

Art Quilters Unlimited

July 2023 Newsletter

I cannot believe it's July already. ½ year gone, and not nearly enough art done. I finally opened the brown bag—what fun—I have some neat stuff to play with. And I have looked up my 20th century artist for the 20th Anniversary Challenge. And, I have gone so far as to prioritize the pieces I am working on, hopefully for some of our upcoming shows. A big shout out to Maura, Pam and Candie as they have followed the show possibilities and talked to gallery and library leaders. More about the shows elsewhere in this newsletter. Remember we do have a membership meeting on July 8; the next membership meeting following that will be September 9. Also in September is the Live Zoom workshop with Lyric Kinard: Abstract-a-licious. Reservations need to be made now for that 2-day workshop. Meanwhile, have a great summer, and keep on doing your art!

Love, Jef



by Emily

Membership

~AQU membership dues are now 1/2 price (\$22.50) for the rest of 2023! Please encourage potential members to join our guild during this special time.

~REMINDER: Name tags can be ordered for \$11 through the "Join" tab on the AQU website. It's so much easier to make new friends when we can put a name with a face.

~Speaking of making new friends, our complete Membership Contact List is also available in the "Members Only" section of our website. Make a date for a lunch get-together or a crafting date with someone you'd like to get to know. We have SO much talent in our ranks and we all love to share our skills and make new friends. Don't be shy, just do it!

Featured Artist

Meet Emily Smith

I fell in love with Art Dolls after attending a workshop with Eleanor Peace Bailey, an early champion of the art form. I found I prefer working in 3 d, rather than 2d. I also enjoy collecting and combining mediums including vintage bits, cloth, clay, beads, threads & yarns, natural elements and paper to incorporate into the figures. The faces and their expressions are usually first. The figure follows.

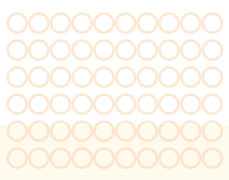
Susan Oroyan, Julie McCullough, Pattie Culea, Barbara Willis, Judy Skeel, Charlie Petricolla, Ingrid Dijkers, Barbara McGuire, Christine Shively, Leslie Molen, Arley Barryhill, Jean Bernard, and Sherry Goshen are some of the Doll Artists whose workshops I have attended, all were very inspirational. Most of these artists are members of NIADA and examples of their work can be found on that website.

The Visual Art Center in Punta Gorda will be showcasing a collaborative work of 14 artists, including myself, in November 2024 featuring our Traveling Art Dolls. Details to Follow!



by Emily

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

July 8 See how to create an adorable triangle zipper bag with Jeri McKay

Sept 9 Tips & tricks for creative productivity with Paulette Karlin

Oct 10 Circle doodling - unleash your creativity with this fun exercise.
Raffle - bring your sketch book or loose sketches - those sharing their sketches will have the chance to win fun raffle prizes

2024 We're looking for folks to share their techniques, discoveries, fave products, studio tips —what's your special gift to AQU?
Contact Candie at 914-316-8914 or candiefrankel@earthink.net.



Workshops

More info and registration online at artquiltersunlimited.com

Sept 16 & 20

register soon!



Live Zoom
Lyric Kinard's Abstract-a-licious
One class over 2 days
10:00 - 1:00 each session

LYRIC KINARD

Coming in 2024

Natalya Khorover
Home Portrait Workshop

Tip: start saving single use plastics. Ziplock bags, tea bags, veggie bags, foils, bubble wrap, etc.



AQU WORKSHOP

Lyric Kinard
"Abstract-a-licious"

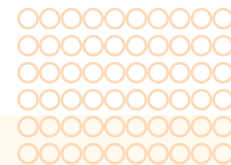
"My goal as an artist is to remind humanity of the strength it possesses. In a many layered process I gather intriguing materials both old and new. I marvel as plain cloth is transformed as it absorbs dye and paint. The meditative process of mark making with thread allows me to truly see & understand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



Sept
2023



What's Happening



Exhibits

So far we are booked for FOUR shows in 2024!

We are working with area galleries to showcase our inspired creations around our SWFL.

So far the plans look like this, additional details are available on the website.



Coco Gallery

Theme: Fiber Finesse

Art Due: December 2023

Dates: January 4 -24, 2024



Tribby Arts Center

Theme: 20th Century Artists

Art Due: March 2024

Show: April 12 thru June 22, 2024



Marco Isl. Arts Center

Theme: Fiberlicious

Art Due: April 2024

Show: May 6 thru July 2, 2024



Cape Coral Arts Center

Theme: Fiberlicious

Art Due: August 2024

Show: Sept 6 thru Sept 26, 2024

Exhibit Volunteers wanted: art collection, set-up, take-down
Interested? email aqumembers@gmail.com

More to Know



AQU'S 20th Anniversary

Wow! We're going to be 20 years young in March of 2024!

How shall we celebrate this amazing milestone?

So far we have:

- * 20th century artist challenge
- * anniversary luncheon

Send your ideas or volunteer @ aqumembers@gmail.com

20th Anniversary 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.

