

Art Quilters Unlimited

February 2023 Newsletter

President's Message

As year-round members know, taking advantage of the influx of visitors in February and March, it is "show time" for artists in South West Florida. Congratulations to AQU artists whose work was shown at the "Fiber Finesse" exhibit at Coco Art Gallery in Estero. It was a beautiful exhibit, and a big thank you to the volunteers for setting up the exhibit. Our next meeting is February 11, with a lesson from Ann Reardon on making origami style butterflies. Looking Forward to March: our next exhibit is at the Naples Quilt show. We were invited to participate with a booth filled with samples of small works produced by our members. A thank you to Jeri McKay for taking the lead in our participation in this show. And a reminder—March is Retreat month! Register soon! Retreat is the most fun—plan to join us if you can. Have a colorful February, *Love, Jef*



by Shannan

Membership

Help us extend a warm welcome to our newest members, *Diana McDermott of Punta Gorda, Olivia Eldrige of Naples and Cheri Sheridan of Sarasota.*

2023 Membership Fees are due by February 15, 2023, payable online.

AQU name tags can be purchased online! Visit the 'Join Us' Page on our website.

AQU Care & Share

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 designed "Care & Share" to give us a tangible way to help get them back on their creative feet. See the At Your Leisure page on our website to learn how to help or how to get help!

Featured Artist

Meet Shannan Maggied

I never really thought of myself as an "artist" since I can't draw or paint. But in 2015 when I made my first quilt, my obsession with fabric artistry truly began. I love bright colors, lots of contrast, improv and modern design. In 2017, I designed a "60th Anniversary Quilt" for my parents and incorporated everyone's handprints with names and birthdates. It has become a family treasure. Joining AQU in 2021 changed my artistic life! I have been exposed to so many new techniques and artistic mediums. I wake up every day excited to think, dream and start creating something new.



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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

Feb 11 BYOF - Bring your own fabric! Ann Reardon will teach us how to fold butterflies!

*Bring an 8x8 square of cotton to play along and make an origami style butterfly!

*Drop off for the Naples Exhibit *Drop off your Brown Bag Challenge *Pick up your Coco Pieces

Mar 11 Color Theory - a local color expert walks us through "color 101"

*Drop off your Brown Bag Challenge

April Stay tuned for the newly added April meeting date!

make this at the
next meeting!



Workshops

More info and registration online at artquiltersunlimited.com

April 15 & 22 Live Zoom: Sheila Frampton Cooper: Lines & Curves

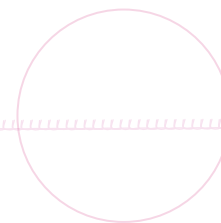
Sept 16 & 20 Live Zoom: Lyric Kinard: Abstract-a-licious



SHEILA FRAMPTON COOPER



LYRIC KINARD



Exhibits, Retreat & More

More info and registration online at artquiltersunlimited.com

March 3 & 4 AQU will be guest exhibitors at the **Naples Quilt Guild Show**

New Hope Ministries, 7675 Davis Blvd, Naples, FL

Volunteers needed March 2, 3 & 4 - contact Jeri at

jnjmckay@gmail.com

Art Collection

Feb 11, 2023

March 13-17 AQU **Retreat** at the San Pedro Spiritual Development

Center, Winter Park, FL. The trip features two meals per

day, spacious workroom, serene grounds,

demonstrations, wine, tasty bites and laughs!

Register by

Feb 15, 2023

hurry!
only a few
spaces left!



Thank you

Many thanks to our AQU Volunteers who helped hanging and take-down at the Coco Gallery~Estero in January; Connie Blachut, Candie Frankel, Debra Gluzak, Kevan Lunny, Jan Piscatelli, Carole Price, Pam Richardson, Maura Ross. And a special thanks to Jan Piscatelli for connecting us to the Gallery.

We always appreciate a helping hand, keep an eye out for future opportunities to help!

Kindness Across the Miles

When the Contemporary Quilt and Fiber Artists Group heard about the devastation hurricane Ian left behind they took it to heart and took action. Learning of the impact on members of our group, these fellow artists and quilters from Ohio collected a donation of \$295.00 to disperse to effected AQU members. Carole Price, a member of CQFA, delivered the check to our Board at the January meeting. What a show of love among strangers tied together by the love of fabric. Thank you!



Carole & Jef



2023 CHALLENGES



Mar 11

The Bandana Challenge: One rule, the piece must include a bandana. Any size shape or technique. Add other fabrics, trims, embellishments and so on! Pieces due at the March membership meeting.



