

EVENTS AND DEADLINES - SAQA FLORIDA REGION

Awakening at Osceola Arts - Kissimmee, FL

May 10 - June 15

Sat, May 10 2-5 PM Reception

Statewide Zoom Meeting: Learn to create videos

Thurs, May 15 7PM (Details inside)

Awakening closes June 15. Begin art return shipments

Fierce Planets Meet-up - Dunedin, Florida

Sunday, June 22 (Details inside)

TRIO APPLICATION DEADLINE

Thursday, July 31 2025 (Details inside)

Welcome New Members

Pod 2

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Pod 3 C

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Great news! Way to Go!

Maggie Dillon is pleased to share that *Mill Town Bus Stop* was awarded Viewer's Choice at the *Evolution* exhibit at the Herrig Center for the Arts (formerly ArtCenter Manatee), Bradenton, FL

The exhibition is on view until May 1, 2025.



Maggie is also pleased to announce *Cottage Garden Runners* was accepted into PAQA-South's *ArtQuilts WILD* exhibit.

The quilts are on view until May 10, 2025 at Page-Walker Arts & History Center, Cary, NC

Alice Pickett Lewis is pleased to be one of six Pinellas County artists featured in *The Shape of Us* at Creative Pinellas. Alice is the only fiber artist in the exhibit.

The two works shown are among the fourteen pieces she will have in the exhibit.

The opening is on May 16 at The Gallery at Creative Pinellas, 12211 Walsingham Rd, Largo, FL 33778



Above: *Lily Pond*
36" x 18"

Left: *Country Road*
30" x 30"



Karol Kusmaul is honored that two of her Cloth in Common quilts have been invited to exhibit at the Kaohsiung Cultural Center in Taiwan from June 27 through July 8, 2025.

Pieces of Me is a self-portrait.

Last Hurrah is about the change of seasons.



Ellen Simon is pleased to announce her quilt, *More Than Just A Number*, sold during its exhibit at *Fiber Art Now* at Lewis House on the campus of Eckerd College. This was its fifth showing.



Perlie Petrillo is pleased to have three quilts accepted into the *Woof, Meow, Chirp and Slither* Exhibition in the Artists of Palm Beach County Organization. The opening was April 17.



Perlie is also pleased her work, *Rebirth*, was accepted into the Broward Art Guild Spring Fling. The work will exhibit April 30 – May 23.



The artists at Eckerd College Lewis House reception for *A New Look at Fiber Art* gathered on April 16.

The exhibit is sponsored by ASPEC and Pat Grice juror.

Works are on view M-F through June 27.

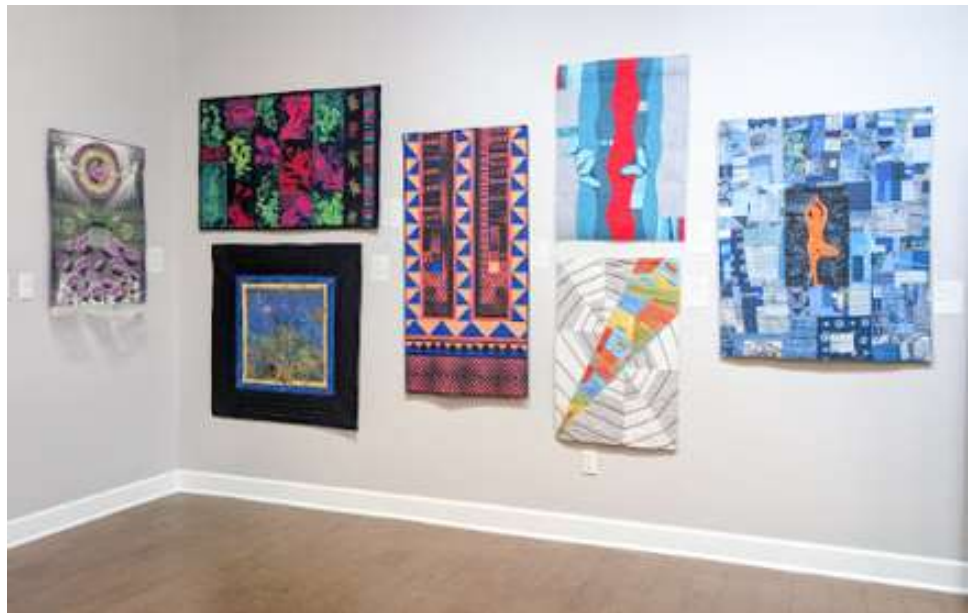


THE SAQA GLOBAL CONFERENCE IN ST. PETE

The *Awakening* Exhibit at the Mirella Cimato Gallery in St Pete attracted 150 guests for the opening reception April 4, many of them attendees at the Global Conference. Volunteers from the St. Pete area helped again for a reception April 11 as part of the Saturday evening ArtWalk. Forty guests attended that reception.

Many thanks to the SAQA members who helped with planning, hanging the show, greeting guests and assisting with hospitality at the receptions: Ellen N., Carol, Marianne, Janice, Ellen S., Peg, Kathleen and Elizabeth.





