

Art Quilters Unlimited

November 2024 Newsletter

Thanks to another hurricane in Southwest Florida, we had to cancel the October AQU meeting. Many of our members are having to clean up homes and offices—again, and the rest of us cannot help to feel the stress. My heart goes to all.

The AQU Nominating Committee report will be sent by email to the membership. Election of the 2025-2027 Executive Committee. A big thank you goes to Shannon Maggied and Sue Kreutzberg for serving on the Nominating Committee.

The Executive Committee are the only elected officers, but the committee chairs are at the core of the organization, and year after year members have stepped up to fill those positions. Most of the committee chairs end up serving as a committee of one—not by choice. Please sign up at the membership meeting for a committee you would like to join next year.

We had a fantastic exhibit season, both this year and last, without an Exhibit Chair. Since we had no Exhibit Chair, individuals stepped up to Chair each individual exhibit. The vision of the Board is that we have an Exhibit Chair who would oversee the identification of exhibits and work with the sponsoring organization. Each exhibit would have a chair for that exhibit, working with the Exhibit Chair and other members of the exhibit committee. That way, the exhibits would not be too much work and responsibility for one individual. At this time, An Exhibit Chair is our biggest need, and an exhibit committee would be quite helpful.

With the Pumpkins in the stores and fall food in the markets, I am enjoying a fall that seems like fall, even in Southwest Florida. On November 1st I will be finding more Fall in New York City. I hope you are too.

I am looking so to seeing everyone at the November meeting. *Peace & Love, Jef*



Joyce Marie

Membership AQU currently has 50 members, spread the word and invite a friend to join!
 Nametags available online: www.artquiltersunlimited.com



Featured Artist

Joyce Marie Lottinville, Jacksonville, FL

Batik/ Fabric Collage

Joyce Marie was born and raised in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. She remembers drawing and painting at a very early age. Joyce Marie discovered the art of Batik as an art instructor in the Arts & Crafts Center at the University of Florida in 1966. She has been batiking ever since. Florida birds and wildlife have always been close to her heart and in her artwork. The main themes for her batiks are birds, wildlife, and Seminole Indians. Joyce Marie retired from the University of Florida in 2002. Now she is incorporating fabric collage with her batik designs.



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 9, 2024

Membership Meeting. Program: Confetti Quilting Quilling with Meriul Easton. Supply list: Fabric scraps in landscape colors (batiks and prints work well); 8" x 8" backing fabric; 8" x 8" batting; rotary cutter, cutting mat, and ruler; scissors; tweezers; long pins; baggies.

DEC 14, 2024

Holiday Party. Connors Steakhouse, Gulf Coast Town Center
Details & RSVP on our website

AQU Holiday Party

Saturday, December 14, 2024

11:00 to ...

Connor's Steakhouse

10076 Gulf Center Dr

Fort Myers, FL 33913

Guests will order from a lovely menu and receive individual checks.

Wine & spirits available as you wish.

Brown Bag Challenge Reveal - participants bring your finished projects!

Optional gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift if you'd like to play along.

Food ~ Fun ~ Friends



RSVP on our website

AQU's Brown Bag Challenge

Only one month until the December exchange!



AQU CHALLENGE

artwork reveal: March 2025

medium: textile, fiber, mixed media, hanging and 3D pieces welcome

notes: pieces must include at least one representation of an insect

optional 2nd piece: max size 6" x 6"

Your insect may be based on a genuine natural beauty or a fantastic version of a real creature. Though you must admit, nature does create some pretty fantastic bugs!



Time to get BUZZY!
An amazing show
at the Tribby Center
for the Arts -
Summer 2026!



What's Happening

HAPPENING NOW!

LIVE via ZOOM

Natalya Khorover
"Home Portraits"

October 20, 27, Nov 11

Learn how to combine textiles, paint and common plastic wrappings into an amazing piece from the comfort of your own studio.

Natalya provides detailed instruction and one-on-one feedback during this extensive & engaging 3-day course.