Kandinsky inspiration



Wassily Kandinsky inspiration

Your textile interpretation



Fiber interpretation



***COUNTDOWN:**
7 months 'til due date

Retreat 2024

Daysprings in Ellenton, FL has been booked for our 2024 retreat.

~ March 21-25, 2024~

Details to follow later this year.



The Giveaway Continues...

AQU was recently contacted by art quilter Joyce Murrin of Naples. Joyce is "retiring," and she wanted to donate her fabric stash and notions to fellow quilt artists and fiber enthusiasts. She picked us! Items will be available at our July and September meetings.



Joyce

This 'n' That

2023 CHALLENGES

COUNTDOWN:
5 months
'til due



The Brown Bag challenge is underway!

If you are participating be sure to have your project completed by December.

We will exchange our newly created gifts at the December Holiday Party. Have fun, *Holly Watson*

ACSWFL News

AQU needs representatives for the Art Council of Southwest Florida starting in October 2023.

The ideal scenario would be to have 2 reps + 2 substitutes.

Email aqumembers@gmail.com for more information.



Candie Frankel has been kind enough to act as our interim AQU representative for ACSWFL - this is an important role as it connects our group to the local art scene, please consider stepping up to volunteer.

Here's some news from Candie's recent local art scene activities;

*Pam Richardson won 1st prize at the July 10 Winners Circle Art Show in at the Norris Center in Naples.

*At this same event, Candie also chatted with a few gallery representatives including Marco Island, Cape Coral Arts Center and Tribby Arts Center. They are all excited about fiber arts and our up-coming shows in 2024. (details on pg3)



Norris Center

For Fun

Haberdashery has a rich history. And it's such a great word!

But where did it come into our language?

One of the first sightings of the word is seen in English poet Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. Chaucer describes peddlers who sold buttons, needles & other sewing items. This dates the word back to at least the 14th century!

Haberdashery derives from "hapertas" that's thought to have meant "small ware", although others say it was used to describe a type of fabric.

The word has been around for centuries, nonetheless the true origins of it are still unknown today.

Often the word "haberdashery" is shortened to "habby" so if you hear that being banded around, you know what this abbreviation means!



This 'n' That

Artist's as the Muse



Here's some of the inspiration pieces our members are working with for the 20th challenge! It'll sure be exciting to see their interpretations of these original pieces.



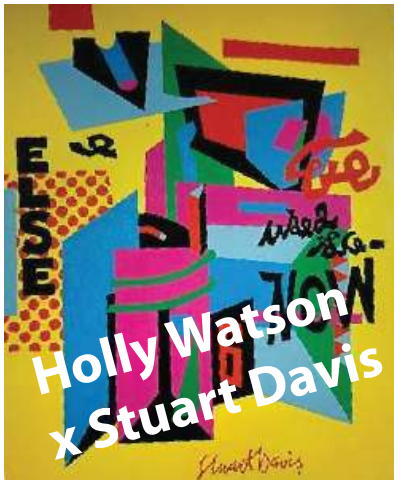
**Candie Frankel
x Franz Klein**



**Faith Pfalz
x C. Brancusi**



**Maura Ross
x Barnett Newman**



**Holly Watson
x Stuart Davis**



**Lisa Gorski
x W. Kandinsky**



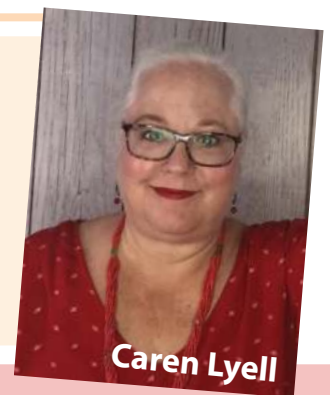
**Shannan Maggied
x Henri Matisse**

Share your 20th challenge inspiration at: aqumembers@gmail.com

Board News

Caren Lyell has been keeping us informed, able to make payments and showcasing our artwork as our talented web-mistress. At the end of July she will retire from this post and from the Board to pursue her creativity!

Please help us thank Caren for her years of dedicated service to AQU.



Caren Lyell

Your AQU Board

President: Jef Farlow

1st Vice President: Candie Frankel

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2024 Events Recap

December 2023 - Holiday Party

December 2023 - Brown Bag Challenge Due

December 2023 - COCO art pieces due

January 4-24, 2024 - COCO Gallery Exhibit - "Fiber Finesse"

January 2024 - Natalya Khorover "Home Portrait" Workshop

March 3-21, 2024 - AQU Retreat at Daysprings

TBD 2024 - AQU 20th Anniversary Luncheon

March 2024 - 20th Century artist challenge pieces due

April 12 - June 22, 2024 - Tribby Arts Center - 20th Century Artist Exhibit

April 2024 - Marco Island art pieces due

May 6 - July 2 - Marco Island Center for the Arts exhibit - "Fiberlicious"

Sept 6 - Sept 26 - Cape Coral Arts Center - "Fiberlicious"



**So get those creative juices flowing and those fingers sewing!
Let's show SWFL what we've got!**