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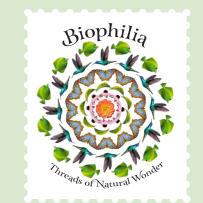
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# INTRODUCTION

# DEJA VU

Hello SAQA Oregon! I'm having a little **deja vu** here. I was asked to introduce myself as your new Co-Rep for Oregon.

I've been here before, co-repping years ago with Laura Jaszkowski (hi Laura!). We loved our tenure: SAQA grew in Oregon, we got to meet so many people, and we learned so much about SAQA.

It's an organization that has my admiration and loyalty - it is so well-organized and well-administered. So I didn't think twice about volunteering to take another term, and I'm looking forward to it!

What's different this time? Well, we have a strong membership base now (257!). There is always room for new members, but it isn't necessarily our first priority. Kat and I are in agreement that our job is to maximize the experience of SAQA for all members, while we keep in mind the primary goal of honoring the art quilt as a fine art medium.

If you have any ideas for us, please feel free to to offer them! You can reach me at <u>gfrench1946@gmail.com</u>, and I'd love to hear from you. There is a lot happening in SAQA and much of it is in Oregon. I hope to see you at our retreat in Sunriver. And, I encourage you to sign up for the SAQA Conference in April (virtual). You won't be sorry!

Also, I want to advocate for our three local connections. You can participate in person or via Zoom, and it really is where our community starts. Above all, keep making quilts and share them in all possible ways

& venues - it's what we're about and we are artists who deserve to have our work shown! Enter exhibits, seek out showcases.

Kat and I welcome your comments and if we can help you in any way, we will. Hope to see you all soon!

Georgia French Oregon Regional Representative, Studio Art Quilt Associates <u>gfrench1946@gmail.com</u> www.saga.com



# SAQA OREGON WEBSITE

https://www.saqaoregon.com

Lynn Woll and Pat Fifer updated much of the SAQA Oregon website with creator, Amanda Snavely. You will find information for current and upcoming events, links to the most recent newsletters and information on local connection meetings. Updates will be on going. There is even a place for members to have an Artist Web Page. Just fill out the form https://www.saqaoregon.com/for-members-1

## OREGON REGION



## BIOPHILIA AT CHEHALEM CULTURAL CENTER

Biophilia, the latest Oregon regional show, opened at Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg, OR, on March 5 and will be on exhibit March 5 through May 30, 2024.

Thirty-nine artists will represent their interpretations of the love of life and all things living through the use of fiber and stitch.

The artist reception is Friday, March 15, from 5 to 7PM.

Catalogs of the show will be available at the reception or you can pick one up at your local connection meeting.

# GET PLUGGED INTO SAQA OREGON - VOLUNTEER!

We have a vibrant, active community of art guilters with three Local Connections and lots of activities like retreats, exhibits and conferences. Build your network with other artists by getting involved. We set up all volunteer opportunities in committees so that the work is shared and the opportunities to develop friendships are numerous.

#### 2025 REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Join this group to help plan the next conference. Meetings are once a month for about an hour. Help find a venue, speakers, a workshop, food and other fun activities. The committee will have some members from the 2023 Conference Committee who will know the procedures, so come, learn, and build your own experience planning this fun event!

#### 2026 REGIONAL EXHIBIT

This fascinating committee will plug you into a group of friends as you learn about curating an exhibit. We have members with much experience to lead this committee, so come and learn from the best! You will learn about putting together a prospectus, gallery calls, jurors, exhibit technologies, catalogs, and packing and moving art guilts to venues.

Contact your reps if you are interested in joining one of these committees or you just have questions.

Kat Puente kathypuente50@gmail.com or Georgia French gfrench1946@gmail.com

# SAQA OREGON CALL

#### **REGIONAL TRUNK SHOW— "COMMON THREADS: THE STITCHES THAT UNITE US"**

#### March 30, 2024 — Deadline to Submit

This is a showcase for our 1st and 2nd Oregon Regional Members. The purpose of this showcase is to present the diversity of our membership's talent and support SAQA's mission to "promote the art quilt."

The size of each entry must be 7 by 10 inches, either orientation. Please measure carefully.

Registration is open; click on the link for detailed information and to register:

https://www.saga.com/events/common-threads-stitches-unite-us-saga-oregonregional-trunk-show

or

**SAQA Oregon Trunk Show** 

#### SAQA OREGON EVENTS •



#### April 5, 2024 at 10 am

#### DEBBIE LYDDON ONLINE LECTURE "SENSING PLACE"

An artist and maker based in Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, Debbie's inspiration comes from being out in the natural world – from walking, noticing, collecting, being curious and learning. She makes mixed media cloths, sculptures, installations and drawings which originate from thoughts and memories that are a consequence of experiencing place and paying attention.

