

**Coming
Events**
at a glance

EVENTS AND DEADLINES - SAQA FLORIDA REGION

TRIO exhibits at Lighthouse ArtCenter, Tequesta, FL

Opening reception Thurs, April 23 Exhibit through August 1

Virtual Gallery: Submit works Feb 1 - March 1, 2026

ART MEET N GREET - VIRTUAL GATHERING

Friday - Saturday March 13-14, 2026

In-Person Workshop

Wednesday, April 22 9am - 4pm with Lisa Thorpe

2026 Florida Retreat

Friday - Sunday June 12, 13,14

Welcome New Members

Jan Lanouette
Judith Schaffer
Linda Swanson

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Pod 3S

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Big Pine Key, FL
Wewahitcha, FL
Lakewood Ranch, FL

**Great News!
Way to Go!**



Peg Green is thrilled to be the feature artist for the month of March at the Unity Church of Sarasota, 3023 Proctor Rd, Sarasota, FL 34231. Viewing hours are limited, so please plan to visit on a Tuesday or Thursday, 9am - 3pm.

Ellen Lindner and
Gabriele DiTota

are excited to announce their 2-artist
exhibit at **artSpace in Raleigh NC**,
opening March 3.

The opening reception will be on
March 6.

Please tell your NC friends.



Fabric, Dye, & Serendipity

**Gabriele DiTota
& Ellen Lindner**

March 3 - April 18, 2026

Opening Reception

March 6, 6PM

artspace
Raleigh, NC



Bobbi Baugh is pleased to be part of the 2026
Studio Tour in the DeLand Area: Off the Beaten Path.

Saturday and Sunday March 7-8 10am – 5pm
Free. Plan your own itinerary.

Visit Bobbi's studio as well as 28 other artists in the
DeLand area. (Visit all, or just the ones you want.)

Map and information: [ArtsTours.org](https://www.ArtsTours.org)

NEWS... from
THE EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

TRIO

TRIO concluded its exhibit at Memorial Art Museum on March 1. The next venue will be Lighthouse ArtCenter in Tequesta, Florida. Show dates will be April 23 – August 1. The opening reception will be Thursday, April 23 5-7pm.

Reminder: Our Florida Region has a beautiful gallery website where you can display your work permanently. The website has a shopping cart system allowing sales. The annual fee for participation is only \$30. Please take a look at the website: [HERE](#) And, if you would like to be a part, please contact Exhibition Committee Chair Bobbi Baugh: exhib.saqa.fl@gmail.com



NEWS... from OUR FLA REGION REPS

from Ellen Simon and Angie Knowles

LISA THORPE WORKSHOP APRIL 2026

SAQA Florida will be hosting Lisa Thorpe, a mixed media artist and educator, for a hands-on workshop on Wednesday, April 22. Lisa will be presenting Photo Fascination: fabric and stitch collage, a 6-hour class. It will take place in Sarasota, at the Sarasota Community Church, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Class cost is \$75 and is limited to 20 students. There is a \$25 materials fee payable to Lisa on the day of the class.

Registration is open at saqa.com/store. As of Feb. 24, there are ten members who have signed up. We will be opening registration to non-members on March 15.

The week before the class, I will be sending each registrant driving directions, parking and lunch options. Please note on the supply list that you will need to have a photo in your phone that you will be using as your inspiration. The rest of the supply list is pretty standard for quilt classes. *from Ellen Simon*



MEET & GREET IS ALMOST HERE! LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER:

Cost is \$20. Registration deadline March 1, 2026.

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE](#)

VIRTUAL SHOWCASE DEADLINE IS ALMOST HERE!

The entry window is February 1 – March 1, 2026.

[ENTER WORKS HERE](#)



I'm Looking forward to seeing you at our Meet-and-Greet.

Attendees will get the zoom link and more information in the first week of March. Get your show and tell ready! *from Ellen Lindner*



News from our Pods

Pod 3N Show of Hands Quilters *from Doris Hulse*

Attending the February 10 meeting were Gail Casaday (host), Diane Powers-Harris, Dariel Dodge Diestelkamp, Kay Smith, Sharon Weltner, and Doris Hulse

Old business: The group agreed that whoever is the minutes-taker each month will send the information to the newsletter.

The group also confirmed its next exhibit for the Sewing Expo will be titled **Transformations**. Dimensions: 40" tall x 24"-40" wide. Gail suggested that we share our themes as we work on our quilts to help limit duplication. So far, we have: Diane – a cake from ingredients, Dariel – recycle spoonflower extra pieces, Doris – will submit existing quilt titled *First Freeze*

Doris asked for submissions for the virtual showcase to be shown at the upcoming virtual Art Meet and Greet. Deadline for entries as well as registration for the AMG is 3/1/2026.

Big SAQA business: Doris reminded everyone to consider submitting a small quilt for the Spotlight Auction if they have not already done so. Deadline is 2/23/2026. Details for both are on the SAQA FL website saqafl.com.

Gail commented that her daughter Christie is serving on the SAQA Global exhibit committee. She and another committee member are running a "Did you know?" social media campaign on the SAQA Members only Facebook group. Be sure to like and comment whenever you see one pop up.

We had a brief discussion regarding SAQA Global and regional exhibits and the jurying process.

Regional business: We shared out little birds created and started at our meeting in January.

