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SAQA CT Newsletter

...promoting the art quilt and the artists who create them

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SAQA CT Regional Meeting

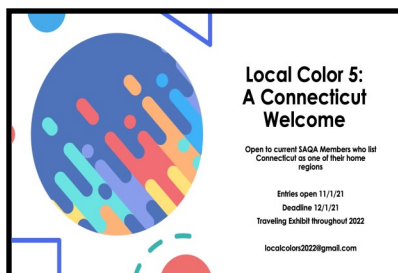
February 5, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Guildford Art Center

411 Church Street, Guilford, CT

Participate in a discussion on finishing your art quilts. Christina Blais, author of "The Finish Line" will be present to share information and samples from her popular newsletter series. Bring your questions, thoughts and suggestions. Time will be set aside view the LC5 exhibit, listen to a few of the artists and to ask questions.

A Golden Opportunity! Are you looking to become more involved? Would you like to see behind the scenes and be in the know? Consider becoming a SAQA CT Regional Rep. Work alongside Laura and I until my tenure is up on March 31st, 2022.



Thank you to everyone who entered their work in Local Color 5:

A Connecticut Welcome!

The exhibit will be hanging at the Guilford Arts Center throughout the month of February 2022!

An exhibit of fiber art by members of the CT Region of SAQA. Artists were encouraged to explore the varieties of meanings, images and experiences evoked by the word "Welcome".

Congratulations to the participating artists:

Christina Blais, Lois Caron, Barbara Danzi, Tamar Drucker, Lin Elmo, Wendy Frieden, Rita Han-nafin, Karen Kebinger, Evelyn Oliver Knight, Gail Kotowski, Clara Nartey, Kathy Nutley, Ruth Anne Olson, Margaret Phillips, Judy Ross, Catherine Whall Smith, Linda Stern, Kate Stiassni, Kate Themel, Carol Vinick, Mayann Weinberg and Diane Wright.

SAQA Seminar 2022: “Highlights” (online event)

January 24 - Apr 1, 2022

Every two weeks, you will have the chance to view some of the interviews from the past seminars. We will also include updated articles and links to revisit some of the artists to see how their work has evolved over the last few years. We added new hands-on activities and live Zoom discussions to get folks involved.

[SAQA Seminar](#) is a multi-media collection of content that includes articles, video conversations, and more! SAQA has presented five annual online SAQA Seminars from 2016. SAQA has many new members and some of us may have forgotten some of the content. So to (re)introduce you to the wonderful content we have compiled over the years, the Education Committee has decided to revisit our previous SAQA Seminars.

Registration begins in January.



The annual SAQA conference "Bridging the Gulf - Fabric to Fine Art" will be held online from April 29-May 7, 2022. For this year, we're going to beautiful Florida and the Gulf states for our virtual experience, with fresh fish and sandy beaches all over the place! Even though most of us will not physically be in sunny Florida, our local committee has been working for a couple of years now to put the Floridian flavor on this conference in every way they can.

This will be SAQA's third time presenting an international conference in a virtual format, and we are confident it will be the best one yet! **No matter where you live, you've got something special to look forward to!**

Registration is due to open in January! Stay tuned...

For more information visit <https://www.saqa.com/>



The exhibit, “Fabric of a Nation: American Quilt Stories”, will be The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston until January 17, 2022. Discover the extraordinary stories behind 300 years of American quilts.

Visit: [Fabric of a Nation | Museum of Fine Arts, Boston \(mfa.org\)](https://www.mfa.org/exhibitions/fabric-of-a-nation)



Karen Brown, of Just Get It Done Quilts, tells us: “Decluttering is all about getting stuff out of your space. That includes: garbage, broken and damaged items, things that belong in other spaces in your home, stuff that needs to be returned to a Sew Mate, objects you no longer need, use or like, things that no longer serve you and stuff that no longer makes sense in your space.

Already overwhelmed? Just take a deep breath, and tell yourself that “You Got This!” To set yourself up for success, try out my tips and tricks.”

[BEFORE WE BEGIN - DECLUTTER CHALLENGE 2022 - YouTube](#)

[Declutter Challenge 2022 - Before We Begin \(justgetitdonequilts.com\)](https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/)

Remember to take before and after photos of your space. Send them to me by the end of January for inclusion in the February newsletter. You'll be the envy of SAQA CT!

A few of the "Seasons" quilts hung in the Fairfield University Book Store in Fairfield during November 2021



By Lois Caron



By Laura Lugo



By
Christina
Blais



By Kathy Nutley



ART CENTER EAST

<https://artscentereast.org/fiber-arts/> - This exhibit is open to all fiber artists, whether you work in felting, quilting, embroidery, knitting, crochet, hat making, textiles, wearable art, or mixed fiber arts. Fiber Arts have a long tradition not only of utility but of storytelling and personal expression. This exhibit celebrates the hard work and creativity of fiber artists. **Submission Deadline: January 17, 2022**

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