

EVENTS AND DEADLINES - SAQA FLORIDA REGION

Statewide Florida Regional Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, October 2 11am Learn Instagram Tips

2025 Florida Retreat

Friday - Sunday November 7,8,9

2026 Florida Retreat

Friday - Sunday June 12,13,14

Opening Reception TRIO Ormond Memorial Museum

Thursday, December 18 5:30 - 8pm

Welcome New Members

Jewel Bennett	3N	bjewel200@earthlink.net	Umatilla	FL	32784
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Great News! Way to Go!

Lynne S. Hartman is pleased to announce her *Glorious August Morning* quilt has been accepted by the jury for judging at the 32nd Annual Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza (PNQE).



Lynne is also pleased her *Quilters Together With Love* has been selected for the *Celebrating Women: A Quilter's Perspective Challenge* at the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza. It will be on exhibit from September 11-14, 2025 & will also travel to the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, February 26-March 1, 2026!



Her quilts, *Midsummer Night Dream Dancers* and *Sofie's August Morning* have been selected as finalists in the Original Sewing & Quilt Expo 2025 Quilt Contest in Lebanon, TN. Judging will take place on October 1; winners will be announced at 12:00pm CT on October 2 at the Expo and on their website. The Expo will be held on October 2, 3 & 4, 2025 in Lebanon, TN.

Lynne's quilt, *Dancers of the Anamu Sun*, has been chosen for the *Sacred Threads 2025 Exhibit*. The inaugural Indianapolis *Sacred Threads* Main Exhibit will be held Oct 30 - Nov 9, 2025.



Soul Stories Artists

Susan Avishai
Susan Brubaker Knapp
Betty Busby
Hollis Chatelain
Helen Creasey
Phyllis Cullen
Sue de Vanny
Gail Garber
Debra Gluszcak
Katalin Horvath
Pam Jenner
Karen Kuranda
An Marshall
Pamela Mick
Candice Phelan
Paula Rafferty
Luana Rubin
Sue Sherman
Dale Stuart
Maggie Vanderweit
Marie Welsh
Libby Williamson

Three Florida SAQA members, **An Marshall, Debra Gluszcak** and **Candice Phelan** have work included in *Threads of Existence*, by *Soul Stories Artists*, an exhibit of 21 artists to premiere at The International Quilt Festival, Houston October 9-12. It will travel to the New England Quilt Museum to exhibit April 15 – July 18, 2026 followed by the Festival of Quilts, Birmingham, UK, July 30 – August 2, 2026. Each quilt carries a message that invites viewers to pause, reflect and engage.

Melani Brewer is pleased to announce her *Black Witch Moths* and *Inka Dinka Doo*, (a Caribbean Octopus,) were juried into the *14th Annual Island City Juried Art Exhibition*.

Her *Anhinga* was juried into *Wings 2025*, an online exhibit in Canada. The *Wings* exhibit runs from August 30 through October 30, 2025

Melani's piece *Invasive* was juried into *Kingdom Animalia 2025*, an online exhibit in Canada which runs from September 10 - November 1, 2025



Anhinga, The Snake Bird
The Art



Cathy Heeter is pleased to announce *Shades and Shadows* and *Silent Sun* (below, left) were accepted into the Midwest Museum of America's juried regional exhibit that will run October 4 through December 31 in Elkhart, IN. Additionally, *Curtain Call* is exhibiting in *UncommonThreads* at the Courthouse Cultural Center in Stuart through November 1.





Karol Kusmaul is delighted to announce that one of her “ugliest quilts” has been juried into Quilts=Art=Quilts! Part of a series about the Russian invasion of Ukraine, *Fortitude* represents a victim of the violent aggression. Karol writes, “I am so pleased that she will get some attention.”

Perlie Petrillo is pleased to have two pieces in the Pelican Island Conservation Society’s Show, (below, left.) The Show will be held at the IR Lagoon Program Office in Sebastian, Florida. The Artist Reception and Awards will be held Saturday, Oct. 11 from 11:00 2-4 PM. The show is on until October 18.



Perlie’s work, *Frida Kahlo*, has been accepted into the *Spirit of Frida Khalo Art Competition and Exhibition*. The work will be in the new Uptown Gallery in Mount Dora, Florida. The Exhibition runs Sept. 19 - October 12, 2025.

Reasoning was accepted into the *BIG and BOLD* Show at Car TEAM USA in Stuart, located at 8168 Jack James Drive, Stuart, Florida 34997. Opening reception is October 9, 2025. There were 90 acceptances from the Artists of Palm Beach County.



Kaleidoscope won Best in Show at the Vero Beach Art Museum

NEWS... from OUR FLA REGION REPS

SAQA FL Fall Retreat – Expanded Registration + Activity Preview!



Retreat Dates: November 7-9, 2025

We're getting excited for the upcoming SAQA FL Retreat, and we'd love to have YOU join us!



