's a great way to introduce SAQA to traditional quilters. **SHE NEEDS HELP!!**

Please volunteer to help with set-up, or to be at the event to represent SAQA Friday and Saturday.

Contact dgluszczak@att.net

The **NEXT** venue for “**Awakening**” is Visual Art Center in Punta Gorda May 13 – May 24.

ONLINE You can also see the entire “**Awakening**” exhibit on our NEW gallery website:
<https://www.gallerytextileartsaqaf.com>

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. Artwork submissions are due July 31, **2025**. The exhibit will travel throughout 2026 – 2027. The prospectus is LIVE on the SAQA website now. Take a look... and start creating!

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



Have you visited The Gallery of Textile Art – SAQA Florida ?

Please help us attract visitors and establish an online presence.

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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: GalleryTextileArtSAQAFla@gmail.com

NEWS... from OUR FLA REGION REP

Deb Gluszczyk



Your input is a valuable resource in planning our Florida regional meetings. Please reach out to me if you have ideas and suggestions for 2024 meeting topics and activities.

SAQA FL REGIONAL MEETING

Our next regional meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 14, at 2 pm. If you have an idea for a meeting topic that is special to you, please let me know right away.



SAQA 2024 CONFERENCE IS VIRTUAL!

Plurality & Heritage (SAQA 2024 Conference) SHOWCASING EUROPE & THE MIDDLE EAST

Our annual SAQA conference will be online from April 12-20, 2024. This unique event will focus on fiber art and artists creating in Europe and the Middle East. We are proud to announce we will have [speakers](#) from the following countries: UK, Hungary, Italy, Austria, Finland, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Latvia, Germany, Spain, the Netherlands, Denmark, Israel, Poland, and Serbia.

No matter where you live, you've got something special to look forward to!

[REGISTRATION IS OPEN!](#)

Please note – you do **NOT** have to be a **SAQA** member to attend the conference so if you have fiber art friends who may be interested in learning what is happening around the world in fiber art, please feel free to share this information with them.



SAQA Seminar 2024 – Tool Talk - Registration is OPEN! It's FREE!

Jan 29, 2024 - Mar 29, 2024

SAQA Seminar is an annual members-only opportunity to learn more about a topic, share your expertise, ask questions, and meet new people. Our 2024 version, "Tool Talk" will focus on taking your tools and techniques outside the box. Come learn with us January 29 – March 29.

Registration is free for SAQA members and you can join anytime. All the resources are available online. [More Details](#)

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

Awakening Exhibition	"Awakening"- Special Exhibit at Southwest FL Quilters Guild Quilt Show. Charlotte Harbor Conference Ctr, Punta Gorda	Friday March 8..... 9-5 Saturday March 9... 9-4
	Visual Art Ctr (Punta Gorda) Opening Visual Art Center Reception Visual Art Center Close	Monday, May 13, 2024 Thursday, May 16, 2024 Friday, May 24, 2024
	Florida Regional Meetings	SAQA FL Regional Meeting
		Sunday, Apr. 14, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jun. 11, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m.

News from our Pods

Pod 3N Show of Hands *from Diane Powers Harris*

Our meeting was held February 13 at Doris Hulse's home. Attending were Sue Redhead, Karol Kusmaul, Kat Campau, Lorraine Benjamin, Dariel Diestelkamp, Diane Powers Harris, Kay Smith and, of course Doris Hulse

RainForest Collection: Sewing and Quilt Expo on March 13 - Doris and Kat will hang the collection at the Original Quilt and Sewing Expo which is being held in Lakeland at the RP Funding Center. They need at least one more person to help hang the exhibit. Please contact either Doris or Kat to volunteer.

Awakening - Karol asked for help to hang the Florida Regional Awakening exhibit on Saturday, June 1 at 9am at the Art Center of Citrus County, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. Hernando 34442. Health issues permitting, tentative volunteers are: Dariel, Doris, Diane, Kat, and Kay. To volunteer, please contact Doris or Kat. Kat will receive the Awakening exhibit quilts the last week of May and will transport them to the venue.

