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INTRODUCTION

“The Magic of Engaging with other Artists!”

I’ve just returned from the **SAQA Pathways to Possibilities** conference in Toronto, Canada, and am energized and ready to get back into my studio! It is amazing how much we artists miss our work even when hanging with other amazing artists! I had so many deep conversations about art and its impact that I swear my brain was ready to explode. It was an enlightening experience that pushed my own thinking about my artistic voice. This is what gatherings of creative people do; they invite us into the fold, engage us with new ideas, and push us back out to the world invigorated with a new voice.

You may not be able to go so far away as the conference in Toronto, but you do have a chance to go close by in Newberg, Oregon to experience the magic of engaging with other artists and finding your voice! Our regional conference is just around the corner, so start making your plans to attend. **Susie Monday** will speak to us about the discovering our individual voices as artists and how we can use that voice in new and exciting directions. The following day, Susie will be conducting a workshop that gives us an opportunity to use our voices and expand our messages with our own art.

This is your opportunity to hang out with amazing artists, engage in deep conversations about art, and find your own artistic voice. I guarantee you will come away invigorated with a new outlook on your art. Join us on October 5, 2023 for the conference and stay an extra day for Susie Monday’s workshop. We will create a stronger community and you will push your creative boundaries.

— Kat Puente  
Oregon Regional co-Representative  
Studio Art Quilt Associates  
[www.saqqa.com](http://www.saqqa.com)

THE WORK OF SUSIE MONDAY

Moonrise



After the Fire



# Fiber is Our Voice

Oregon SAQA Regional Conference  
October 5, 2023  
Chehalem Cultural Center Newberg, OR

## The Conference Is Coming, The Conference Is Coming!

### REGISTRATION

**July 1—September 15, 2023**

Registration will be through the **SAQA website**

Registration link will be included in the July newsletter

Conference fee (includes morning snack, beverages and lunch)

**\$90 members/\$100 non-members** (Cancellation fee \$25 until 9/15; After 9/15, no refund)

WORKSHOP: *Using Your Senses to Find Your Voice*

**October 6: 9:00am—4:00pm**

Workshop fee **\$80 members \$90 non-members**

### LODGING

See addendum—**SAQA Oregon 2023 Conference Hotels** for options in the Newberg area

Prices are expected to rise so book early

CENTRAL OREGON

Facilitator  
 Leotie Richards  
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3 Demonstrations

Thursday, May 18, 3 pm  
 Stitchin' Post

We will feature three demonstrations of unusual/innovative techniques and materials used in art quilts. The meeting will be organized by Kelly Acton.

**Helen Brisson** will demonstrate her techniques creating dimensional work with thread painting of the natural world and wash away stabilizers.

**Joyce Brown** will share her recent experiments with painting and heating Lutradur, a spun-bond non-woven translucent polyester - a cross between paper and fabric - used in mixed-media projects that can be painted, printed on, sewn, and heated for a lacy effect.

**Kelly Acton** will demonstrate using images manipulated with Procreate on her iPad to create a vector image to be cut out of non-woven painted fabric with an electronic cutting machine (a la Betty Busby) to be used in quilting projects.

This is a great opportunity to learn about new and unusual techniques and materials. We hope to see you there!

PORTLAND

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Topic TBD...  
 Watch for it in a LoCon PDX group email

Wednesday, May 17, 11am  
 Zoom or in Person TBD

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82171108902?pwd=N3dCK2w0WTIXaU1RMVBQeDVtd3JUQT09>

Our April meeting was held on Zoom with 21 members in attendance.

**Toni Smith** facilitated the April program: "What did you learn at the last workshop you attended? What are some new techniques and approaches you have tried out in your recent work?" Several members shared incredible work which included the following techniques/ processes:

- Silhouette cutting machine using Evolon and Pellon 830
- Geli prints
- Wax batik
- Dendritic printing
- Hand stitching combined with shibori work and 3D items
- A log cabin with 1/4" strips using Alison Glass' paper pieced log cabin pattern
- Using archetypes and chakras to build self-portraits
- Soldering iron to fuse edges of fabric with polyester in it
- A piece in progress for the SAQA Global show "Bearing Witness."

