



'tiles

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY TEXTILE GUILD

WINTER 2022

SJCTG All-Islands Winter Quarterly Meeting Saturday, Jan. 29, 1:00–2:30 p.m. via Zoom

Karol McLuen, Guild President

Our presenter for our Winter Meeting will be Amy Green, Executive Director of the PNW Quilt and Fiber Arts Museum in La Conner. She has graciously offered to talk to us about this treasured venue for exhibits featuring the fiber arts, and we are excited to have her join us.

Amy will share the upcoming exhibit schedule and remind us of the wonderful permanent exhibits. We get to have a sneak preview of the most recent exhibit that is just opening. AND..... it is the 25th ANNIVERSARY of the Museum this year!! We will learn of highlights of the upcoming recognition of this milestone.

The museum also provides educational and community opportunities. Although in-person learning is not available for now, there is a "Virtual Fiber Friday" event every week, 10:00–11:00 a.m. Amy will have information on the future of these programs too, and perhaps give us a preview of potential upcoming workshops.

We hope this overview of the Fiber Arts Museum and the value of fiber arts will provide you with a bright spot this winter and during this uncertain time. Perhaps you will be inspired to create a piece for a show, or the SJ County Fair, or your living room. There is always room for more fiber and art!!

Pacific Northwest

Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum

Imagine. Create. Inspire.



Currently the Museum is undergoing some routine maintenance, so some floors have limited access. If this presentation whets your appetite for a visit and in-person inspiration, make sure to visit the website to confirm the days and hours it's open: www.qfamuseum.org

Details of how to join the Zoom session will be sent to you all separately several days ahead via email. If you're not familiar with using Zoom, you can find information and instructions at <https://zoom.us>. You can also contact Valarie Keaton or Susan Bradford for help.

Draft Minutes of Fall Quarterly Meeting, Oct. 30, 2021

Karol McLuen

The meeting was called to order by President Jason Munkres at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Susan McBain moved and Susan Rosenberg seconded that the proposal be accepted. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Robin Atkins proposed that no new dues be collected for the 2022 year and that the 2021 dues be applied to 2022. Dues for new members would be reduced to \$10.00. After discussion, Julie Packard moved and Robin Atkins seconded that the proposal be accepted. Passed, with one opposed and one abstention. Julie then presented the latest financial status report and budget for 2022. Susan Bradford moved and Barb Fagan seconded that the budget be approved. Passed unanimously.

Board Elections: Valarie Keaton proposed a slate of officers for 2022:

- Karol McLuen – President
- Amy Vira – Secretary
- Julie Packard – Treasurer
- Dorothy Ives – President Elect

The slate was approved unanimously.

Committee reports:

- Membership – Robin Atkins asked members to encourage new people to join.
- Newsletter – Susan McBain, nothing to report
- Workshops/Retreat – Susan Bradford
 - Julie Packard - April 15–16, 2023, Janine Bajus, The Feral Knitter, in-person workshop
 - Fair Isle Vest, with follow-up zoom sessions to complete
 - Anita Barreca – TBD in April, Maria Bullock Willow basket workshop

- Scholarships – Barb Fagan, nothing to report
- Library – Liz Pillow, nothing to report
- Historian – Anita Barreca, nothing to report.
- ANWG – Anita Barreca, Sent out ANWG newsletter, next conference in Bend, OR.
- Website Val Keaton – nothing to report.
- County Fair – Jason Munkres – hoping to have normal fair in 2022 – yet to be decided
- Island Reps
 - MaryLynn Whitley – Lopez – nothing to report
 - Tara Wilding – Shaw – new rep, nothing to report
 - Jean Henson – Orcas – a little early for April meeting details
 - Susan Rosenberg – SJI – The Library conference room will be available again soon.