New One Blood Show - "Garden" is the theme and the quilts are at Doris' home. It looks like we have at least 20 quilts to display. If you have a quilt for the exhibit, it needs to be turned in at the March meeting. The exhibit will be hanging from April 1 - May 31 at One Blood Center, The Villages Donor Center, 1550 Bella Cruz Drive, Lady Lake, FL 32159. If others have quilt(s) they would like included, please contact Doris to see if there is still space available.

Our next Group Exhibit is "The Other Florida" and we remind you to work on your piece(s). Karol shared her Crepe Myrtle leaves, Dariel showed her in progress quilt tentatively titled "All Over Florida," and Diane talked about her in progress work "dancing in the rain."

TRIO Also discussed was the new FL Regional exhibit, Trio. This is a collaboration with the SC/GA region.

Meeting Project In celebration of Valentine's Day, Doris led us in a stuffed heart project with the colors selected by the "roll of the dice"!

Show and Tell

Doris shares painting techniques for her work, "Bali Beauty" which will be included in the Rainforest exhibit.

Doris's work "Cut No More" depicts a panther guarding the forest for future generations.





(Above, L to R) Sue talks about work made for her 100-Day Project. Kat shares recently created duffel and tote bags. Kay shares her newest butterfly quilt.



(Above) Karol shares a quilt done in the style of Bodi Gardner depicting Karol and her husband.

(Right) Lorraine shares slow stitched circles
Stuffed hearts created by Lorraine, Sue,
Kat, Kay and Diane



Pod 3 St Pete

from Ellen Nepustil and Kathy Peel

Thanks to Ellen and Alice for sharing how they paint different types of fabrics. Also there was a short demo on making your own stamp.

Please note our meeting dates will fluctuate for the next two meetings: March meeting has been moved to the **third Tuesday, March 19**. Katherine will lead a discussion on using any type of paint marker.

April meeting has been moved to the **third Tuesday, April 16**. Ellen will lead a discussion on using random household items for adding marks or texture.

May meeting will be back on our **second Tuesdays starting with May 14**. Angie will lead the discussion on stencils.

Carol & Kathy announced that they will be teaching a Tea Bag class on March 23 at Bottom of the Bin in Seminole. Contact them for information.

If you missed the statewide SAQA meeting, you missed a really nice presentation by Lynda Heines on how she uses paints. I was very impressed with the details she shared on the slides.



Three purses by Ellen

Work by Mary Anne (with detail)



Work by Alice (with detail)

Work by Sara (with detail)

Pod 3S *from Pam Morris*

Attended Trish, Jann, Frieda, Fiona, Janine, Lisa, Michael, Marsha, Lynn,

We are exploring finding exhibit space. Michael shared photography resources from the SAQA site. We discussed exhibits of two members occurring now, maybe searching for promotional help.

Our next meeting is at Gulf Gate Library
March 22 1-3:30



Hand painted fabric by Lisa

Pod 5 *from Kestrel Michaud*

Pod 5's next meeting will be on Saturday, March 09 at 11am. We'll be meeting at the West Melbourne Library. Joan Engel will present a bookshare and brief recap of her trip to Israel. For our main presentation, Anne Kobus, Linda Geiger, Anita Krug, and Kathryn Robinson will be sharing what they have learned from Jane Dunnewold and what techniques of hers they use in their own quilt creation process.

Pod 8 *from Perlie Petrillo*

At the Port St Lucie Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild: Perlie couldn't have pieces judged because they were framed and judge has to see the back. But she felt special for receiving two vendor awards for *Arrival* and *Frida*.



Valerie Johnson had three pieces in the 2024 Crazy Quilters Show and did receive a vendor award for Herbie! Everyone loved her dogs.



Perlie was accepted into Fifth Avenue Gallery in Melbourne with her piece, "Arrival." The opening is March 1, 2024, This is the piece I made for Cherrywood Challenge, and on the day it was due to be sent in, we found out we were scammed and lost everything. I did not send this piece into the Challenge. This piece has a special meaning for me... never give up !



Pod 8 had a guest speaker, Janeen Mason, come to our pod 8 meeting and gave us a fabulous presentation on her amazing journey as a curator ending up at the Lighthouse Arts center in Tequesta. I highly recommend this presentation to other pods in Florida.