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AQU Retreat

Christian Retreat Conference Center
1200 Glory Way Blvd
Bradenton, FL 34212
March 16 - 20, 2025

Special Workshop with Susan Lenz
more info at: artquiltersunlimited.com

Accommodations, double occupancy
Breakfast & dinner
Spacious workroom
~ online registration is open ~

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AQU Workshop

Phyllis Cullen

Layered Portraits March 29, 2025

9 am to 4 pm

St. Hilary's Episcopal Church



Other Events



Road Trip!

Tuesday, November 12
Depart: Faith Lutheran Church, Punta Gorda, 8:00AM
1st stop: Flash Quilt in Naples
2nd stop: Once Upon a Quilt, Ft Lauderdale
Lunch: Kilwins
Return to church: about 6:45 PM

RSVP/questions: Judy Schaff
262-208-6076
schafffamily@yahoo.com

On-line Art Show

Artist Bobbi Baugh: "I will be participating in an event called Fancy That, an online pop-up gallery sponsored by Artburst Studios. I did this in the fall of 2023. It was a great experience. I'm happy to be part again. (Artburst is run by a group of three really-and-truly hardworking artists, developing a new way for artists and patrons to meet each other.)"

November 14-16 ONLINE
<https://artburststudios.com/>

bobbi@bobbibaughstudios.com



State Fair - call for entries

Registration for next year's Florida State Fair is open! The online Creative Living workbooks give all the rules, due dates, and other information for entering your work in a variety of categories.

Participants must preregister by early December, entries due in January. *If you decide to enter, connect with Candie Frankel, who is volunteering to coordinate delivery and pickup: candiefrankel@earthlink.net, 914-316-8914.*

Entry Deadline: December 6, 2024

Rules & registration: floridastatefair.com/creative-living/

We Need Your Help

With such talented members it is important to be able to share our works with the community. Thank you to those who stepped up to support the 2024 exhibit season. The vision of the Board is to have an Exhibit Chair & Committee who would oversee the identification of exhibits and work as the liaison with the sponsoring organization. Each exhibit would have a specific Chair-person who will work with the Exhibit Chair and other members of the exhibit committee. That way, the exhibits would not be too much work and responsibility for one individual. **At this time, An Exhibit Chair is our biggest need, and an exhibit committee would be quite helpful.**



AQU More to Know

Volunteer(s) Needed



artsforactgallery.com

AQU is seeing a volunteer (or two) to coordinate a show with Arts for ACT in late summer/fall of 2025.

The historic gallery is located in downtown Fort Myers and supports services for abused women and children. Our group has had great success with this partnership in the past and would love to showcase our talented artists in this award-winning gallery in 2025.

Please consider being a volunteer coordinator for this event.

for more info contact:
artquiltersunlimited@gmail.com

Get Involved

AQU Members are creative and curious. Do you have an art or textile skill you'd like to share with the group?

Program bookings for 2025 are underway, contact Candie Frankel for more information on hosting a program.



contact: candiefrankel@earthlink.net

Our October volunteers include:

thank
you

CCAC Exhibit Coordinator
Pam Richardson

Nominating Committee
Shannon Maggied and Sue Kreutzberg



NOVEMBER: AQU Board Elections for 2025-2026

Information available at the November 9th meeting & special email



WEBSITE

artquiltersunlimited.com

Check out our website for lots of information including;

- meetings
- exhibits
- events
- gallery
- members only
- join / nametags
- event registration



AQU INFO HUBS

FACEBOOK

art quilters
unlimited members
on
[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

Join our Facebook Group:
share work
check out events
get inspired

AQU 2024 Events Recap

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Elect 2025-2026 Board
9 - Membership Meeting
11 - Natalya Khorover Workshop

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14 - Brown Bag Exchange
14 - Holiday Party

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January - Improv Class, details to follow
March 16-20, 2025 - Retreat
March 29 - Phyllis Cullen LIVE Workshop



Your AQU Board

President: Jef Farlow
1st Vice President: Candie Frankel
2nd Vice President: Lisa Gorski

Treasurer: Marci Mills
Secretary: Faith Pfalz

Membership: open
Retreat: Lisa Gorski
Website: Lisa Gorski

Newsletter & Email: Maura Ross
Facebook: Kevan Lunney
Exhibit Chair: open

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