New business:

- Christmas ornament exchange (virtual). Barb Fagan and Karol McLuen will organize.
- Susan Rosenberg - Soliciting ideas of things to do as a group, Field trips.
- Dorothy Ives – Encouraged donation of warm clothing where those who need them can take them.
- Fall Challenge and Sharing – many members showed seasonal items made for the Challenge.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Membership Report

Robin Atkins

We welcome one new member to the Guild. Linda Chowdry is a knitter (sweaters, scarves, mittens, etc). She moved from Denver to Friday Harbor in 2018 and joined the Guild in mid-November, 2021. Welcome, Linda!

I'd also like to remind you that last year's members do not need to pay dues this year! Because the Guild's activities have been very limited due to Covid restrictions, and therefore expenses are low, the Board recommended we suspend dues for renewing members. Then the SJCTG membership voted unanimously at our October All-Island Meeting to extend 2021 dues to cover 2022 as well. Anyone new to us who want to join the Guild in 2022 is asked to pay dues of \$10, which is half the normal dues for one year.

If you are receiving this newsletter, then you are a "paid member" and do not owe any dues for the calendar year 2022.



Workshops Report

Susan Bradford

Sadly, there is very little to report about workshops at the moment.

Anita Barreca is still working on a Willow Basket Workshop to be taught by Maria Bullock. Maybe in April? But for obvious reasons, nothing can be pinned down right now. Stay tuned and details will be provided as soon as possible.

There will most likely be a Fair Isle knitting workshop sometime in 2023, organized by Julie Packard. Again, more details yet to come.

There will probably be another Zentangle workshop because there are so many of us who love the process. If any of you are interested in taking a beginning Zentangle workshop, I'm sure that can be arranged.

It hardly needs saying that we are all looking forward to the time when we can have in-person workshops once again! There is so much to learn!!



Members on the Move

Anita Barreca

The last two years have brought much change in our lives. Our membership has dwindled no doubt in part because we have not met in person since March of 2020. Since then we have seen Carol Strum move to Oregon, Kathy Chadwick is moving to Seattle, and Ruth van Doren has moved (this time) to Maine. Lola Deane moved to Mercer Island a while ago. And guess who has joined her there? Jo Critchlow, that's who! Imagine what a great place Covenant Living at the Shores must be to have TWO Golden Fleece Award winners in its company!



Even though our friends have moved away physically, we have more ways to keep them close. We are able to see Ruth (and others if they wish) bi-weekly in the Woven Together Zoom get-togethers. And Ruth and Carol have both

been able to take the Zentangle Workshops. So move away if you will, but never leave our hearts or our Guild.