New this year – We're opening registration to SAQA members from Georgia and South Carolina, and to non-SAQA guests as well. Invite a friend, carpool with a guildmate, or come solo and make new fiber friends.

Retreat Highlights:

Friday: Kick things off with a trunk show by featured artist Valerie Goodwin, followed by a casual meet & greet to connect with fellow attendees.

Saturday: Enjoy a trunk show with Ellen Lindner, known for her inventive finishing techniques.

Sunday: Participate in a hands-on workshop with Angie Knowles, where you'll create and print with hand-cut EVA foam printing blocks—most supplies provided!

Plus: More creative sessions still being finalized!

Hotel Discount Reminder: To receive the special group rate, be sure to book your hotel room by October 8. Don't miss the chance to stay on-site with your fellow artists!

Location: Courtyard Orange Park, 610 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL 32073

Retreat Fee: \$175, includes lunch each day

Hotel Info: Courtyard Orange Park, 610 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL 32073 Group Rate: \$129 per night (plus tax) Booking Code: SAQ Deadline to book at discounted rate: October 8, 2025

Registration Link: <https://saqa.app.neoncrm.com/event.jsp?event=2951&>

October SAQA FL Regional Meeting . . . Tuesday, October 14, 6PM EST

Join us for regional updates, member sharing, and inspiration. Angie Knowles will be doing a book review on using Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a quilt design companion.

Don't forget to send your show and share to Angie @ saqaflrep@gmail.com

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83863861014> Meeting ID: 838 6386 1014

Special Tech Session – Instagram Made Easy

Thursday, October 2, 2025 11am EST

Join Maggie Dillon for an easy walk through of how to use Instagram including creating a bio, posts, carousels and reels. Then, share to your stories. It's easier than you think!

Instagram Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87058239232?pwd=8OpluMVaD8TxMBFgkhV4roGO9gzj5L.1>

Meeting ID: 870 5823 9232 Passcode: 686151

WHAT I DID AT THE SUMMER RETREAT from Ellen Simon

My traditional quilt guild in Sarasota holds a four-day retreat twice a year. I try to attend the summer event for some much-deserved ME time. Juggling a part time job, a home business and several volunteer positions doesn't leave me with a lot of creative time so this is an opportunity to get away from all those responsibilities. If you are considering attending the SAQA retreat in November, but don't know what to bring, here is a summary of my recent retreat activities.

Day One Warm up sewing: Finish the placemats for Meals on Wheels donation. This is something that doesn't require a lot of concentration as the room is filling up and members settle in. Switch to a non-sewing activity: organizing the pile of clippings for my art journal. Always fun but never seems to get done at home. Sew a tissue box cover. A project with instructions, there is always someone around that can solve a construction issue.

Day Two Deb has arrived so now I can ask her how to use the 15 degree ruler I need to use on my new art quilt. Shopping at Alma Sue's, found some nice pins and a few new fabrics. Attend the Education Committee meeting. Make more circles with new ruler. Go out for Mexican dinner with the girls.

Day Three More circles, make a sleeve and label for art quilt, finish last of placemats

Day Four Inspired by a block my table mate has been working on, I use a set of 5" strips given to me to start a Kidz quilt. My table mate gets upset when she realizes I made more blocks in one morning than she did in two days!

What I love about a retreat is the give and take, the free flow of information, the admiration of your peers, the inspiration from someone else's work. So bring your half-finished projects, those orphan fabrics, that new ruler, and see what fun it is to work surrounded by your fellow enthusiasts.

News from our Pods

Pod 3 St Pete *from Kathy Peel*

Attendance Pod3 members present: Kathy, Carol, Alice, Pat, Elizabeth, Janice, Jan, Diane, Lucy, Katherine. Guests and new attendees: Stephanie and Ann Marie

Announcements

SAQA Florida regional show – Janice Kreuzinger had a piece accepted into Trio show

Carol Hess has work in an upcoming Morean art center exhibition

October meeting is the “3 x 80” event. Kathy will send out details.

Show and Share

Carol and Pat showed their clutch purses made from a class by Pauline Salzman. Alice is working on sewing abstract lines from Diane’s improv piecing demos. Elizabeth is participating in a pop-up this Saturday at Suntan art center. Jan showed us a hexie quilt she’s working on that was perfect for Lucy’s presentation.

Featured Presentation

Lucy had members exploring the world of hexagons using our smart phones. Did you know snowflakes are hexagonal shapes? We shared our discoveries and explored various uses of hexagons.

Next Meeting : October 21, 2025, at 10:30 am at Unity of St. Petersburg Church, 6168 1st Ave N, St. Petersburg, Fl.

Janice Kreuzinger showed 3 quilts: *The End for the Caterpillar is the Beginning for the Butterfly* - juried into *TRIO* and will be exhibited in FL, GA, & SC beginning this December; *All Creatures Great & Small* - constructed with appliqued curves & made in 2016 for her sister who passed in July; *Portals* - started 2014/finished 2021; curved piecing such as our own Diane Gardner-Rhoden is demonstrating in our POD; also hand embroidered.