**June meeting** – In person. Two SAQA member studio tours in Beaverton area.

**July meeting** – In person. We'll be creating decorations for the regional meeting. More info later.

VALLEY SOUTH

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Sandy Wagner and Sue Redhead will be presenting a program on shibori dyeing.

Friday, May 19, pm  
 via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81254016203?pwd=Tm13aWdvQ3RlM20vL04zNUY1bmNxZz09>

At Valley-South's April, **Sheryl LeBlanc** led us through a discussion, fleshing out the details for a prospectus for a showcase show. We decided on the elements ( fire, earth, water, air) as our theme. Sheryl will finalize the prospectus and send out details soon. We plan to present the showcase in February 2024 at the New Zone Gallery in Eugene.

Members also shared favorite fabrics, products and sources they use for their dye work.

## MEMBER NEWS



### NANCY BRYANT

While driving south on Prairie Road from Junction City, Oregon, I passed an abandoned red brick silo that caught my attention. I returned later to stop and photograph it. Perhaps because I grew up in a red brick house, the silo drew me in. The image was printed onto fabric and grew into an art quilt.

"Silo on Prairie Road" has been accepted for the Art about Agriculture 2023 Touring Exhibition. The exhibition will be on view at the Guistina Gallery, LaSells Stewart Center, Corvallis, from May 9 through June 15. The exhibition will be in Portland's Centers for the Performing Arts from November 17 through December 31 after its run at the Rogue Gallery and Art Center in Medford from September 29 through November 10.

### FRANKI KOHLER

I'm thrilled to be in the Printed and Stitched exhibit, a collaboration between the California Society of Printmakers and SAQA California/ Nevada Regions. The exhibit will travel for 3 years beginning with the May 2023 exhibit at Art Ark Gallery in San Jose. The exhibit will continue touring with Exhibit Envoy from 2023 to 2027.



**NIRAJA LORENZ**

“Strata” received an Honorable Mention at the Fantastic Fibers exhibition, Yeiser Art Center, Paducah KY. It is strip-pieced from solid colored cotton fabric. 28” x 81”.



**GLENDA MAH**

Periculum Avian (Birds in Peril) has been accepted to the International Quilt Festival exhibit, Changing Climate, in Long Beach, California July 6, 7, 8, 2023. 52” x 54”



**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PRINTMKERS AND  
STUDIO ART QUILT ASSOCIATES, CALIFORNIA/NEVADA REGIONS**

**PRINTED & STITCHED**

examining the overlap between the hand pulled print and the art quilt

A collaboration: **California Society of Printmakers and  
Studio Art Quilt Associates, California / Nevada Regions**

Opening Reception: **June 2nd, 6pm-9pm**

Exhibition Dates: **5/20/23 to 6/18/23** at **Art Ark Gallery** [artarkgallery.com](http://artarkgallery.com)  
1035 S. Sixth St, San Jose, CA 95112

please view gallery website for hours and other information

a participant of SoFF: **South First Fridays' Art Walk**,  
[www.southfirstfridays.com](http://www.southfirstfridays.com)

[caprintmakers.org](http://caprintmakers.org)  
[saqanorcalnv.com](http://saqanorcalnv.com)



credits: front,clockwise: A. Dedick, L. Hall, L. M. Ruiz, R. Smith  
back, right to left: G. Dixon, L. Craighead, S. Howe, C. Rohman

**MIX**

MIX is a mix media group in  
Portland with SAQA members  
Betty Daggett, Annette McFarlane,  
Elaine Millar and Hilde Morin.

Their next exhibit, In the MIX, will  
be at the Stitchin Post  
from May 26- June 19th.

**Stitchin' Post Gallery**

In the MIX – PDX Mixed Media Group  
Opening May 26, 2023



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## TERESA RUCH DESIGNS

I'm happy share news about 3 upcoming events for those interested in exquisite fibers. I will be bringing my hand dyed tencel yarns, natural dyed silk roving, and Shibori over-dyed leather to vendor booths at:

**Fiber Fusion** in Monroe, WA  
June 2-4, 2023

**Black Sheep Gathering** in Albany, OR  
June 23-25, 2023

I will also be teaching at the:

**Association of Northwest Weaving Guilds**  
(ANWG) in Bend, OR — June 11-17

I hope you get a chance stop by and say "Hello". If not, feel free to reach out through my website, [teresaruchdesigns.com](http://teresaruchdesigns.com).