One Blood update: Doris collected quilts for the Geometric exhibit to be hung at One Blood on Friday 2/13. The quilts were also the majority of our Show-and-Tell for this meeting.

Activity: Gail presented a project for us to make small quilt tops with a fish or stacked stones theme. Thank you, Gail! However, we opted to take time to chat and get to know each other better.

Next meeting: March 10 Host Dariel Dodge-Diestelkamp

Birds and other work by Gail



Work
by Diane



(Below) a bird by Dariel

(Right) Work by Kay



Pod 3 Sarasota *from Ellen Simon*

Pod 3 Sarasota met on Wednesday February 11.

Present: Jill, Trish, Peg, Lynn, Ellen, Marcia, Maggie, Frieda, Roberta, Lisa, Diane, new member Linda and guest Lor.

We worked on the application for the quilt exhibit at Ovation Hotel. We needed to select 8 to 10 images of our work to send with the application. Members printed photos of their quilts on regular paper so we could lay them out on the table and choose a group that was representative of our work and looked good together. Next, we discussed how to size the images for submission, with Maggie helping us with camera settings and sizing on the computer. We collected the money to pay the application fee.

The group agreed to host a potluck dinner for visiting teacher Lisa Thorpe on Tuesday night, April 21. Lynn has offered to host at her home.

There were two show-and-tells: Peg had a very colorful clam shell top that she is making for her grandson. Marcia showed us her two-sided tree quilt that she says she will finish in time for the Venice Area Quilt Show next month.

Our next meeting is Wednesday March 11 at 11 am.

Pod 5 *from Anne Jones*

Pod 5 is remembering and missing their member, **Deanne Hansen**, who passed away on January 31.

Ellen Lindner remembers, "Deanne did such a good job of living a full life right up till the end. A role model for all of us."

Deanne's interests were many and varied, including sewing and crafts of all kinds, most recently quilting; to reading, art, sailing, and animals. She was a current member of Seaside Piecemakers, Studio Art Quilt Association, Moonlighters, and Daughters of the American Revolution Cape Canaveral Chapter. Deanne was a dedicated member of East Coast Zoological Society. She was a founder and member of Brevard Zoo, and a Jaguar Society member, as well as a founder of the Bowen Aquarium. Deanne was a supporter and volunteer for Coastal Poodle Rescue; from where she adopted her beautiful miniature poodle Sky. She also was a past member and board member of both the East Coast Sailing Association and the Space Coast Art Festival. Deanne succumbed quickly to an extremely aggressive form of endometrial cancer.

Pod 7 *from Cindy Ambler*

News from January, unintentionally omitted by Editor Bobbi for February issue. With apologies:

Pod 7 met in person January 19. Beth showed her amazing bird of paradise quilt and some smaller squares with the same theme. Kathy Z. talked about and showed work from a shibori class and her experiments in marbling on fabric. Prior to the actual demonstration, Meena showed a treasure trove of her cyanotype creations. She talked about the different items that can be used and their impact on the final print. Then she showed us step by step how to do it. It was quite exciting to watch the prints develop in the sun.

Our next meeting will be Via Zoom on Feb 16.



Pod 7 met via Zoom on February 16. As always discussions ranged far and wide. Melani noted her upcoming shows. One is at Ann Kolbe Nature Center in Hollywood and runs from August through September. She will also be showing her pieces on trains at the Pen Women show in September. Other members shared their recent participation in lectures, etc.



Pod 8 from Perlie Petrillo

Perlie is so excited to have completed a quilt during her convalesce. It's called *Balance*, and is her submission for the Virtual Showcase for the Art Meet and Greet in March. Perlie writes, "I think it's going to be a really fun event!"



Cathy Heeter gave us an excellent presentation on Cyanotype and combining with spices, and hydrogen peroxide. It was so informative and we each took home a kit. She even provided us with detailed instructions.

Susan Rienzo is trying a new technique . . . mark making, and quilting. Love the tint of yellow!

We kicked off our pod meeting with baby pictures of our members. We had to guess who was who. But the fun part was hearing a short story (about each baby picture). It was an excellent ice breaker discussion. We laughed and their stories stayed with us.



Virginia shared her quilt before her machine seized up ... but love how it's coming! And Big News: Virginia will be curating another quilt show with the ceramics group in Lake Worth. Their ceramics group loved her curating and have asked her to do another show in January 2027 (with the Palm Beach Modern Quilt Guild). Stay tuned.

Beth, Cathy and Perlie have sent in 6 x 8 pieces for the SAQA auction.



(Above left) Diana Evans shared with us this awesome quilt using Tsukineko ink and various folding techniques. Diana also shared with us JoAnna website: Fox and Kit Creative (foxandkitcreative.com). We loved the Art Journal Prompt Deck and stitch kits (which are so cool. It has everything in it for you to stitch a small quilt.

(Above right) Jennifer Sabella does beautiful hand stitching and is making this sign to put on her office door when she is 'working' from home. (so children do not come in) He! He!

Nancy Knoll has joined B B bash (a free 14 day on-line mixed media art event running from Feb 1 - 14, 2026, hosted by BB Henry Art. She's having fun creating with mixed media.

We were so honored to have Pod 5 guests with us. (Anne Jones, Ellen Lindner and Linda Geiger.) Beth Frisbie Wallace joined us (a snowbird from New Hampshire), and a new guest Sheila Duncan.

It was a very fun meeting, and thanks to all.



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