December



At the February and March meetings, participants can bring pieces of fabric, trim, beads, metal pieces, or whatever you might want in an art piece, odds and ends, in a brown bag with your name on the inside of the bag. Take a picture of the items you have in your brown bag. The Brown Bag Coordinator (me), will collect the bags, number and keep track of whose is whose, assign the bags to others randomly, and distribute them to the assigned participants in April. You can add fabric, embellishments, or whatever, be creative. The 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 should be no more than 20" square, any shape, a purse, 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

AQU Annual Retreat

Register soon
be inspired
Spaces are
unplugged
filling up!
unwind

relax *create*

Art Quilters Unlimited 2023 Retreat

March 13-17, 2023

San Pedro Spiritual
Development Center
Winter Park, FL

Two meals per day
Comfortable workroom
Serene grounds
Demonstrations

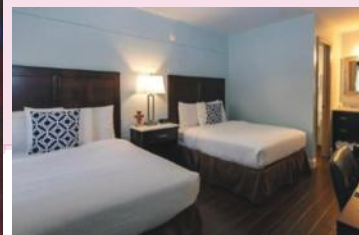
Double room \$438 pp

Single room \$626 pp

(split payments available)

Register and final payment due
by February 11, 2023

more details at
artquiltersunlimited.com
sanpedrocenter.org



Congrats!

Three of our AQU
members sold
pieces at the
January Coco
Gallery Exhibit!

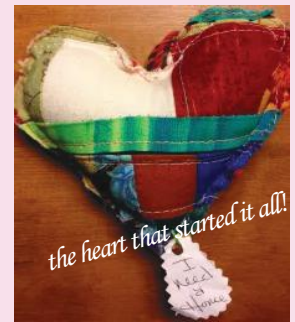
Congrats Jeri, Jan
and Ann!



This 'n That

I Found A Quilted Heart

A perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day by spreading a little love. IFAQH is a website that is home to photos of found hearts. Artsy folks anonymously create quilted hearts and hide them in random places (see rules). The person who found it can post about it on this website. And, if you're stuck in a rut, it's a perfect small project to get those creative juices flowing while committing a random act of kindness! Win-win! For information on how to participate: www.ifoundaquiltedheart.com



AQU WORKSHOP

Sheila Frampion-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."



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."

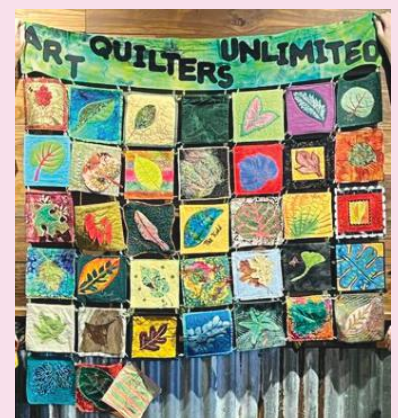


Tradition

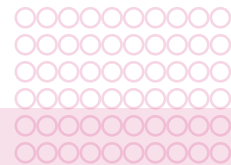
This beautiful patchwork banner is made up of individual panels created by AQU members. Not only is it an inspiring collaboration, but it is a time capsule of AQU member history as well. This banner will be displayed at shows, events and retreats.



- Here's how to add a panel of your own:
 - Size 6" x 6" with a **LEAF** motif
 - Three layers; front, batting and backing
 - Edges should be finished
 - Include your name and date on the back
 - Bring your finished panel to a meeting



Meeting Minutes



Board Meeting, January 7, 2023

Officers: Jef Farlow, Holly Watson, Marci Mills, Candie Frenkel, Faith Pfalz, Caren Lyell

Committee Chairs: Maura Ross, Shannan Maggied

We will change the P. O. Box to a Fort Myers location. Dues are due by February 15, 2023.

Shannan will head up a **bylaws review**. Any suggested changes should be sent to her by February 1, and she will prepare for review by the board. Shannan is working on updated job descriptions.

Maura will continue with e-blasts; she'll coordinate with Caren & Shannan to get new members on the email contacts.

Candie said that Maura had done all the legwork for **programs** in 2023 and Candie is working on ideas for 2024.

Holly then spoke about **workshops**. Esterita Austin is 1/13 and 1/14/2023. 11 and 15 have signed up. Sheila Frampton Cooper and Lyric Kinard are also scheduled for 2023. As to the AQU event list which Caren has produced, the non-member charge should be added.

Membership. There are currently 32 paid members. She expects to receive more checks at the meeting. Members have shown interest in additional meetings (April and October). We will check the budget (for rent expenses) and if feasible, then we will add. The board also liked the idea. Shannan thanked Maura for creating all the membership cards, rack cards, and signs. She wonders if we have a sign we can post outside the building in which we will be meeting (Browning Hall or the Music Room) to let members know.

Treasurer: Marci will be added as a signer on the account. The bank address will be Jef's home address and this address should be used with the credit card.

Publicity: Jef reviewed the bylaws and determined that the Executive Committee has the latitude to rename a Standing Committee. She recommends that we rename the Publicity Committee to the Publicity/Social Media Committee without a bylaw change.

Newsletter information is due to Maura by the 25th of the month. She has the capacity (and amazing ability) to create ads and posters as needed.

Coco Gallery **exhibit** and reception were great. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated.

New business: Carole Price had a donation from her Ohio quilt group. She will present it at the meeting. The Board needs to decide on the distribution of the funds.

Holly presented a UFO **challenge** for each year going forward. She will present the idea at the meeting. In lieu of the Christmas gift exchange, Holly recommends a brown bag exchange. Each participating member will put a selection of fabrics, embellishments, objects of interest in a brown bag. Holly will coordinate and distribute to other members.

Caren has updated the **website** and added a mission statement.

Pam Richardson has to give up her position as AQU's spokesperson at the **Arts Counsel**; we need another member to take the reins.

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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