

President's Message

Retreat was, as usual, wonderful. I worked all week on a wedding wall hanging quilt. The wedding is April 8, and because of retreat it will get done. Some of the perks of retreat are watching other fiber artists work, learning new techniques, talking art theory and color. Early risers walked the beautiful campus, and for some of us, there was the late night "hand and foot" game. Rumor has it that next year there may be a mah jong table.

I know some of you are heading north soon. If so, see you in the fall!

And - programs, workshops, exhibits and the retreat are already being planned for 2024!

Peace, Jef

Membership

There were 27 in attendance at the March 11 membership meeting, including four first-time visitors. We now have a total of 58 paid members, and room for many more! Don't forget to spread the word about AQU to your friends and acquaintances. We have some lovely printed informational cards you can take with you to hand out to anyone you think might be interested in learning more about our group. You can pick them up at the sign-in table at each AQU membership meeting.



Let's welcome out newest members:

Toni Adriance from Fort Myers
Janice Chartier from Fort Myers
Mimi Anderson from Estero

Featured Artist

Meet Sara Blythe

I have loved making things since I was a very young. If the right materials weren't on hand, I invented a way to use whatever was available. I am still the same way, and unfortunately it means that I can't throw anything away, because I can always imagine a project in which it might be useful! I have worked in watercolors, clay, and, of course, FABRIC!!! These days I love making picture quilts. I have learned so much from wonderful teachers (David Taylor, Susan Carlsen, Velda Newman and others), and each project is a new challenge for me.

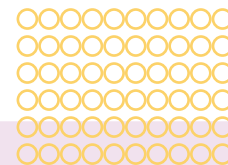


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What's Happening



Meetings & Programs

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

April 8 Member's Rummage Sale - setup at 10:00 in the Music Room

*See below for details

May 13 Paper & fabric beads with Lisa Gorski

July 8 Make a triangle zipper bag with Jeri McKay



Workshops

More info and registration online at artquiltersunlimited.com

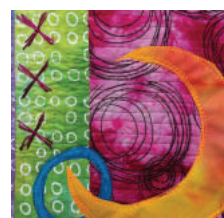
April 15 & 22



SHEILA FRAMPTON COOPER

Live Zoom
Sheila Frampton Cooper:
Lines & Curves

Sept 16 & 20



LYRIC KINARD

Live Zoom
Lyric Kinard:
Abstract-a-licious

Exhibits, Retreat & More

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April 8

AQU Rummage Sale

Bring your excess fiber, fabric, findings, notions, tools, paints, & all things creative to sell, swap, or give away. Here's your chance to unload, stock up, or both. Our sale is by the members, for the members, to fund and fire up our creativity. No table charge, just come and have fun. Guest shoppers welcome so invite a friend!

Sewing machines available for sale at the Rummage Sale

*White, Model W2500 Superlock Heavy Duty 3 or 4 thread Serger. Original packaging and instructions.

*Bernina sewing machine.



May 1 - 31

Call to Artists - "Small Works"

South County Regional Library, Estero

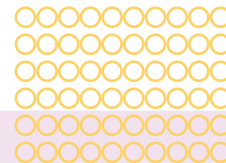
Art & registration due April 8th or by special arrangement

See website for details



Questions on the Sale or Exhibit:

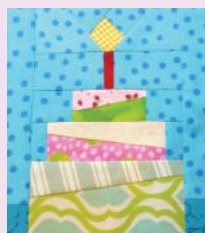
Contact Candie at candiefrankel@earthlink.net or 914-316-8914



Hurricane Help

We all know that creativity feeds our souls, brings joy and provides a needed mental break. To support our AQU member-friends who have lost their sewing & art tools and supplies during Ian, we have a tangible way to help get them back on their creative feet. If you were affected by Hurricane Ian you may qualify for a one-time **\$100.00 stipend** to use towards restoring your creative sanctuary & supplies. The funds have been generously donated in part by the Contemporary Quilt and Fiber Artists of Ohio.

The recipients of this kind gesture have been identified and will be contacted.



Let's celebrate you!

Starting with May, we'll include the names of those celebrating birthdays for that month. To participate (optional) RSVP with your birthday month to: aqumembers@gmail.com

March Program

Brooke Duncan, Color Manager at Chico's, shared what goes into making sure the colors in the fabrics and prints we use and wear come out just as intended.

Test your color savvy at www.xrite.com/hue-test



Color aptitude test caps

2023 CHALLENGES

March - Bandana Challenge

Here are a few of the adorable and creative results from our Bandana Challenge! Thanks everyone, yee haw!



December - Mystery Bag

Holly has collected the original mystery bags from the challenge participants and will make the switch and assign them to a new owner at the April meeting. Participants have until the December Christmas Party to finish an art piece for the original owner. Do not share what you received in your brown bag with others.

Art pieces can be any shape or size - a panel, a purse, a bowl, or any type of art piece you want to create. It will be a fun show and tell at the Christmas Party.

This is a commitment you are making, so please don't disappoint someone whose fabric you have by not finishing your art piece for them.



Have fun, *Holly Watson*

More to Know

Retreat News

Another creative and productive retreat! Thank you everyone who joined to make this a fun event for all!
Thanks Lisa Gorski for organizing this great quilting get-away for our group in Winter Park.



Congrats!



