



STUDIO ART QUILT ASSOCIATES

OREGON REGION

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## INTRODUCTION

### THE SIMPLE JOY OF TIME WITH FRIENDS

I love our SAQA community! We all share a passion for art but come from a myriad of backgrounds. Spending time together is both fun and fascinating.

That’s why I happily joined 2 friends for 2 days exploring Newberg. Our mission - discover highlights and hidden gems to share with our SAQA community.

We were pleasantly surprised. The more we looked, the more we found in Newberg. From the quirky to the sophisticated. We found great food, wine, shopping and art. We also found great joy in each other and our fresh perspectives. Each discovery fueled more inspiration and curiosity.

While I love making art, it often is a private affair. As the days tick down toward another deadline, I’ve locked myself in the studio. It’s productive, but solitary. Yet, I smile recalling our adventures and relish the chance to spend more time with friends ... just around the corner on October 5th at our SAQA Oregon conference.

Special thanks to Karen Hewer and Kat Puenta for making conference research a complete joy!

Registration is open. See the details and important links in this newsletter.

A list of local highlights and activities will be forwarded to attendees after registration. Drop me a note if you would like to review before registration.

— Kristan Collins  
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# Fiber is Our Voice

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

## Only Two Months Until Our Great Conference!

Time to sign up to celebrate the amazing art we make and meet up with old and new friends. This conference is bound to give your creativity and art a kick in the pants! The conference will be on October 5th in the center of Northwest Oregon's wine country—Newberg. An optional workshop will follow on October 6th.

<https://www.saqa.com/events/fiber-our-voice-saqa-oregon-regional-conference>

### OREGON VOICES: Sharing and Selling from Artist to Artist

Hopefully you're working on a 12 X12 to enter for the sale. Please register your piece with this easy link:

<https://airtable.com/appO824imOUY99IIH/shr56ZHZrnl3POqbu>

You just need to enter your information and a photo of your piece, taken with your phone is fine. We look forward to seeing the variety of interesting work our members produce.

Your pieces can be turned in at your local connection at either the August or September meetings, or mailed to Kristan Collins. The deadline is September 22. If you have any questions, contact Sue Redhead, (sue12385@gmail.com).

#### REGISTRATION

**July 1—September 15, 2023:** Registration will be through the **SAQA website**

Registration link: <https://www.saqa.com/events/fiber-our-voice-saqa-oregon-regional-conference>

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**

CENTRAL OREGON

Facilitator  
Leotie Richards  
[lotidesignworks@gmail.com](mailto:lotidesignworks@gmail.com)

Pine Meadow Ranch  
"Stitch Camp"

Thursday, Aug 17, 10am-2pm  
In Person

For our August meeting we will meet at the Pine Meadow Ranch. We'll explore the area and hold a "stitch camp".

Bring your hand stitching projects, as well as your lunch. (Water will be provided to augment what we've brought.) We'll share our stitching exploits and challenges, explore the creek, and tour the ranch. And don't forget your show-and-tell pieces.

Please respond to Janet White, [writejpw@gmail.com](mailto:writejpw@gmail.com) or 425-870-0296, by no later than August 10th if you plan to attend the Stitch Camp meeting.

We will meet at the Stitchin Post and carpool to the Ranch in order to minimize the number of cars, and to share the gate entry code. Make sure to share this information, so that everyone knows.

Guests who are interested in joining the Central Oregon SAQA group are welcome to come with you.

See you at Stitch Camp!

PORTLAND

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Discussion Day!

Wednesday, Aug 16, 11am-3pm  
Kennedy School Community Rm  
5736 NE 33rd, Portland, 97211  
In Person

Our July meeting was held at the Mill End Store's upstairs classroom in Milwaukie with 12 members in attendance. We had a great time assembling decorations for the upcoming regional conference.

During our August meeting at McMenam's Kennedy School we will have many exciting announcements. We will also discuss the need for new facilitators, sharing possible new models of a facilitator committee.

Many members choose to stay and lunch together at Kennedy. Or, feel free to brown bag your meal. FYI... Kennedy School has a lovely courtyard restaurant for dining al fresco.

September meeting – Studio Tours in Beaverton: Terry Grant and Elizabeth Bamberger

Contact Tina Ryan at [tina.sews.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:tina.sews.ryan@gmail.com) if you can assist with the tours.

VALLEY SOUTH

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Biophilia Shares  
Discussion, SAQA video

Friday, Aug 18, 10am-2pm  
Zoom

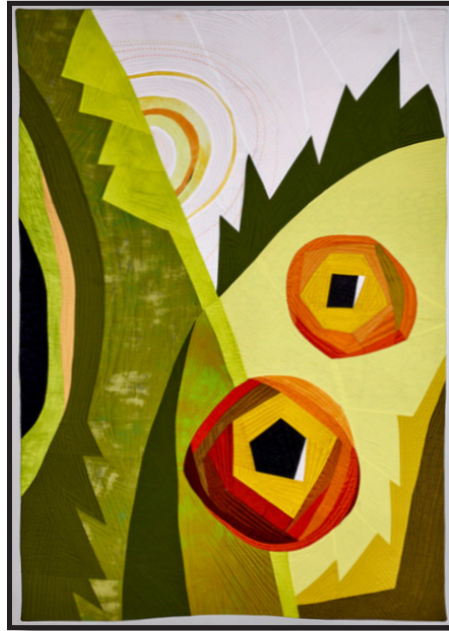
Valley-South celebrated summer by having a social in person get together at Sarver Winery for our July meeting.