(above) A few more views of *Awakening* exhibit at the Mirella Cimato Gallery.
 (below) Florida SAQA members were well represented at the Global Conference.
 (Photo collage from Angie. Thanks to Kat Campau for the photos)



NEWS... from OUR FLA REGION REPS

from Ellen Simon



SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 22 - FIERCE PLANETS

Sunday, June 22, at 11 am, we will gather at the Dunedin Arts Center for a viewing party. The SAQA Global Exhibition Fierce Planets is the featured exhibit. It is rare that a global exhibit travels to Florida, so let's take advantage of its visit.

The Dunedin Arts Center features fiber shows every two years, filling all four galleries. Here's what else will be there.

Meg Pierce - Meg works with hand stitching, indigo dye, cyanotype, mixed media, collage and painting featuring vintage fiber, silk flowers, leaves and found objects. A long-time teacher on Long Island, Meg now lives in

Sarasota. "I find inspiration in the complex patterns of vintage lace, its feminine aura and textural richness. I honor the work of the anonymous women who have left us an art of subtlety and quietude."

Wendy Bruce - Wendy describes her process as drawing with thread. Each piece is begun by machine stitching multiple intersecting black lines on water-soluble material. She believes that thread can say things that can't be communicated in any other medium. Viewed at a distance the works appear to be prints, but when seen close up, the viewer is surprised to see they are

only fragile thread. Wendy lives in Largo.

Deborah Snider - Deborah's artwork takes the form of art quilts, drawings, and mixed-media collages. Mandalas and fans are frequent in her art, as she enjoys both the symmetry and meditative aspects of round, repetitive motifs. She is committed to exploring the natural world and human experience. Her artwork carries a message and a story about women, beauty, the environment, social justice issues, or humanitarian concerns.

The Dunedin Arts Center is located at 1143 Michigan Blvd., in Dunedin, north of St. Pete, west of Tampa.



NEWS... from OUR FLA REGION REPS



from Angie Knowles

Turn Your Photos into Artful Videos – No Tech Stress Required!

Join me for a special training session where I'll show you how to use Canva to create simple, beautiful videos from your photos. Whether you're looking to document your art process, create a short promo, or just have fun with your images, this session will give you the tools to get started—no fancy equipment or editing skills needed.

We'll also explore free or inexpensive ways to host your videos and easy ways to share them with your artist audience—perfect for newsletters, websites, or social media.

This session will be recorded in case you can't make it.

Time: May 15, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: SAQA FL--Create Videos From Photos Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84585146242?pwd=Nn6188ufSmG47SBZOOCa0fc3hB76bn.1>

Meeting ID: 845 8514 6242 Passcode: 228953

NEWS... from the EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

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

Awakening is on its way to our seventh and final exhibit venue: Osceola Arts in Kissimmee.

For folks near Central Florida: this is a great chance to see these diverse and thoughtful works in person. The opening reception is Saturday, May 10 2-5 pm. The exhibit will display through June 15.

Thank you thank you thank you thank you and one more time thank you to the exhibition committee and volunteers across the state. Only because of you has this exhibit found venues, travelled, been hung, taken down, packed then travelled again. SAQA volunteers rock!

"Awakening"
by
Studio Art Quilt Associates Florida Region

osceola arts
2411 E Irlo Bronson
Memorial Highway
Kissimmee, FL

Exhibit
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2025

Reception
Saturday, May 10
2 - 5 PM

Thirty Original Art Quilts
Preview at
GalleryTextileArtSAQAFL.com

OUR NEXT EXHIBIT: TRIO

Tick, Tick, Tick..... Submissions are due **by July 31, 2025.**

You will want to be a part of this exhibition opportunity. It will travel in Florida, Georgia and SC during 2026 – 2027. Make work you love and submit it! Everything you need to know is in the prospectus: [PROSPECTUS HERE](#)

News from our Pods

Pod 2 *from Christina Flores*

We had a great meeting this month. Juanelle Marshall was our featured artist. Juanelle is a multi-talented artist with a background in wedding dress design, costume design for theater productions and a published doll maker.

Juanelle shared a few of her wonderful birds with fabulous names, like Tap Dancing Ostrich, Rudy riding Rudy Hummingbird, Golfer Dude, Blue Moon the Owl and Jethro the Goose.

Juanelle will be exhibiting her beautiful and creative dolls from April 27th to June 27th at Expressions Art Gallery at Colbert in Palm Coast.



Below, L to R: An Marshall – hand dyed fabric challenge

Carla Baggett – artwork with birds

Robbin Neff – artwork with a house



Below, L to R: Christina Flores shows a Sashiko Dragon

Diane Rabideau-Wise is doing an art collaboration with Danny Robbins.

Erica Dodge – Modern in Pink and Orange



Pod 3N Show of Hands Art Quilts *from Karol Kusmaul*

Thanks to Diane for her work as Secretary for pod 3N up till now. The group will now be dividing up those responsibilities, as well as helping each other through health challenges.