Nancy Ialacci displayed the quilt she created from the line drawing challenge from the Out of the Box design group at the Inspired Sewist in Jupiter.

Cathy Heeter is also teaching at Lighthouse Arts Center, in Tequesta Center. She is teaching a class on how to incorporate photos into an art quilt. She uses antique linens and here is her sample for the class.



Nina Nicolosi took a weeklong beading class at Aya's Studio in Stuart. Here is her piece of her hand sewn bead work. We did jelly prints with Papyrus plants to get this effect.

The time that went into this... but it looks awesome !





(Above Left) Nancy Ialacci belongs to the Palm Beach County Quilters and they work at the South Florida fair. Their guild makes children's quilts and donates them. At the Fair, they give children a picture to color with Crayola crayons. Their group makes them into quilts and incorporates the drawings. Here's a picture of one of the quilts. She heat sets the drawings, and they can be washed.

(Above Right) Susan Rienzo shared with us an article about her studio in UPPERCASE Magazine and encouraged us to order this magazine (It's from Canada), and she highly recommends. I used to get and always enjoyed this and have re-signed up.

Susan Rienzo gave us a peak preview of some of the work she is working on and exploring the use of pastels. Many were interested in her technique, and she uses SF101 Woven Fusion Lightweight. She does not PIECE. She uses this stabilizer. Susan is teaching Feb. 23rd at the Lighthouse Arts Center In Tequesta.

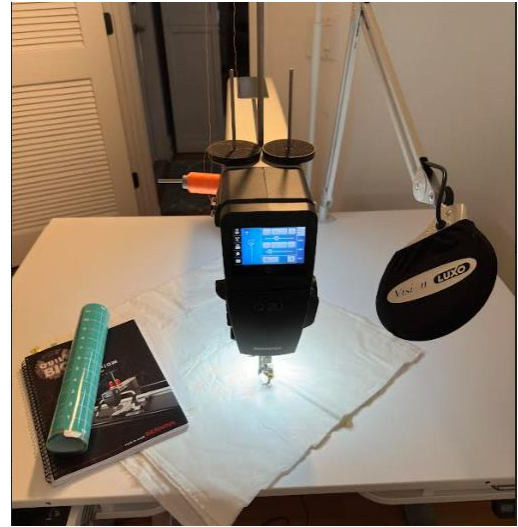
We want to welcome our NEW MEMBER, EDWINA HUTSON to SAQA. Edwina belongs to a hand-sewing group and they meet on Monday mornings. If you'd like to see their work, it will be on display at the Palm City Library for the month of March.

Virginia Walton showed us her quilt she made from Olta's Quilts. The technique is similar to a stack n wack; she used 10" squares, and used 3 values for each piece. Virginia wanted to practice her curve piecing, and she sure got the experience with this quilt.



FOR SALE I am downsizing so this amazing sit-down quilter the Bernina Q20 is for sale. Included is the height adjustable table, the queen slider ,a second bobbin case, items that came with the machine. Also, the Kestrel Michaud recommended light for fine micro quilting, the Vision Luxe magnifier light. Footprint closed 36” x 48” and opened 36” x 72”. Low mileage at 1,770,995 stitches. Excellent stitch quality. Easy disassembly and reassembly. \$6995, Venice, Florida

Pam607@gmail Pam Morris



Retreat Opportunity: Retreat has been made open to fellow quilters in the region. Below is the link for registration. Also, retreat information.

Suncoast Quilting Retreat April 4-7, 2024

Location: Hampton Inn & Suites 4017 Tampa Rd, Oldsmar FL 34677

Registration link: <https://suncoastquiltingcircle.org/event-5394331>

Please join us in our 2024 Retreat! Can't wait to see you there. We have planned a couple of fun activities, but we are leaving with enough time to work on those UFO's or start a new project. The theme this year is Spring Time.

We have several activities designed for you. They are all voluntary but let's enjoy them. One of the activities you will need two fat quarters flowers and solids or print that reads as solid. Each member attending will receive a swag bag. Plus, there will be raffles throughout the weekend.

Staying Connected



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How to send news for the next newsletter issue:

Send to Bobbi Baugh, Editor

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