Our August meeting will be on Zoom again and will give members who created work for Biophilia a chance to share their completed projects. We are also considering showing and discussing the SAQA video on calls for entry.

## MEMBER NEWS

### AMANDA MILLER

Amanda Miller's work, **Sunflowers** and **Story Time**, have been selected for *Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum's International Quilt & Fiber Arts Festival 2023* held October 6-8, 2023 in Everett, WA at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center.



### SUZY BATES, A TRIBUTE

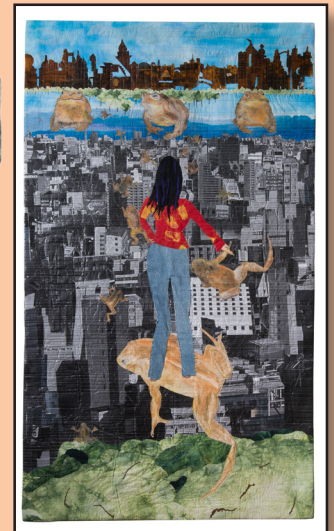
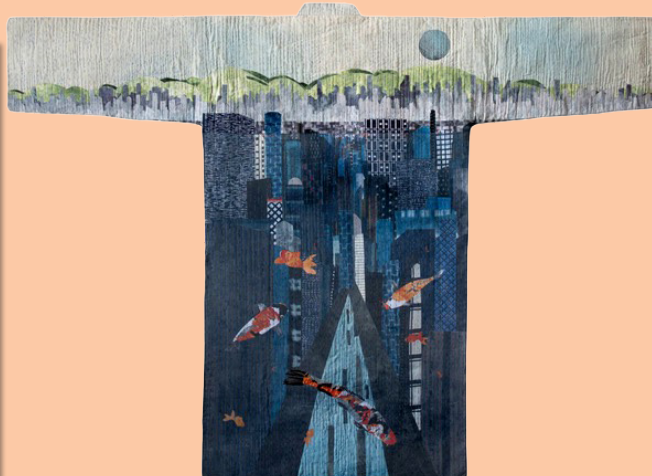
by Gerrie Congdon

The SAQA community has lost a vibrant and creative member. Many of you will remember when she was our local connection leader. She was determined to have programs that were engaging and meaningful to the group. Terry Grant and I were lucky to have her as part of a small group that met every month. She always could make us laugh, even as she struggled with the cancer diagnosis. She was diagnosed just before the pandemic, but never let it deter her. She was upbeat and doing her normal daily workout. She was not afraid to try another experimental drug until there was no longer a treatment. She was a devoted Grandma to her two grandsons who live in California.

I am sure many of you are familiar with the art quilts that she created. They were so inventive and quirky. I used to tease her about wanting to get inside her brain to see what was going on. I hope you will enjoy a peek at some of the quilts she created.



Left to right: **Edgiest Person in Portland**, **H2O** and **My Bridge to Tranquility**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SAQA Oregon

#### SAQA OREGON CALL FOR ENTRY - BIOPHILIA DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15!

<https://www.saga.com/events/biophilia-threads-natural-wonder-saga-regional-call-entry>

#### SAQA OREGON REGIONAL CONFERENCE - NEWBERG, OR - OCTOBER 5, 2023

Register Now!

<https://www.saga.com/events/fiber-our-voice-saga-oregon-regional-conference>

#### SAQA OREGON REGIONAL ONLINE EVENT! SIDNEE SNELL

Sidnee Snell will be presenting her process to the region on September 12, 2023. This is a free event for SAQA Oregon members. An email blast with the webinar link will go out in early September.

<http://www.sidneesnell.com/>

### SAQA Global

#### SAQA BENEFIT AUCTION

The annual Benefit Auction is SAQA's premier fundraising event! This year's auction will take place online from September 14 through October 8. All proceeds help support SAQA's exhibition programs, publications, and education outreach. Plus, your purchase helps increase the recognition for art quilts and the artists who make them.

<https://www.saga.com/auction>

#### CALLS FOR ENTRY

Bearing Witness: October 1-31, 2023

<https://www.saga.com/events/bearing-witness-saga-global-call-entry>

#### ABSTRACTIONS: TEXTURAL ELEMENTS: NOVEMBER 1-30, 2023

<https://www.saga.com/events/abstraction-textural-elements-saga-global-call-entry>

## IMPORTANT LINKS

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

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

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

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

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: #sagaart, #sagaartist

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