

**Welcome
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EVENTS AND DEADLINES - SAQA FLORIDA REGION

2025 Florida Retreat

Friday - Sunday

November 7,8,9

Statewide Florida Regional Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, December 14 2 pm with Lisa Thorpe

Opening Reception TRIO Ormond Memorial Museum

Thursday, December 18 5:30 - 8pm

2026 Florida Retreat

Friday - Sunday

June 12, 13,14

Great News! Way to Go!



Perlie Petrillo is honored to have received First Place in Fiber at the Pelican Island Conservation Society.



Peg Green is pleased her piece, *Break Down Barriers*, was included in the new Art Center Sarasota show of Small Works. The opening reception was held in October.

Perlie Petrillo is also pleased to announce *Reflections* (Below) has been accepted into the *Amazing Black and White* exhibit at the MVA Gallery (Modern Visual Arts) in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.



Karol Kusmaul is pleased to announce her quilt, *PhotoBooth*, was juried into SAQA's *Breaking Boundaries*. Painted onto a vintage quilt panel, and beginning with random shapes and marks, eight characters emerged. Karol challenges us: "See if you can find them all."



Karol was also pleased to have work featured in an exhibition of Citrus County Art Teachers, past and present. She narrated a tour of the exhibit and the video was featured on Facebook.



Bobbi Baugh's work, *Stepping on the Cracks*, is exhibiting in *Interpretations 2025* at Visions Art Museum, San Diego. The work was awarded the Mixed Media Award.

Susan Rienzo is ecstatic to share the release and availability for purchase of the *Uppercase Book of Inspiration* which includes her profile and selected art. She writes, "The books are so beautifully put together! So many awesome creators! Fun part: covers unfold and change to 4 different designs. I am so proud to represent Textile Collage!"



NEWS... from OUR FLA REGION REPS

From Ellen Simon and Angie Knowles



SAQA BENEFIT AUCTION I want to thank all the members who contributed small quilts to the annual SAQA fundraiser. Total sales were over \$72,000! SAQA has over 4,000 members and about 400 quilts were donated - about 10 percent of the membership. Florida was well represented in this number. I would like to highlight three sales in particular. Diamond Day: \$1,000 Bobbi Baugh and Kestrel Michaud; First Day - \$750 Beth Frisbie Wallace. All other Florida sales: Linda Geiger, Peg Green, Doris Hulse, Christina Flores, Dariel Diestelkamp, Valerie Goodwin, Anne Jones, Trish Hodge, Kathleen Peel, Elizabeth Niely, Pauline Saltzman, Meena Schaldenbrand, Susan Rienzo Sue Redhead. If I missed your name, my apologies. There was no official list. I followed the sales almost daily and these are the names I recognized. -Ellen

Interested in a Viewing Party for TRIO?

Our newest regional exhibit, TRIO opens on December 18, 2025, and we're checking to see if members would be interested in organizing an informal gathering to view the exhibit together around the time of the opening.

This would be a casual meet-up—not an official event--just a chance for members to see the work in person and connect. If there's interest, we're also looking for a volunteer to help coordinate the gathering (choosing a date, communicating with the group, etc.).

If you're interested in attending or helping to coordinate, please reach out to Angie Knowles or Ellen Simon.

DECEMBER REGIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 pm we will watch a Live Chat with Lisa Thorpe on Art Journals. Lisa will be teaching a workshop for us in April. Use this opportunity to get a preview of her work. Show us your art journal during the Show and Share segment.

LOOKING AHEAD Here is a calendar of activities for next year. Angie and I have made plans through June of 2026.

January. . . Viewing party for TRIO at Ormond Memorial Art Museum, Ormond Beach

February. . .Virtual Meet and Greet with member Showcase

April 22. . . Wed. Workshop with Lisa Thorpe, Sarasota

June 12-14. . . Retreat at Carlisle Inn, Sarasota

MEET AND GREET 2026 COMMITTEE

Last February the Florida Region held an in-person Meet and Greet at the Elliott Museum in Stuart. We would like to hold another M & G event in February of 2026, but this time make it Virtual so more people can attend. The highlight of the event will be the member Showcase, a non-juried exhibit of our quilts. Angie and I have some other activities in mind but we need your help. Please volunteer to be on the planning committee for what we hope will become a yearly get together, either in person or online.

Contact either of us to volunteer. Ellen at CQmaker1950@gmail.com or Angie at saqaflrep@gmail.com.

NOW is the time to be booking a space for a SAQA 2027 retreat. We would love to find a more central location, say Orlando. We will need a volunteer to head up the 2027 retreat committee. You know the drill!

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

NEWS... from THE EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

From Bobbi Baugh exhib.saqa.fl@gmail.com

The Exhibition Committees of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina are working together to secure exhibition venues for our Regional Exhibit. We are pleased to announce four confirmed venues-to-date:



Ormond Memorial Museum

Ormond Beach, Florida

December 18, 2025 – March 1, 2026

Lighthouse ArtCenter

Tequesta, Florida

April 26 – August 26, 2026

Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum

Carrollton, Georgia

May 15 – August 3, 2027

Alpharetta Art Center

Alpharetta, Georgia

August 18 – October 14, 2027

We continue to research venues and to present our proposal to them. We hope to have additional exhibiting opportunities to fill out 2026 and 2027.