## IMPORTANT LINKS

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SAQA Global: <http://www.saqa.com/>

SAQA Oregon: <https://www.saqaoregon.com/>

SAQA Oregon Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/saqaoregon/>

SAQA Global Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/saqaart/>

SAQA Oregon Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SAQAOregon/>

SAQA Global Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mySAQA/>

If you have an Instagram account, you can use the following hashtags: #saqaart, #saqaartist

Questions, comments, suggestions, ideas, complaints?

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## ADDENDUM — SAQA OREGON 2023 CONFERENCE HOTELS

### HOTELS IN OR NEAR NEWBERG, OR

Note: Hotel rates for October in Newberg tend to increase significantly over usual pricing (it is their high season). Several hotels suggested that conference attendees might want to make their reservations as soon as possible to guarantee the best rate. The rates listed here are based on the information available in March 2023 and may change (except for the special conference rates noted).

#### **BEST WESTERN NEWBERG INN \*RATE: \$119/NIGHT (KING), \$129/NIGHT (2 QUEENS)**

[www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

\*\*This is a special conference rate for 10/4-6 (one or two nights). You need to book by 9/4/23 to get this rate. To get the special conference rate, call the hotel directly and mention you are part of the SAQA - OR chapter. They are holding 10-15 rooms for our group so book early!

**Phone #: 503-537-3000 (direct) Address: 2211 Portland Rd**

Distance to Chehalem Cultural Center: 0.88 miles east (~15 min walk)

Notes: free parking, free wi-fi, free breakfast, indoor pool with hot tub & sauna, pet-friendly (but pet rooms are not available at the special conference rate)

#### **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS NEWBERG RATE: \$140/NIGHT (KING); \$149/NIGHT (2 QUEENS)**

[www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com)

**Phone #: 888-389-4121 Address: 501 Sitka Ave**

Distance to Chehalem Cultural Center: 0.79 miles east (~15 min walk)

Notes: free parking, free wi-fi, free on-the-go breakfast, pets not allowed

#### **TRAVELODGE SUITES BY WYNDHAM**

This hotel currently states it does not have availability for our dates, but that can change so it might be worth checking.

[www.wyndhamhotels.com](http://www.wyndhamhotels.com)

**Phone #: 800-716-8490 Address: 2816 Portland Rd**

Distance to Chehalem Cultural Center: 1.19 miles east (~21 min walk)

Notes: free parking, free wi-fi, free breakfast, pet-friendly

#### **THE SETTING INN RATE: \$500-1100/NIGHT**

[www.thesettinginn.com/willamette/](http://www.thesettinginn.com/willamette/)

**Phone #: 503-400-3748 Address: 20300 NE Hwy 240**

Distance to Chehalem Cultural Center: 3.2 miles west (~6 min drive)

Notes: Willamette Tasting Room, free parking, free wi-fi, free breakfast, fitness center with gym/workout room

#### **ALLISON INN & SPA RATE: \$550-800/NIGHT**

[www.theallison.com](http://www.theallison.com)

**Phone #: 877-294-2525 Address: 2525 Allison Ln**

Distance to Chehalem Cultural Center: 0.88 miles east (~15 min walk)

Notes: luxury resort - 5 star hotel, gas fireplace, personal terrace or balcony, soaking tub, free wi-fi, fitness studio, indoor pool

#### **VINEYARD VIEW INN B&B RATE: \$259-369/NIGHT**

[www.vineyardviewinn.com](http://www.vineyardviewinn.com)

**Phone #: 503-899-5911 Address: 28900 NE Bell Rd**

Distance to Chehalem Cultural Center: 3.6 miles northeast (~7 min drive)

Notes: free parking, free wi-fi, free gourmet breakfast, outdoor fireplace, private patio or deck

#### **HAMPTON INN SHERWOOD RATE: \$126/NIGHT (KING), \$130/NIGHT (2 QUEENS)**

[www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)

**Phone #: 888-965-1860 Address: 22000 SW Meinecke Pkwy, Sherwood**

Distance to Chehalem Cultural Center: 7.06 miles northeast (~10 min drive)

Notes: free parking, free wi-fi, free breakfast, fitness center, indoor pool, pet-friendly