

Art Quilters Unlimited

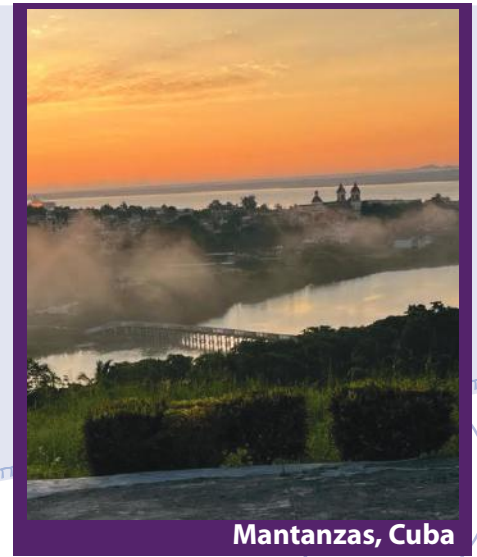
June 2023 Newsletter

I am just back from Cuba, where our church has a sister church in Matanzas. On this trip, for the first time, we spent a day touring Havana. Our guide's historical knowledge was amazing—one of the best tours ever. Yes, the old cars really are all over the city. In the country, one travels by horse-drawn carriage. The country is beautiful, and I came back with the picture of my next art quilt.

I was only gone 6 days, but for some reason I did not realize Memorial Day was upon us. The beginning of summer. Wow! So the New Year's resolution is here—do art this summer. The next AQU meeting is July 8. The short-term goal—have something ready for Show and Tell!

Do Art!

Love, Jef



Matanzas, Cuba

Membership

There were 21 in attendance at our May 13 meeting, including two new visitors! Keep up the good work spreading the word about AQU and feel free to take a handful of our informational brochures with you to hand out. Anyone who joins from July - December, 2023, will only pay \$22.50, half-price for dues. Name tags are \$11 and easy to order under the "Join" tab on our website, and the AQU Membership Contact List can be found in the "Members Only" area. See you at our next meeting on July 8!



Featured Artist

Meet Paula Lenahan

I learned how to sew from my Mom while I was in grade school. I started making clothes for clients. When I moved to Florida I decided to try quilting. Joined the Naples guild in 2005 and started making traditional quilts. My interest then evolved to art quilts. I started vending at local quilt shows, then went into teaching. I've written about five art quilt patterns.

Three of my quilts have been exhibited at the International Quilt show in Houston. I enjoy the art quilt group and learning new techniques.

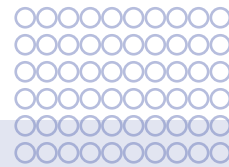


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What's Happening



Meetings & Programs

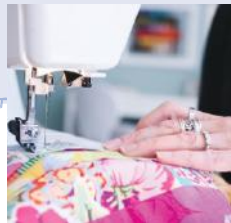
St. Hilary's Church, 5011 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers | 10:00 - 10:30 Social Time | 10:30 Meeting Begins; Show & Tell

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

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



LYRIC KINARD

registration is open

Live Zoom
Lyric Kinard's Abstract-a-licious

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

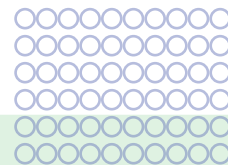
Lyric Kinard
"Abstract-a-licious"

"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





Exhibits

So far we are booked for THREE shows (and counting) 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: TBD

Art Due: December 2023

Dates: January 4 -24, 2024

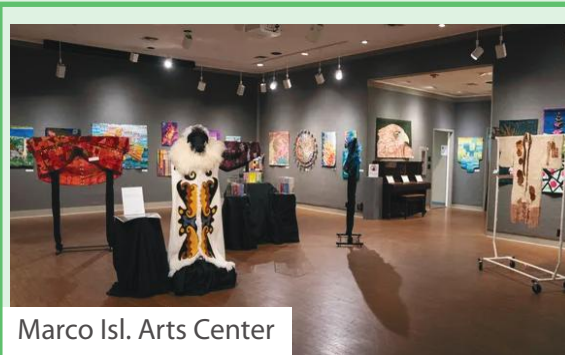


Tribby Arts Center

Theme: 20th Century Artists

Art Due: March 2024

Show: April 12 thru June 22, 2024



Marco Isl. Arts Center

Theme: TBD

Art Due: April 2024

Show: May 6 thru July 2, 2024

Exhibit Themes Wanted!

Email your ideas to: aqumembers@gmail.com

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

Retreat 2024

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

~ March 21-25, 2024~

Details to follow later this year.



2023 CHALLENGES

December



COUNTDOWN:
6 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*

20th Anniversary Challenge

"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.

***COUNTDOWN: 8 months 'til due date**

Georgia O'Keefe inspiration



Your textile interpretation



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

How shall we celebrate this amazing milestone?