Want to see the TRIO artwork? Visit our gallery website: www.GalleryTextileArtSAQAFL.com

News from our Pods

Pod 2 *from Christina Flores* Pod 2 met this month and discussed our 2026 goals and schedule. We have wonderful plans in 2026 that include critiques, book shares, art studies on color, composition, lines plus value. Also, we will be working on painting with dyes on fabric and tyvek.

We are planning a visit to the Cummer Museum to see the Andrew Wyeth exhibit in December.

Emma Fleischer has an exhibit from November 9th to January 3, 2026 at the Expressions Art Gallery on Colbert in Palm Coast. *Peach and Joy (with a Little Rebellion)*

An Marshall, Becky Stack and Melissa May have quilts in the Sacred Threads Exhibit.



Work shared by Emma Fleischer: Boston Terrier Teddy; *Burst*, Spirit Dolls



(Above, Left) By Becky Stack: Sensing Place, Hear, Feel your Mixed Media Art taught by Debbie Lyddon (Above, Right) Landscape by Melissa May



(Above, Left) Lois Kelly - Embroidered Coral using rayon thread and wash away stabilizer; using letters in a quilt "K" (Above, Center) Juanelle Marshall - *Autumn Wind*; the skirt is made using Fosshape. (Above, Right) Robbin Neff - Collage Tree

Pod 3N

Show of Hands Quilters *from Dariel Distelkamp*

Attending: Diane, Kay, Doris, Karol, Gail, Dariel

Old Business: 15 pieces are done for the Sewing Expo. The title is "Life and Times". The setup is March 18th in Lakeland. Please contact Karol if you would like to assist.

New Business: We discussed the topic and dimensions for the Sewing Expo 2027. We decided the topic will be : "Back in Time" which will be a nice follow up to the 2026 theme and the dimensions will be 40" long and the width can be between 20" and 48".

Big SAQA Business: Karol showed a piece she bought at the auction by Gabrielle P. Ryan.

Regional Business: All work chosen is online at the Gallery of Textile Art-SAQA, FL. The catalogue will be out shortly. There were over 80 entries and 30 were chosen. We want to thank Bobbi for all her hard work.

One Blood Update: Karol's show will be up from 10/17-12/12. The following show will be artist's choice. Because of the open choice, Doris asked that everyone consider participating. She will collect them on Dec 9.

Announcements: Karol has 2 pieces at the Inverness Courthouse, and they will be there until Nov. 16th.



(Above, Left) Karol showed two pieces. The first was purchased at the auction and the second a collage quilt she just finished. (Above, Right) Gail showed several pieces she finished recently including her Kangaroo from the Australian creature challenge.

(Right) Dariel showed two quilted books she enjoys making.

(Far Right) Doris shows a piece from her continuing beautiful series on women around the world.





Christie hung two large pieces in her home office.



Doris shows a work she made from a dyed piece of fabric

Pod 3S *from Ellen Simon*

Members present: Lynn, Jann, Frieda, Peg, Michelle, Leslie, Maggie, Roberta, Jill, Ellen. This was our first meeting in the new space at the community building of Peg Green's apartment complex. Everyone agreed it was a great space, with comfy couches, a television that can be used to view SAQA videos, and a separate area with a table if we want to do a hands-on project.

First order of business: congratulate Maggie for having her quilt on the cover of the autumn issue of Art Quilting Studio Magazine. The quilt is *Morning Maidens* and is in Maggie's signature vintage style. This is actually the second time Maggie's work has been featured on the magazine's cover.

Each member was asked to bring a quilt made in their favorite style. There was a great deal of variety.

We discussed the idea of our POD having their own fiber show at the ArtCenter Manatee. Ellen will make further inquiries as to the dates of availability and commission rates. At our next meeting we will discuss a theme, or no theme, for the exhibit. Next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 11 am.

Pod 3 St Pete *from Kathy Peel*

The group discussed the 3 x's 80 party, held Tuesday Oct 21st. Kathy shared several lunch ideas. She suggested it would be fun if show 'n tell consisted of showing our oldest projects, finished or UFO.



(Right) The gang on an outing. *Only at the Fair* by Kathy



Pod 6 *from Debi Bright*

Pod 6 had our restart meeting Saturday, October 25th at Debi Bright's house in Fort Myers. Attending were Debi Bright, Debra Gluszcak, Sally Dutton and Barbie Swanson. After discussing FL SAQA news and SAQA news, we spent most of the meeting discussing what we wanted to get from our pod meetings. We then had Show and Tell which was enjoyed by all. Next meeting is Saturday November 22 from 10 am to 12 noon at the Bright house 10502 Carena Circle, Fort Myers. The meeting will include a Zoom meeting.

Pod 7 *from Cindy Ambler*

Pod 7 met via Zoom on October 20. After showing us results of her recent experiments WTH cyanotypes, Meena volunteered to demonstrate it when she comes down in January. Candice showed off her several successful bids from the SAQA auction. Others showed their recent projects or plans for them. Our next meeting is in person on November 17.

Pod 8 *from Perlle Petrillo*



(Above, L. to R.) Nancy Knoll's hand stitching; We loved having Ellen Lindner come to our pod meeting and see her new quilt; Cathy Heeter's fabulous rust dyed wearable art



(Above, Left) Virginia's Walton's wearable art pieces; (Above, Right) Magnificent work by Suz Marino



Jennifer Sabella is having fun painting faces in a zoom class and making Bags by Annie for Christmas presents.

Our FAB hand sewing group is donating to the no kill shelter HALO in Sebastian, Florida. Here are just a few of the works they created.



Staying Connected

How to send news for the next newsletter issue:

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