

Art Quilters Unlimited

November 2025

President's Letter

Official notice: My studio is in "messy" mode. Work on a certain insect has superseded all other activities. To my surprise, the material chaos around me is actually energizing the process. The creative heavy lifting is over. Technical and assembly issues are under control, in my head and on paper. I am purposefully proceeding with details like sewing on beads and threading gold elastic through hooks and eyes without, and this is the most important part, feeling the compulsion to clean up or organize everything in advance. Spending quality time with my bug comes first. I do hope you are enjoying AQU's All the Buzz challenge as much as I am. I certainly won't be finished by our Big Reveal at this month's meeting, but that's okay. My bug is ready to say hello to some other bugs. See you there!

~Candie Frankel

No, my sewing room is not messy.

I just have everything out on display.

Like a museum.



Membership

Help us give a warm welcome to our newest member Kathleen Hynes!

We all appreciated you being a part of AQU, as of now, we have 49 paid members.

Reminder: Magnetic nametags are available online too!



Featured Artist



Our very own **Carol Mann** is in the spotlight this month.

Carol is one of two artists being recognized as Tribby Center for the Arts Legacy Artists of the year. Her works displayed all around the balcony of the Tribby Art Center. Her pieces include art quilts, baby quilts, wall hangings, clothing, bags and jewelry. **The display will be from November 2, 2025 through January 17, 2026 - Tribby Center for the Arts, Fort Myers.** Carol is widely known throughout Shell Point for her skillful, intricate, and often highly whimsical creations, from stylish wearable art and accessories to spectacular quilts and wall hangings. She belongs to several local quilts groups including AQU!



What's Happening

AQU Meetings are held at

St. Hilary's Church, 5011 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers | 10:00 - 10:30 Social Time | 10:30 Meeting Begins; Show & Tell

Nov 8, 2025 **Membership Meeting at St. Hilary's**
Program: "All the Buzz" reveal, works in progress welcome.

Dec 13, 2025 **AQU Holiday Party at our NEW LOCATION (see page 5)**
Pot luck. **And Brown Bag Reveal.** Details to follow.

Jan 10, 2026 **Membership Meeting at our NEW LOCATION (see page 5)**
Program: "Rust Dye" with Donna Faivre- Robertrts

November Program Sneak Peek

It's you! Time to share your work (or progress) of your "All the Buzz" creations! We've all been busy bees preparing for the 2026 exhibit at Tribby and this is the perfect opportunity to let your interpretation of our littlest neighbors shine! It is sure to be a fun and inspiring reveal day.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

POT LUCK STYLE

December 13 ~ 11:00 - 2:00

FM United Church of Christ

8210 McGregor Blvd 33919

Brown Bag Reveal & Prizes too!

\$5.00 per person

RSVP & sign up to bring a dish or volunteer on our website

October Program

Sarah Blythe shared a fun and unique technique - lace rubbings. After a brief history of lace, Sara explained the various mediums and everyone got to try their hand creating a piece of their own.



2026 Retreat

March 15-19, 2026

Along with plenty of sewing time, this year's classes will focus on a variety of printing techniques for creating your very own custom fabrics.

See the website for full details.



More Great Stuff

Sacred Threads

Be sure to congratulate **Carole Price** for her entry in Sacred Threads.



November Workshop



We are very excited to announce that Karol Kusmaul, MFA, SAQA Juried Artist Member and Founder of Cloth in Common, will host her "Creative Machine Contours" workshop. Learn how to design and sew small portrait and still life quilts, utilizing creative contouring and unique machine stitching.

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

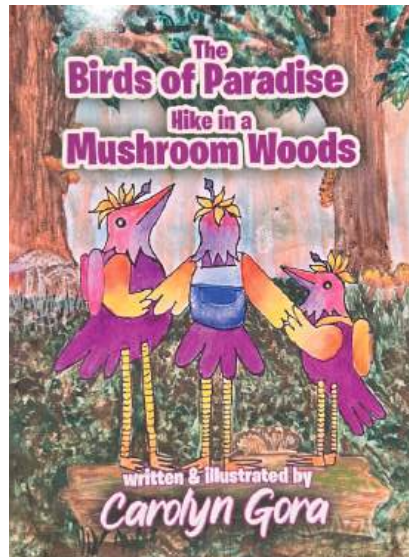
9:00 - 3:30

FM United Church of Christ

8210 College Parkway, Ft Myers

More info & registration available on the website

October Show & Tell



Your AQU Board

President: Candie Frankel
Co-1st Vice President: Meriul Easton & Johanna Roll
Connect Vice President: Lisa Gorski & Debra Gluszcak
Website: Lisa Gorski & Candie Frankel

Co-Membership: Marci Mills, Jef Dudek
Retreat: Lisa Gorski
Treasurer: Jef Farlow-Dudek
Co-Secretary: Linda Carey & Jef Dudek

Newsletter & Email: Maura Ross
Facebook: Holly Watson
Exhibit Chair: open

AQU Exhibits

Twenty twenty-six is shaping up to be a stellar year for AQU exhibits!

LATE '25 EARLY '26

SOUTH COUNTRY REGIONAL LIBRARY

Small 3D works, accessories, and jewelry will be exhibited in a glass-enclosed display case. This exhibit will be coordinated with the library's grand reopening following renovations.

Art intake & exhibit: TBD - Late 2025 or Early 2026

FEB 2026

COCO Art Galley, Estero

Theme: Found Art (incorporate at least one found item)



- ☐ Project complete
- ☐ Registered & paid
- ☐ AQU Art Form

- ☐ Gallery Art Form
- ☐ W2
- ☐ Artwork turned in

February 3 - 27, 2026

Reception: February 4, 5:00 to 7:00

Art intake: January AQU Meeting or
Feb 2 at the Gallery 10:00- 11:00

APR 2026

TRIBBY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Theme: "All the Buzz"

Two pieces per artist: a main artwork + a 6"x6" mini piece for a group collage. Both pieces must be ready to hang.

- ☐ Project complete
- ☐ Registered & paid
- ☐ AQU Art Form

- ☐ Gallery Art Form
- ☐ W2
- ☐ Artwork turned in

AQU group reveal (WIP invited): November 2025

Reception: April

Art intake: March 14 Meeting or
March 24 at the Gallery 10:00 - 11:00

AUG 2026

ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS (AQU + SWFFCG)

Theme: Artist's Choice - let your creativity shine!

- ☐ Project complete
- ☐ Registered & paid
- ☐ AQU Art Form

- ☐ Gallery Art Form
- ☐ W2
- ☐ Artwork turned in

August 7-31, 2026

Reception: Friday, August 7, 2026, 5 to 7 pm

Art intake: TBD July

SEP 2026

ARTS FOR ACT

Theme "Fibers in Paradise"

- ☐ Project complete
- ☐ Registered & paid
- ☐ AQU Art Form

- ☐ Gallery Art Form
- ☐ W2
- ☐ Artwork turned in

September 4-28, 2026

Reception: September 4, 2026, 5 to 9 pm

Art in-take: July 11 meeting or
Sept 1 at the gallery

Meeting Location Update



***November Meeting**



Held in the current location at
St. Hilary's Church
McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers

***November Workshop**
***December Holiday Pot Luck**
***All 2026 Meetings**



Held in our **NEW LOCATION**
Fort Myers United Church of Christ
8210 College Parkway
Fort Myers 33919