So far we have the 20th century artist challenge and a luncheon plans underway. Thanks Jeri McKay for volunteering to plan the luncheon for us.

Send your ideas or volunteer: aqumembers@gmail.com

Art Community Connections

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.

What does it entail you ask?

Attend monthly meetings, October thru April - perfect for snowbirds too!

Meetings are an hour long and start at 10:00, the location varies depending on the current host group

Be the liaison between ACSWFL & AQU

Connect with other artists from the area

This membership secures our opportunities to show at the Coco Gallery

ACSWFL Mission Statement:

The Art Council of Southwest Florida is dedicated to expanding the range of art appreciation and creative art opportunities for the residents of south Florida and the many thousands of people from all over the world who visit here annually.



INTERESTED: aqumembers@gmail.com

MORE INFO: www.artcouncilswf.com

This 'n' That

May Program



Lisa Gorski presented the program, making beads with paper, fabric, and cardboard. She gave us plenty of tips and demoed several shapes, including a woven bead. Beads can be finished with Aleen's, paper glaze, Mod Podge, or Dollar Tree nail polish. She uses half a pool noodle with the skewers to let the beads dry.

May Show & Tell

Candie Delnore (left), Holly Watson (right).

Remember, we hold show & tell at each Membership meeting so bring along your projects, in any state, to share with and inspire our group!



World Doll Day



Emily Smith's doll creation celebrates Mary Roberts Rinehart (1876–1958), a bestselling mystery writer and war correspondent who was a frequent visitor to Florida in the 1920s and '30s. The Charlotte County Library in Port Charlotte will be exhibiting a group of Mary Roberts Rinehart dolls June 10–27. Stop by if you're in the neighborhood. World Doll Day is June 14.

The Giveaway Continues...

We had the first of our three Joyce Murrin giveaways in May. More items from Joyce to come at our July 8 meeting. Marci Mills is designing and sewing a thank-you card that we all can sign.

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!

Also selling: Bernina 440 QE for sale. This machine is 20 years old and test-drives beautifully.

For more information on this machine, contact Candie Frankel, 914-316-8914



This 'n' That



May 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2023

Officers: Jef Farlow, Marci Mills, Candie Frankel, Lisa Gorski, Faith Pfalz

Committee Chair: Shannan Maggied

Jef presented the proposed budget. We discussed it and approved it. Jef will present it to the membership for voting in July. Candie suggested an announcement be made about the board members (four out of six) who were displaced because of the hurricane. Shannan bought signs AQU to let members know which building we are meeting in. We will vote on the bylaw changes at the general meeting. Jef had a notebook full of information about AQU. We should ask about someone becoming the historian. Lisa talked about retreat 2024. We will be back at Day Springs for four days. Lisa then told us about a proposed teacher, Natalya Khorkover, who works with single use plastics. She charges \$2,000 for a three day zoom class. Lisa asked Jef to sign the contract for a class in January 2024. Lisa also mentioned a trunk show by Yellow Brick Studio. Marci let the board know that the taxes will be filed timely. As time ran out for the meeting, we adjourned for the general membership meeting.

Respectfully, Faith Pfalz, Secretary

May 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes

AQU Minutes for general meeting, May 5, 2023

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Committee Chair: Shannan Maggied

We had three guests, Kathy Bolen, "Mary" Cieba Gorski, and Ravee Ford. Lisa Gorski presented the program, making beads with paper, fabric, and cardboard. She gave us plenty of tips and demoed several shapes, including a woven bead. Beads can be finished with Aleen's, paper glaze, Mod Podge, or Dollar Tree nail polish. She uses half a pool noodle with the skewers to let the beads dry. The presentation was well received. Jef announced that the budget was approved in the board meeting and we will vote on it in July. Lisa announced the next retreat, Mary 21-25, 2024. Cost will be \$620 for a single room and \$460 for a double. In the works is a zoom class with Natalya Khorover January 21, 28, and February 4, 2024. She uses single use plastics to create architectural quilts. Holly passed out the brown bags. Ann Readon let us know that this is her last meeting as she will be moving to Amelia Island. We voted on the bylaw changes and approved. Candie had met with Joyce Murrin, an art quilter who has retired from quilting. She donated her stash to AQU and there was a wide selection of goodies for members to take. Marci will make a fabric thank you card for the members to sign. Jef reminded the membership that four of the board members were displaced as a result of the hurricane, but they still got the Guild work done.

Respectfully, Faith Pfalz, Secretary

Your AQU Board

President: Jef Farlow

1st Vice President: Candie Frankel

2nd Vice President: Holly Watson

Co-Secretary: Faith Pfalz

Co-Secretary: Caren Lyell

Treasurer: Marci Mills

Membership: Shannan Maggied

Retreat: Lisa Gorski

Delegate: Pam Richardson

Newsletter: Maura Ross

Exhibit Chair: open

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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 - theme TBD

- 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 - theme TBD



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