Join SAQA Oregon on April 5, 2024 at 10 am to hear Debbie talk about her art and her process. This event is free to all SAQA Oregon members!

Artist information: www.debbielyddon.co.uk

Use this link on April 5: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89210590491?pwd=fFoTbXK IddvJIKwR69T2KOqTZq7E2a.1

#### May 31 to June 1, 2024

#### JEANNETTE DINICOLAS MEYER "SHEER PLAY"

#### Eugene Textile Center, Eugene, Oregon

#### Registration is open

In person at the Eugene Textile Center on May 31 and June 1! Discover the design and color world which opens up while composing quilts or fabric collages with layers of sheer silk organza and crisp cotton organdy. We will begin by producing a gemlike palette of translucent fabric with water-based paints. We'll use those fabrics in a design exercise that will demonstrate how new colors and shapes emerge as the translucent fabrics are layered and also in a technique sampler notebook of construction methods that exploit the translucent nature of these fabrics. Some of those construction methods include

traditional (hand-sewn) Korean bojagi, my machine-sewn version of that clever seam, as well as other machine and hand-sewn seams that explore the design possibilities different finished and raw edges provide. You'll leave the workshop with an understanding of how to produce the colors of organza you need, how to use these materials in your own designs, and how to employ construction techniques that embrace the inherit property of sheer fabrics.

#### Link for registration:

https://saqa.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/saqa/event.jsp?event=2635&

# August 17, 2024 BETTY BUSBY ONLINE LECTURE

Artist information: www.bbusbyarts.com





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## May 21-23, 2024

#### SAQA OREGON RETREAT AT SUNRIVER

#### TAKE 3 DAYS OFF THIS MAY and ENJOY HANGING WITH YOUR PEOPLE

We've rented half a ballroom with lots of tables, outlets. and an ironing board. We are providing coffee, tea, other beverages, snacks and a yummy lunch each day, and there will be a happy hour on the second day at one of the houses. Bring your machine and projects and see what everyone else is working on. Join us and sew with wild abandon!

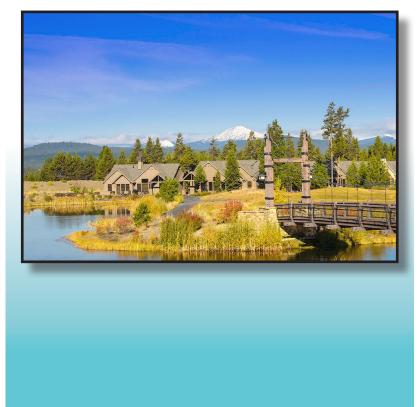
You'll be sharing a house with 4 other people with a choice of room that fits your budget. The evenings will be spent in great conversation with people who understand you and love art guilting as much as you do. Although the house has a kitchen, cooking is optional as there are plenty of dining options in the Sunriver Village. You can check in on May 21 and the next day the sewing begins. Check out will be May 24 and we will still be sewing until the afternoon.

#### The four options are:

- Private room/Private Bath \$495
- Private room/Shared Bath \$395
- Shared room \$320 (Twin beds)
- Commuter \$160 (If you live close by or are planning on finding lodging yourself)

#### Click here to register!

Contact Kat Puente with any questions at kathvpuente50@gmail.com



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# LOCAL CONNECTIONS

# CENTRAL OREGON

Lynn Woll, Communications lvnn@createwhimsv.com

Thursday, March 14, 3pm

# CONNECTIONS – PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR WORK



Hybrid – In Person and Zoom HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89984072372?PWD=FCJBGBMR24VKNILAOQIBUMHM15DCUU.1 STITCHIN' POST

311 W Cascade Ave, Sisters, OR 97759

ou spent all of that time making your art. Learn some tips and tricks to take the best possible pictures.

Nancy Rohr and Kristan Collins will lead a photography presentation at our February meeting that is designed to give members a resource guide and a basic toolbox to help them if they wish to photograph their own quilts for entry to the challenges and exhibits.

The presentation will provide information regarding SAQA resources, basic photography procedures to help your photos be accepted; and give anecdotes and examples of what the judges see once a photo is presented. In addition, Dennis Schmidling, who owns Sisters Gallery and Frame Shop, will provide information regarding the professional photography services he offers.