Congrats Bonnie Langenfeld!
Her piece "Tiffany Sunrise"
won Second Place at Peace
River Quilters' recent show in
the 'stationary machine
category



AVAILABLE

Fabric & Supplies

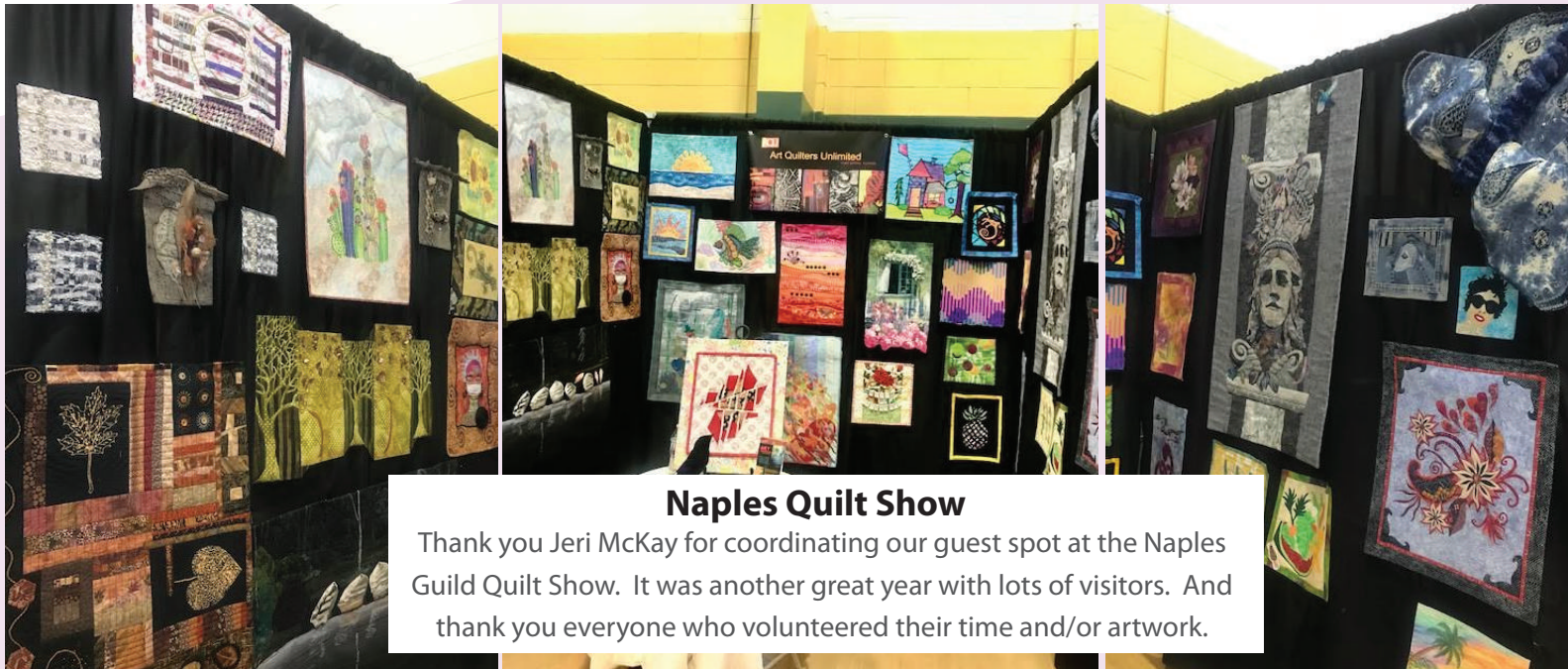
Home Furnishings

Marci Mills needs to clear out her fabric
stash and home by early April.

Her garage is open daily 8:00 - 1:00
until April 7th.

For details, contact 239-357-6137

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Naples Quilt Show

Thank you Jeri McKay for coordinating our guest spot at the Naples
Guild Quilt Show. It was another great year with lots of visitors. And
thank you everyone who volunteered their time and/or artwork.

This • That

AQU WORKSHOP

Sheila Frampton-Cooper
"Lines & Curves"

"There's a reason I call my alter ego 'Zoombaby.' I love to drive fast and live intensely. My improvisational approach to art gives me that same kind of exhilaration. Whether I'm painting, drawing or piecing a studio quilt, moving head first into the unknown fuels my creativity. I relish all the surprising discoveries along the way as the journey starts to reveal itself to me."



REGISTRATION CLOSED

April
2023

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Lyric Kinard
"Abstract-a-licious"

"My goal as an artist is to remind humanity of the strength it possesses. In a many-layered process I gather intriguing materials both old and new. I marvel as plain cloth is transformed as it absorbs dye and paint. The meditative process of mark making with thread allows me to truly see & understand my materials & physically connect with my subject. Slowly order emerges from disarray, beauty from chaos."



Sept
2023

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20 in '24

AQU will be turning twenty years young in 2024! Let us know your ideas on how to celebrate this wonderful milestone at aquamembers@gmail.com And here's an exciting challenge to kick off the events:

"The 20th Challenge"

- *Participants will be randomly assigned a 20th century artist (i.e. Pablo Picasso).
- *Participants will reinterpret & recreate one of that artist's works (of their choosing) in fiber form.
- *Any size, any fiber/textile, any technique.
- *Additional details to follow
- *Pieces due in February 2024

Jasper Johns inspiration



Textile homage



Example

Your AQU Board

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Treasurer: Marci Mills

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