



**The SAQA Florida Region presents a multi-disciplinary collaborative project to celebrate Florida's waters
- as part of the 2021 SAQA Global Conference in St. Petersburg, FL**

WHAT? SAQA Florida invites **SAQA members worldwide** to create and **DONATE** 2-D or 3-D textile artworks of fish or other underwater creatures. These works may be in any configuration but **no larger than 12"** in length or width, and may be realistic or imaginary. All works submitted **will** be exhibited at the conference. Backgrounds are okay, but not required. Members are welcome to send more than one piece. Fresh water and salt water creatures are invited.

HOW? SAQA Florida is gathering fish, but turtles, mermaids, and other sea creatures are also welcome. Artwork may be flat, stuffed, embellished, have protruding fins, etc. and does not need to be square or rectangular. We do ask that all edges be finished. **IMPORTANT!** Please include your **name, hometown** and state (or country), and **website** on the piece.

WHAT ELSE? Poets (both SAQA and non-SAQA) are invited to submit short works inspired by Florida's underwater fish and other creatures. SAQA Florida Fresh Fish Committee members will select the poetry to be used for the exhibit and a commemorative book.

Poets interested in receiving a poetry prospectus should request one here: sqaflapoetryproject@gmail.com.

AND THEN WHAT?

Display at the conference: Textile works and a sampling of the poetry will be built into an installation to be exhibited at the 2021 conference. SAQA Florida will provide the materials and supplies needed to display the work.

Commemorative Publication: A book depicting textile artwork and poetry will be created. The SAQA Florida Fresh Fish Committee will choose the best and most diverse selection of textile artwork and poetry to incorporate into this document. The printed book will be soft cover perfect bound, printed through Kindle Direct Publishing and available for sale through Amazon. All costs and royalties from this publication will belong to SAQA Florida.

GOALS OF THE PROJECT

1. Highlight Florida's unique aquatic environment to conference attendees.
2. Provide a multi-disciplinary creative opportunity for SAQA members.
3. Enhance the artistic reputation of SAQA by participating with artists working in other genres.
4. Creative fun for participants.
5. Raise funds for SAQA Florida Region (proceeds from book sales).
6. One other goal is top secret, but it's a great one.

WHEN?

There will be **NO online entry for artwork**. All **fish entries must be received no later than October 31, 2020**. Please mail art entries to: **Karol Kusmaul, 185 N Meadowlark Pt., Inverness, FL 34453**.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Please note that all artwork received will be exhibited at the conference but because of space constraints, there is **NOT a guarantee that all work will be in the commemorative book**. All works published in the book will have artist credit – name, hometown, and website. **Artwork will NOT be returned to the artist**. We do have a plan for the artwork, but it is top secret until after the conference.

QUESTIONS?

For questions regarding art work: karol@kquilt.com

For questions regarding poetry: sqaflapoetryproject@gmail.com