Kay graciously offered to host SHAQ in May. Here is the schedule for the One Blood exhibits for the next several months:

Spring setup April 11
Water setup June 13
Still Life August
Karol solo October

The rest of the meeting involved presentations by Christie and Zara with interesting information about their places in the world (Doha, Qatar and South Australia), an activity to design a small quilt image of one of the indigenous animals in those places, and a marvelous show and tell session. Zara also shared many small gifts and goodies from the conference.

We enjoyed the company of Angie Knowles and Pat Grice, who drove up from St. Petersburg to attend our pod meeting.

Show 'n Tell, L to R: work by Christie King Eckardt
Stronger Together by Zara, work by Angie Knowles



Right: 100-day challenge
by Sue Redhead

Far Right:
Work-in-progress by
Doris Hulse



Below, L to R: Work by Kay Smith,
bird collage by Dariel Diestelkamp,
work by Sharon Weltner
Zara and Christie showed finished projects



Pod 3 St Pete *from Kathy Peel*

Present: Mary Anne, Jeanette, Kate, Alice, Elizabeth, Kathy. We also welcomed new member, Laura.

Several shared highlights of the SAQA Conference. Top highlight was getting to meet so many wonderful fabric artists, plus the quality of information and slide presentations from the speakers.

Attendees were encouraged to attend the opening of *New Look at Fiber Art Show*, curated by Pat Grice, at the Lewis House on the campus of Eckerd College, St. Pete. Most of our POD have pieces in the show. (Opening was a delight, starting with a lecture by Pat Grice.) The show will be open until June 27th .

Alice has been invited to display her art at Creative Pinellas beginning May 16th .

Ellen has a piece in the *SAQA Awakening Show* at the Mirella Cimato Gallery at Opera Central 2145 1st Ave N St Pete.

For the May meeting Elizabeth and Pauline will talk about battings and their different uses.

Next meeting is May 20th 10:30, Unity Christ Church, 6168 1st Ave N St Pete.

Pod 3 Sarasota *from Ellen Simon*

Pod 3 South met on Monday, April 14, at the Gulf Gate Library.

Present: Ellen N., Ellen S., Frieda, Janine, Jann, Jill, Lisa, Marcia and Trish.

There will be a change of leadership of the Pod. Frieda is stepping away and, as so often happens in organizations with great leadership, it will take three people to fill her shoes.

Ellen S. will take care of programs and scheduling, Marcia will take care of tech, and Mary will send the emails.

The program was a video: *Season After Season* - Behind the Scenes with Sandra Sider.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 12 at noon, same location.

Pod 5 Does St. Pete – at the Global Conference



Pod 7 *from Cindy Ambler*

Pod 7 met via Zoom on April 21. We heard from those who had attended the SAQA Conference in St. Petersburg. All reported wonderful experiences in being able to meet and exchange information with so many amazing artists, both presenters and attendees. Melani attended the opening of *The Crow Show* at The Studio Door in San Diego where she has some work. She is also represented in *The Bloom Show* scheduled to open at the Ft. Lauderdale Galleria Mall April 24. And one of her pieces

was sold the moment she delivered it to the Art Stroll on Las Olas Blvd recently. She is also represented in the SAQA virtual gallery *Below the Surface*. Christie showed off her latest piece of multicolored monstera leaves. And then she unrolled her mammoth amazing hippocampus in her fantasy series. The rest of our time was spent discussing a number of topics and sharing our experiences with some products. Our next meeting is in person on May 19.

Pod *from Perlie Petrillo*

I'm thrilled POD 8 is continuing to grow with four new additions: Sheryl Levine, Beth Frisbie Wallace, Kathy Azeez, and Barbara Fugazzoto. We reviewed how great the SAQA Convention experience was, and I gave a quick demo on using Fosshape. After encouragement from both Sheryl and Barbara, we are all going to start our own artist journals, and bring to our next meeting! And both Barbara and Sheryl agreed to coach us if needed. Here are some of our show 'n tells..

And we were able to preview Suz Marino's amazing quilt in progress for the Cherrywood Challenge.. it is AMAZING.. and can't wait for y'all to see it

Below: Shirley Levine. Center and Right: Nancy Lalacci



Photos from our meeting.



From Sheryl Levine: I am a mixed media fiber artist and printmaker. I recently won a first place award for Graphics at the Vero Beach Art Club's Members' Show, *Abstract Expressions* (February 25 - April 29, 2025) for my Collagraph, *Sea Creatures with Floating Moons*. (Shown at right)



Pod 8 welcomes Kathy Azeez, shown below left with her work in *Awakening*.

Perlie is pleased her work *Guardians of the Night* will be on display at the Cugini Wine bar and Gallery at 805 Lake Avenue in Lake Worth, Florida. The show is open until June 1, 2025.



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How to send news for the next newsletter issue:

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Florida Region Online resources

Our Florida Regional information website is:

<https://saqafl.com/>

Our Florida Artist Gallery Website is:

www.gallerytextileartsaqafl.com/

Our Guide to Putting together an exhibit, side-by-side comparison of kinds of exhibits, is here:

<https://saqafl.com/index.php/resources/>