After the presentation, there will be announcements and time to share your latest work. Stuck on a piece in progress, bring it and ask for ideas and suggestions. And, please share any upcoming art events in Central Oregon.

REMEMBER TO BRING AND WEAR YOUR NAME TAG!

This meeting will be hybrid and open to all Oregon SAQA members.



# DESCHUTES PUBLIC LIBRARY NOVEL IDEA QUILTS

he library is excited to support a quilt exhibit within their planned activities surrounding the Novel Idea books chosen for the 2024 events. A partnership with the Deschutes Historical Museum will house the exhibit in their venue beginning in May 2024. They did a fantastic job with the 20th anniversary of the Novel Idea guilts from 5 different books last year!

This year's titles are **Shark Heart** by *Emily Habeck*, and a youth title **No Matter the Distance** by *Cindy* Baldwin. Both titles are available at the library.

You are invited to make a guilt inspired by either title. Specifications include a minimum of 18" on a side and a maximum of 40" on a side. Completion by April 12th is required. More specifications will be available to those interested in participating.

Please contact Jill Monley at jmonley@bendbroadband.com, Martha Sanders at marthapsanders@gmail.com or Patti Stewart at pattistewartusa@gmail.com for more information or to let us know you will participate.

This call is open to all Oregon residents.

# PORTLAND

**Co-Facilitators** Jana Engle jengle312@gmail.com **Marie Murphy Wolfe** slatsrie@comcast.net

# EXHIBITION AND GALLERY OPPORTUNITIES, DISCUSSION

Wednesday, March 20, 11am Hybrid and In Person MILWAUKIE CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM 10501 SE Main St, Milwaukie, OR 97222

parking available across the street or on street (free) https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89984072372?pwd=FCJBGbMR24vknilaoQIBUmHm15dCUU.1

here was strong interest expressed to learn more about exhibiting our art. We have some new and less experienced members and some national prize winners in our group. Let us join together and share the good, the bad, and the glorious, about getting our work out there. We will have 3 members talk about their experiences and then open for broad discussion.

Dovetailing right into this... it is the time to turn in your pieces for the **Alberta Street Gallery Invitational!** (see below for information) Please bring your pieces with the Gallery Release Form on the 20th. We will send a new copy to all PDX members in separate email to be sure you all have one available. This is a special and rare opportunity that I hope you will embrace!

And we can hardly wait for April... Jana has arranged for an Occupational Therapist (who is also a fiber artist!) to speak to us about ergonomics in the studio. In other words: "How to save your body and keep creating!"

Showing recent work is ALWAYS on the agenda!

Marie Murphy Wolfe, Co-facilitator



Alberta Street

## **REMINDER!... SAQA PDX Call for Entry**

## **ALBERTA STREET GALLERY INVITATIONAL**

Our Local Connection members have a wonderful opportunity to submit a piece for an exhibit at Alberta Street Gallery's Lavaun's Community Gallery. The Alberta Street Gallery, a professional artist collective, is an integral part of the art scene in the Historic Alberta Arts District and greater Portland.

#### The Fiber Art Invitational show dates: March 28 through April 22, 2024

Submission requirements were sent via portlandsaga@gmail.com to Portland members. If you missed it, inquire by emailing to the same email address.

Please bring your completed artwork along with the required forms to our March Meeting on March 20, 2024.





**Co-Facilitators Judy Peterson** 4petesplace@gmail.com **Angelia Peterson** mailto:duoatplay@gmail.com

# **REVEAL, PHASE 1, ABSTRACTION PROCESS**

Friday, March 22, 1:30pm **Zoom and In Person** EUGENE TEXTILE CENTER 2750 Roosevelt Blvd., Eugene, OR 97402 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81254016203?pwd=Tm13aWdvQ3RIM20vL04zNUY1bmNxZz09

alley South Will be meeting on March 22, 2024,1:30 PM PT (DATE MOVED) to accommodate the Biophilia opening.

Judy Peterson and Angelia Peteson will take over the meeting lead and hope to see you there.

The reveal of PHASE ONE of the Abstraction Process led by Georgia French will take place for those who are cruzin' right along.

We will also be bringing inspiration pieces to share of what sparks our creativity right now.

Please join us for our first hybrid meeting on Zoom or in person at Eugene Textile Center, 2750 Roosevelt Blvd, Eugene, OR 97402.