(Right)
Hexies by Jan



(Far Right)
work by Alice





Purse by Carol



Work by Janice



Paper book by Elizabeth



Work by Alice

Pod 3S *from Ellen Simon*

Our last Zoom meeting of the summer was a real treat. Each member was asked to survey the quilts of the SAQA Auction, choosing the artists who shared their initial (so they wouldn't have to look at all 400 quilts).

They were to pick their favorites based on the elements of design. For instance, best use of shape, or line or texture, etc. Marcia then compiled the choices into a power point presentation. The group looked at each choice and we critiqued the artwork. It was an eye-opening experience and one that everyone greatly enjoyed.

We also enjoyed a PowerPoint from Peg Green about her artist residency at Art Ovation Hotel in Sarasota.

Members present: Marcia, Ellen, Beth, Jann, Trish, Peg, Perlle, Debra

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 8, new time 11:00 am, new place, hospitality room at 2149 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Sarasota

Pod 5 *from KC Grapes*

Attendance: Joan Engel, Linda Geiger, Deanne Hansen, Anne Jones, Ellen Lindner, Mary Nell Maule, Kestrel Michaud, Bridget Morton, Dij Pacarro, Ruth Anne Parker, Perlie Petrillo

Kudos :

Anne Jones, Sandy Shenker, and Perlie Petrillo all have pieces accepted into **Trio**.

Ellen Lindner has a solo show in Virginia: Embracing the Unexpected.

Kestrel Michaud: Best Fantasy Quilt and Best in Show at World.con; Best in Show at Jacksonville Quiltfest; Best Art Quilt and Best in Show at Grand Rapids AQS Quilt Week.

Linda Geiger *Dissonance* selected for inclusion in Colorium 2025, online event hosted by Gallerium and the Book of Arts.

Perlie Petrillo *Square in a Square,*” Best in Show, Vero Beach Art Show. Frida at the *Viva la Frieda*, Mount Dora.

New Business:

See attached program list for 2026. Once again, we are partnering with Pod 8 to exchange programs.

Due to the Florida Retreat scheduled for the second weekend in November, Pod 5’s annual potluck and photo session will occur on November 13. Details to follow.

2026 PROGRAMS

Jan 10 Book share: Ellen Lindner—Blocking Quilts

Program: Bridget Morton—Fiber Arts Center in Philadelphia

Mar 14 Book share: Dij Pacarro Program: Virginia Walton—Printing on Fabric (Pod 8)

April 18: 2nd annual pool party and potluck at Anne Jones’ house

May 9 Book share: Anne Jones Program: Linda Geiger—Dendritic Printing

June 12-14 Florida Retreat in Sarasota

July 11 Book share: Joan Engel Program: Nancy Knoll—Kwanda stitching (pod 8)

September 12 Book share: Rudy Pacarro on 3-D vessels Program: Perlie Petrillo—Working in 3D (Pod 8)

Nov 14 Book share: Bridget Morton Program: Ellen Lindner will coordinate a discussion on process, from sketchbook (or idea) to execution.

Pod 5 SHOW N TELL:



Anne Jones *One Fish Two Fish* and a work acquired by Target



Deanne Hansen *My Flower Album*.



Linda Geiger
Dissonance

Joan Engel
*Daydreaming in
the City That
Never Sleeps*



Bridget Morton *Wild Child Sings to the Trees*



Kestrel Michaud *Colt*

Pod 6 *from Debi Bright*

Hi Pod 6! Get ready for our October meeting! The date is Saturday, October 25th from 10 am to 12 noon. We live in Pelican Preserve off of Treeline Ave between Colonial Blvd and Daniels Parkway. The address is 10502 Carena Circle Ft Myers 33913. There is a guard house at the entrance to Pelican; tell the guard that you are here for the SAQA meeting at the address. I will send emails to our Pod members when I get back to Florida. Bring show and tell and ideas for what you want to do in our meetings. Feel free to send questions to me at disdocent@aol.com. Hope to see you then!

Pod 7 *from Cindy Ambler*

Pod 7 met on September 15, in-person. Melani reported that she has work in the *Island City Juried Art Exhibition* at the Island City Cultural Center in Wilton Manor, FL. The show runs from Sept. 20 through Oct. 11. Candice shared her find of fabric pens at Dollar Tree. We had an impromptu workshop trying out the different colors on scraps of white fabric and they worked well. Candice kindly gifted sets of them to attendees. Our next meeting will be via Zoom on October 20.

Pod 8 *from Perlle Petrillo*

A group of us have started “fiber art bees” and are donating a quilt to a nonprofit group. These pieces will go into a quilt for HALO (no kill shelter). Participants are Virginia Walton, Perlle, Jennifer Sabella, Nancy Knoll, and Nina Nicolosi. All of us are SAQA pod 8 members!



Staying Connected

How to send news for the next newsletter issue:

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