

Art Quilters Unlimited

September 2023 Newsletter

I cannot believe we are in September already. Activities start up soon, including the first meeting of AQU. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. I'm so excited with the plans for 2023-2024. Your Board has been busy arranging for programs, the retreat, zoom classes, and exhibits. And 2024 is AQU's birthday! We will review it all at our September 9 meeting—hope to see you and your summer projects then.

Love, Jef



Jacobsen, media print & embroidery

Membership

Happy September everyone!

Great news — even during the “Dog Days” of summer, our membership continues to grow! Shout out to Holly Watson for spreading the word about AQU to her MN quilting friends, who are also FL snowbirds, and will be joining our membership soon. Especially enticing to them right now is the half-price fee (\$22.50) for membership dues through December 31. We currently have 58 members and will hopefully gain a few more before 2023 comes to a close. We have such an amazing and talented group of members who are so friendly and generous with their talents. Let's each make a goal to reach out and get to know at least one person better at each meeting.

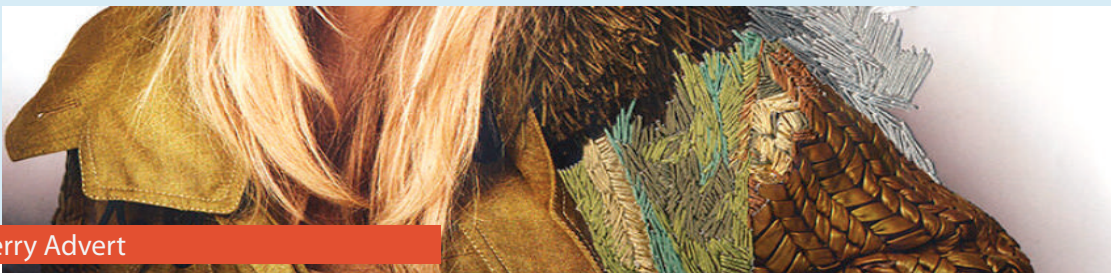
REMINDERS: All Membership information, as well as the ability to order name tags, is located under the “Join” tab at www.artquiltersunlimited.com. Additionally, we have beautiful AQU informational brochures available at each meeting for you to take and give out.

Featured Artist

Meet Inge Jacobsen

Jacobsen takes mass produced images, like magazines and adverts and gives them a unique makeover. She stitches, embroiders, cuts and collages to transform her subjects. A process that Jacobsen refers to as ‘hijacking’.

It is a bold and proud response to mass produced, commercial imagery and successfully readdresses the balance by injecting some individuality. With hand embroidery largely associated with conservative femininity, Jacobsen manages to restore some of the femininity that is sometimes lost in the graphical treatment of women in the public eye. She is also making something lasting out of something that could otherwise be classed as “fast fashion”. Inge Jacobsen was born in Galway, Ireland. She attended Kingston University, London where she studied BA Fine Art Photography, graduating in 2011 and has since been working as a professional artist. www.ingejacobsen.com

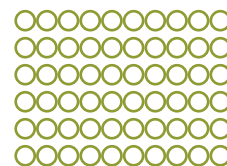


Burberry Advert



Inge Jacobsen

What's Happening



Meetings & Programs

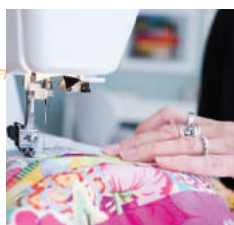
St. Hilary's Church, 5011 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers | 10:00 - 10:30 Social Time | 10:30 Meeting Begins; Show & Tell

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.

FEB 2024 Annual Rummage Sale, details coming soon! Gather up your goodies to sell, trade or give away.



Workshops *More info and registration online at artquiltersunlimited.com*



It's almost time for "Abstractalicious" with Lyric Kinard

September 16 & 20, 2023

Live via ZOOM, 10:00 - 1:00 each day

Live via Zoom

*Would you like to create a memory like no other?
I will take you through the steps of creating a portrait of your home just like the commissioned artworks that I am known for. You will use your own ephemera and photographs, and transform them into a meaningful and special artwork.*

Natalya Khorover
"Home Portraits"



Tip for Natalya's class:

Start saving single use plastics. Ziplock bags, tea bags, veggie bags, foils, bubble wrap, coffee bags, etc.



Exhibits We have an exceptional line-up of exhibits for 2024!



Coco Gallery

Theme: ***Fiber Finesse***

Art Due: December 2023 (holiday party)

Dates: January 4 -24, 2024

Reception: TBD



Tribby Arts Center

Theme: ***Artist as Muse*** - 20th Century Artists

Art Due: March 9, 2024 (membership luncheon)

Show: April 12 thru June 22, 2024

Reception: April 11, 5:00 - 7:00

Artwork return: June 21s at Tribby or at July meeting



Marco Isl. Arts Center

Theme: ***Fiberlicious***

Art Due: April 2024 (membership meeting)

Show: May 6 thru July 2, 2024

Reception: TBD



Cape Coral Arts Center

Theme: ***Fiberlicious***

Art Due: August 2024 (special arrangements will be made)

Show: Sept 6 thru Sept 26, 2024

Reception: TBD

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

More to Know

Retreat 2024

meals ~ creative time ~ fun ~ relaxation

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

~ March 21-25, 2024~

Single: \$670.00
Double: \$470.00 pp

More info and registration coming soon to artquiltersunlimited.com



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 in March 2024

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.



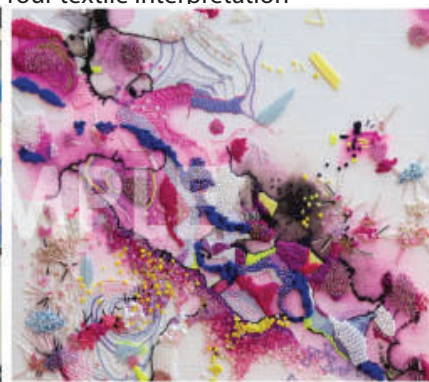
***COUNTDOWN:**
6 months 'til due date

Kandinsky inspiration



Wassily Kandinsky inspiration

Your textile interpretation



Fiber interpretation

2023 CHALLENGES

COUNTDOWN:
3 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 Holiday Party. Have fun, *Holly Watson*

AQU Needs You for ACSWFL

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 aquamembers@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.

Supporting Maui

In mid-August Emily Smith shared information on how to donate quilts to the Maui fire relief efforts. Shannan Maggied took up the challenge and created this lovely piece, it definitely has those Maui vibes! If you created a quilt for Maui, share a photo at aquamembers@gmail.com. To donate:

HELP Lahaina and Upcountry

We are collecting finished quilts for fire victims.

Please send to:

Maui Quilt Shop

18 Central Ave.

Wailuku, Maui 96793

We will distribute to proper agencies and shelters.

Mahalo!



by Shannan

Your AQU Board

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Co-Secretary: Faith Pfalz

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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 21 -25, 2024 - AQU Retreat at Daysprings

March 2024 - AQU 20th Anniversary Luncheon, Connors Restaurant

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!**