TEXTILE CENTER

#### MEMBER NEWS

# **SHERRI CULVER**

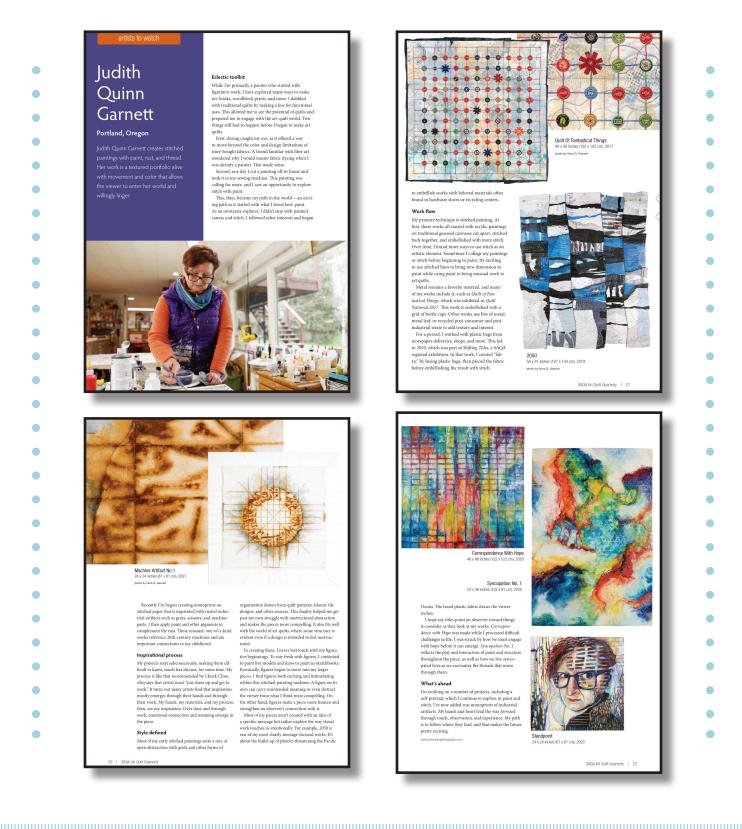
Sherri Culver's process of creating art quilts is featured in the Spring 2024 edition of Art Quilting Studio.



## JUDITH QUINN GARNETT

Judith Quinn Garnett's heated painting **2050** made from plastic bags, party table cloths, and garden netting has been selected by **Art Fluent** for its show <u>Aqueous</u> now visible online at <u>https://art-fluent.com/gallery/</u> <u>aqueous/</u>. This show features all types of works — from painting and sculpture to photography and fiber.

Judith is also featured in the latest *Art Quilt Quarterly* from SAQA. The writer stated, "Judith's work is a textured portfolio alive with movement and color that allows the viewer to enter her world and willingly linger." The magazine can be downloaded at the following link: <u>www.saqa.com/resources/art-quilt-quarterly/AQQ34</u>



# SAQA GLOBAL



January 29-March 29, 2024 SAQA Seminar 2024 — Tool Talk This online program will focus on taking your tools and techniques out of the box. Free to all SAQA members. Registration is open. https://www.saga.com/events/saga-seminar-2024-tool-talk



#### April 12-20, 2024

SAQA Global Virtual Conference "Plurality and Heritage" This online event will highlight textile art and artists from Europe and the Middle East. Registration through SAQA.com

Consider making artwork for the Spotlight Auction held during the conference. Call for Entry deadline is March 1, 2024.

https://www.saqa.com/events/annual-conference/ plurality-heritage-saqa-2024-conference

# **NON-SAQA EVENTS**



# **A DIFFERENT VIEW**

#### HIGH FIBER DIET invites you to their

2024 exhibition in Astoria, Oregon, April 5 through June 14 at the following venues:

#### **ART LOFT**

Astoria, OR	April 5-27, 2024
Regular hours	Tu-Sa 10am to 4pm
Second Saturday Astoria Art Walk	April 13

#### **GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH ART WALL**

Astoria, OR May 17- June 14, 2024
Open to public Tu and Th, 9-11am &
by appointment with Jo at the Art Loft
Reception May 19



High Fiber Diet is a special interest group of Columbia Fiber Arts Group

# AN ANCIENT STORY Retold in Imaginary Tapestry by Shirley Cunningham

"pronounced "tove" towb is the Hebrew word for good. This name was chosen for the installation for I believe it encapsulates the ancient creation story. The hanging tapestry mobiles of this exhibit are my way of telling, engaging the viewer actively in the story."

Activity Room of The Manor 900 NW Hill Road Friday, March 22 at 2:00 pm Saturday, March 23 at 2:00 pm

(There is a bus available on Friday!)

To learn more about the artist, go to www.shirlc.com





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