

August Newsletter

Welcome to our news for August. Despite the usual quiet months of summer in terms of meet-ups for quilt groups there has been lots of gathering happening in our region over the last few months. Read on to hear about it and welcome to new member Pat Hoyer from Calgary, Alberta.

Pat Pauly Workshop in Oliver BC

On June 14th and 15th fifteen fibre artists from B.C. and Alberta shared two wonderful days with Instructor and Art Quilter Pat Pauly from Rochester, N.Y. U.S.A. She gave two workshops on designing abstract contemporary quilts using improvisational composition. After some warm up design exercises with paper and fabric, we tackled a composition using only two pieces of large scale commercial or hand-made fabrics. We took the plunge and cut into our fabrics, creating new designs with improvisational piecing allowing the fabric to dictate the design choices. No rulers or templates were used as we learned to cut freehand while discovering how to use our fabrics to create abstract compositions.

Pat also gave an evening lecture with invited members of the public joining us. This was well attended, giving us an enjoyable way to get to know Pat and her methods of working.

The Surfaces Group of Oliver sponsored the workshop with a wonderful space that was provided by the Oliver Community Arts Council. We hope to hold future workshops in Oliver perhaps with SAQA support. If you have ideas for workshops you would like to see come to B.C. e-mail Janet Bednarczyk with your ideas (bedn9783@telus.net).

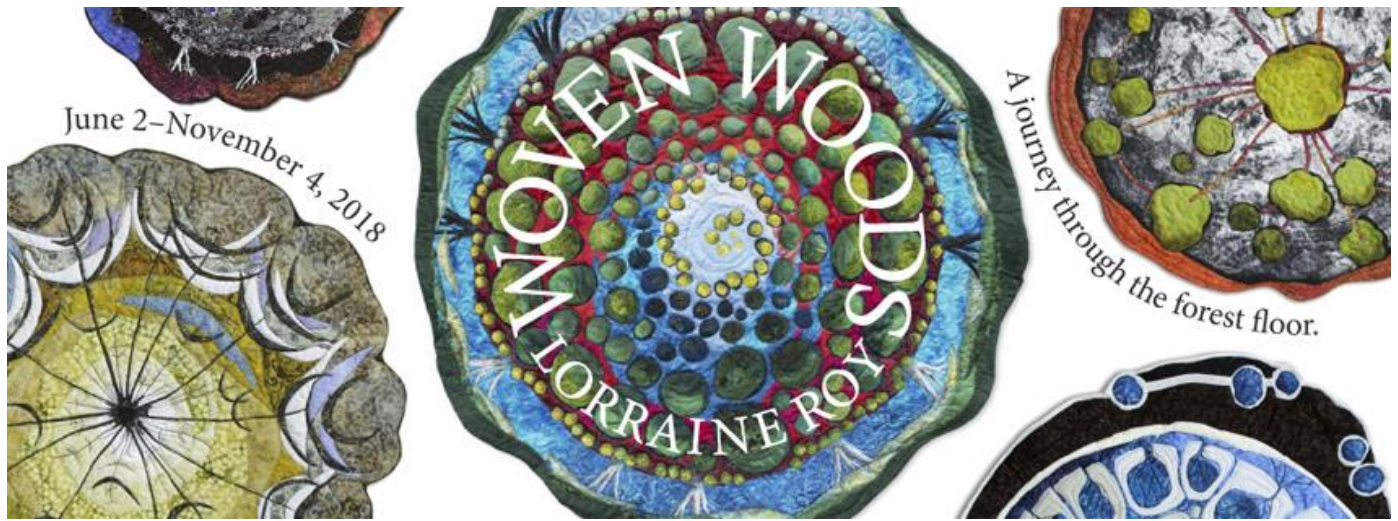


Pat with some samples of her work.



Students working in the studio space

Woven Woods Lecture with SAQA artist Lorraine Roy



Get your tickets for Lorraine Roy's artist lecture September 13, 2018 in the Floral Hall at Van Dusen Botanical Gardens. This lecture is in conjunction with Lorraine's show Woven Woods: A Journey through the Forest Floor from June 2- November 4, 2018 at the Beaty Biodiversity Museum at UBC.

To Purchase tickets: <https://www.picatic.com/event15275304963136>

For more information about Lorraine Roy's work:

<http://www.lroyart.com/index.php>

Volunteer opportunities for helping set-up, host and take down around the lecture are forthcoming. There is also talk of a dinner before the lecture so get in touch if you are interested.

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Lower Mainland P.O.D News

Next meeting is Wednesday September 12 from 10 -2pm

Please RSVP to Linda Ingham at finsethlinda@gmail.com

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Lower Mainland P.O.D Dye-In, July 11, 2018

Indigo, eco-printing and discharge where shared and explored in Chilliwack on July 11. Participants were ready for the hot sun and a full day of sharing learning.



Trunk Show D's Travels

Our time with the SAQA Trunk show is coming to a close.

I visited the welcoming Chilliwack Piecemaker's Guild in June for a Trunk Show viewing and a short talk about what SAQA is all about. The show was well received.



The last stops for the Trunk show are

September 19-23 Fiber Art Network Conference, High River

And the Spectra group in Calgary on September 25.

You can view the show online at [here](#).

SAQA Worldwide

It's that time of year again, the SAQA Benefit Auction starts on September 14.

2018 SAQA BENEFIT AUCTION



There are some beautiful pieces as always. Check out the Western Canada made ones [here](#) and [here](#).

Please get in touch at the email address below if I can help you to get the most out of your SAQA membership. And do not forget to check out our blog edited by the wonderful Margaret Blank (margblank@xplornet.ca) for other news between newsletters: <http://saqawesterncanada.blogspot.ca/>

Until September,

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