By the way, Jo would like to sell her loom: 32", 8 heddles, back beam equipment, never used, and loom in need of TLC with some oil in the squeaks. Price very reasonable. You can contact her at josiebob52@gmail.com.

~~~~~  
**Exhibit of Textile Guild's  
Zentangle Study Group Work at  
SJ Library**

Robin Atkins

If you're at the San Juan Library in May, stop at the entry to enjoy seeing some of the Zentangle art our members have made. Included in the

exhibit will be tools of our trade, sketchbooks showing how we develop our Tangle ideas, and some books you could check out if this lovely, meditative process appeals to you.

The Zentangle Study Group has 12 regular participants and one more who joins us when she can. We meet every Thursday for two hours on Zoom. We love our Study Group as a way to improve our skills, and we've developed deep friendships, supporting each other as we learn. Most of us have already made well over 100 Tiles (such as the one pictured below) by spending time drawing nearly every day. Our past Guild president, Valarie Keaton, will be taking a week-long workshop (in September) in preparation to become a Certified Zentangle Teacher (CZT)!

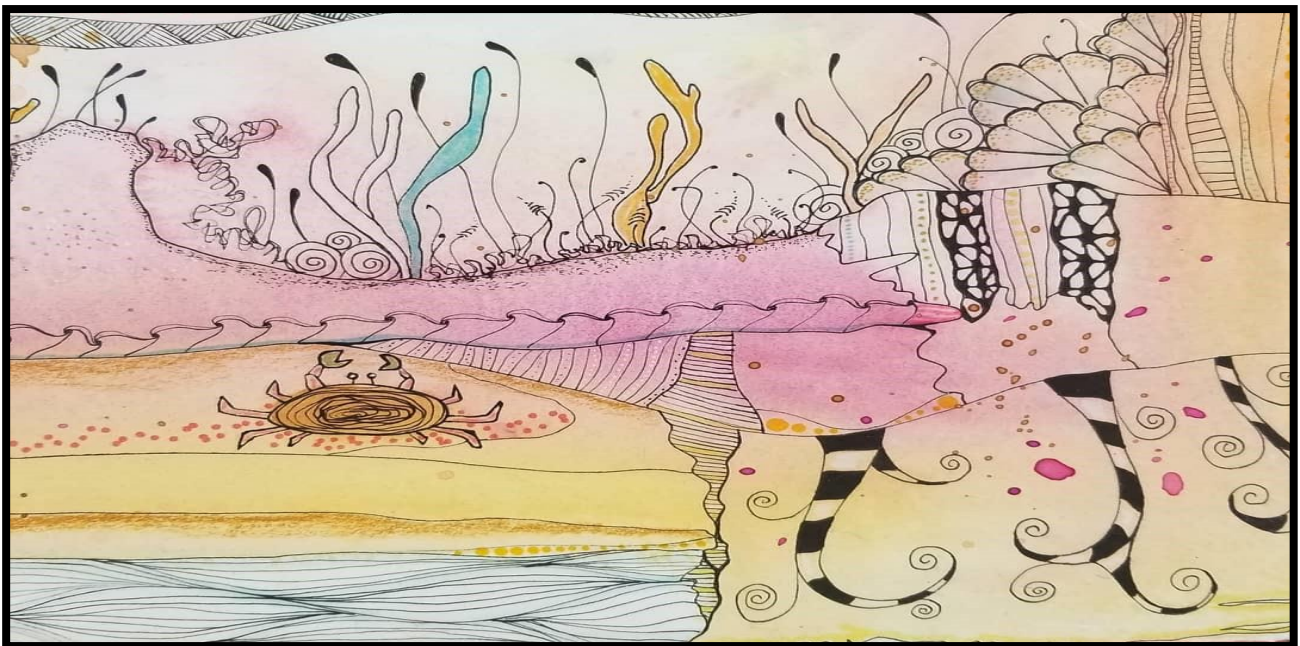
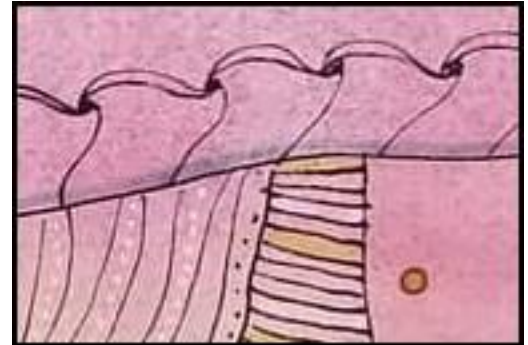
More Zentangles, created by the teacher of our group's first workshop together, Deb Prewitt, are shown on the next page.



Sketchbook Zentangle/painting by Betsy Currie, Lopez Island



## Beautiful Zentangles!



All Zentangles pictured here by Deb Prewitt, CZT.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>The deadline for the Spring 2022 issue of <i>'tiles</i> is April 15, 2021. Forward articles to Susan McBain at <a href="mailto:slmcbain@gmail.com">slmcbain@gmail.com</a>. Please send articles electronically if possible.</p> | <p>Advertising policy: No charge to place "For Sale" or "Wanted" ads. Business ads are not published in <i>'tiles</i>. Guild members operating a for-profit business may place a text-only listing in the annual SJCTG Roster at no charge.</p> | <p>Membership: Dues are \$20 (\$30 if you want a mailed paper copy of <i>'tiles</i>). Contact Membership Chair Robin Atkins at 360-370-7066 or <a href="mailto:robin@robinatkins.com">robin@robinatkins.com</a>. Deadline for inclusion in the Roster is January 31.</p> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Susan McBain  
91 Coastline Dr.  
Olga, WA 98279

