

Peninsula Fiber Artists November 2023 Newsletter

Teri Wolf facilitated this month's meeting.

Kate Lovejoy from Northwind shared information that better lighting for building 324 has been funded and will be installed in the near future. Barbara Ramsey was an integral part in getting funding for the much needed lighting. Kate also talked about upcoming classes that Northwind is offering for adults and youth. This information can be found on their website: Northwindart.org

We welcomed two guests to the meeting; Kate Dwyer from Port Townsend, and Donna Moore from Port Ludlow.

Fiber Habit Window

"Daily Dose of Fiber" is now up. Thank you Evette for your work on this display.

"The Big Chill" will be the next Window, curated by Lora Armstrong. Deadline for submittals to Lora will be December 15. A good time to bring your pieces will be at the December 13 meeting, in Gardiner. Otherwise make arrangements to coordinate with Lora. Don't forget your submittal form as well as \$10 entry fee. If you're paying by check, please make it out to Kathie Cook.

"Funky Ladies" will be the theme for March/April Window. This will, again, be curated by Evette. Deadline/details to be announced in the coming months.

Exhibitions

Caryl thanked those who've sent in their entries for Burst of Color so far. Northwind is particularly interested in 3-dimensional pieces as there is a lot of space in between the walls. Deadline for photos of work being submitted to be juried is November 19. These photos need to be sent to Linda Carlson. If you have questions, please contact Linda via email. Caryl mentioned sending in photos of details of your work in a horizontal frame versus a vertical one.

Caryl has sent a proposal for a possible show to the new gallery in the new Performing Arts center, in Port Angeles. Caryl has heard back from the director, and will be in discussions with them at the end of November.

Port Ludlow Art League has opportunities for showing your work in various locations in Port Ludlow. More information about this is available at www.portludlowart.org

Jeanette Best Gallery, in Port Townsend, is now hosting "Small Expressions". Several members have pieces on display at this show that runs until the end of December.

Artist biographies/statements are needed for shows. If you'd like help putting your biography together, Teri Wolf is happy to help you with this, so contact her via email if you'd like some pointers/assistance.

Show and Tell

Daera participated in a class with Pat Pauley in Coupeville a few months ago. She showed two pieces she created using Eco-fi/Eco-felt, TyVek, stencils, and paint to create patterns and colors on her fabric.

Marla used fabric scraps she received from a friend to create a large 2-sided quilt of appliquéd pieces showing vertical lines and circles. She hand pieced and quilted the piece as well as embellishing with embroidery stitches.

Larkin's comment on her piece was that her colors "ooze" rather than "burst." Her beautiful hand beaded turquoise collar necklace will hopefully be completed in time to submit for her entry for "Burst of Color."

Caryl brought some of her recent fabric designs on paper that she creates for Benartex company, and offered it to any in the group who works with paper in their creations.

Merrie Jo has been taking online book binding classes with Bookmakers.com. Her book was created from hand painted fabrics and can be used for journaling or as a dairy.

Lynn showed a knitted/crocheted piece that she created some years ago in Florida. This piece was used in a school for the deaf and blind, as a tactile learning tool. Another piece Lynn shared was a thread painted quail on a needle felted background, and hand embroidered. Her inspiration for this piece was from a photograph her son took of the bird.

Debra showed an appliquéd "Frank the Fish" on a colorful painted and embellished canvas background. This was a commissioned piece for a friend who lives in Victoria, BC. Debra had a piece accepted by Quilting Arts magazine that will soon be shown on the PBS program.

Kate Dwyer showed her fabric mache bowls using a balloon, threads and fabric. Kate mentioned she is teaching this class on December 11, at Northwind.

Maggie showed her "Dolly" face, inspired by quilt designer Freddy Moran. Also a work in progress piece using fabric scraps that is hand pieced and quilted.

Irene shared her improvisational curves piece "Ribbon Dance" she finished after recently taking Barbara Ramsey's class, that she will be submitting for Burst of Color.

Lora shared and modeled her wool felted "wild hat" as well as a her knitted sweater and matching hat. A felted wall hanging with a variety of embellishments, and a mixed media collage book she is using to display photos of her work.

Barbara showed her hand dyed wall hanging of "Sea Sponges," which will be submitted for Burst of Color.

Erica showed an indigo discharged bandana.

Kathy shared what she created with six colors of 9"x18" fabric calling it "Imrpov with Rulers."

Donna showed her Hawaiian fabric piece she sewed and embroidered for her husband's birthday gift.

Susan showed her rug-hooked sunflower piece.

Joyce designed and created a silk broadcloth blue and green jacket with a chartreuse lining. This will be submitted to Burst of Color.

Helga showed eco printed pieces she created using linen and old tablecloths, not only using leaves but figures from photo and magazine pictures.

Teri showed her "Color Dance" wall hanging, which will be submitted to Burst of Color.

Mini-Presentation

Leslie took at class with Betty Busby last year, in Lake Tahoe, on this method. Leslie shared her methods/processes of preparing Pellon and Wonder Under and using acrylic paints to work with and cut out images using a Cameo 4 Silhouette cutter. Her detailed demonstration hand out is available for a more in-depth explanation.

Workshops/Exhibitions/Holiday Fairs

Irene will be participating in the holiday fair at the Community Center in Port Townsend, November 24/25.

Erica is participating in a pop-up craft fair, in Chimacum, November 18. Address is 2603 Center Road, from 2-5 p.m. She will also be at the craft fair in Nordland, November 25.

BARN bazaar, on Bainbridge Island, will be held November 18, from 10-3pm.

Port Ludlow holiday fair will be held November 25, 10-3pm. Address is 121 Marina View Drive.

December 3, 12-3 pm. Open Sew with Barbara Ramsey, held at Northwind. Learn from others, questions/answers. Sign up at [Northwind](#) website.

Mary Tyler's work is in two SAQA shows at the moment; Paduca, and San Diego.

BARN on Bainbridge will be selecting new instructors for 2024. If you are interested in instructing Fiber Arts, Dyeing classes, Surface Design, Sewing, or Weaving classes, please contact Donna via email.

December 13, 2023 Meeting

Our December meeting will be held at the Gardiner Community Center from 10-2pm. After the business portion of the meeting, there will be a Marketplace. This will be the time to bring holiday gift/wrapping ideas as well as selling and trading some of your own pieces. Please bring checks or cash for purchasing items. Bring a brown bag lunch for a social gathering after the meeting. Desserts and coffee will be provided by the leadership team.

Meeting Venue Discussion

Cindy opened the discussion asking members what some of our concerns/issues are about where we meet. Some of the comments were:

- Safety - ingress/egress
- Accessibility - stairs

- Wide-Screen TV for presentations
 - Location/distance/rotating places
 - Times and Consistency of places
 - Room to move around
- Stay tuned from leadership for more about this.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!
Sue