

Frieda Anderson

BIO:

Artist Statement - I made my first quilt when I was in high school. I have always made things, and I love the process of creating. In college I majored in Art History and minored in ceramics, but I returned to fiber because it was more satisfying. I can't remember when I didn't sew. For years my focus was designing and making clothing. All that changed in 1992, however, when I was in fashion design school and realized that all I wanted to do was make quilts. I have been designing and making original art quilts ever since.

I find each step of quilt making, from the beginning to the end, a real challenge. It is hard to say what part I like best. I love the pure creativity involved in conceiving and designing a new quilt. I love to piece my creations I like to make a big, bold statement with my large format pieces. My work is machine quilted and often nature inspired.

I discovered hand dyeing fabric 35 years ago, and I now work almost exclusively with my own hand dyed cotton, silk, and linen fabric. I love the dye process, and I particularly enjoy seeing the colors emerge from the wet fabric.

Frieda is a BERNINA Ambassador working on the BERNINA 770Q domestic home sewing machine and the Q20 sitdown quilting machine.

You can watch an AQS [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6OsBZSE1gc&feature=youtu.be) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6OsBZSE1gc&feature=youtu.be> of Frieda talk about her award winning quilt **Unfurling**, or print a very nice article about Frieda from [Schmetz needles](https://www.euronotions.com/ITS/2018/58-October/ITS58-OCT18L.pdf) - <https://www.euronotions.com/ITS/2018/58-October/ITS58-OCT18L.pdf>.

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OCCUPATION: Artist

MEDIUM: Fiber

BORN: Corinth, MS

EDUCATION: BA (1976) University of Vermont; and Fashion Design (1992) Harper College, Palatine IL

YEARS TEACHING QUILTING – 2000 - present

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS-

Walks in the Woods - Del Thomas Collection
Springs Greeting - Private Collection
Aspen Tree - National Quilt Museum
and many individual quilt collectors

PUBLISHED BOOKS:

ARTQuilts – Fusible Collage, Laura Wasilowski & Frieda Anderson with Nancy Zieman.

sewingwithnancy.com. (2011)

Fabric to Dye For, Frieda L. Anderson. C&T Publishing (2010)

Fun Fast Fusies, Frieda L. Anderson. American Quilter's Society (2005)

Frieda's Fun Fast Free Motion Machine Quilting, Frieda L. Anderson (self published)

PUBLICATIONS:

Frieda's quilts have appeared in the following publications:

- **The Natural World: Art Quilt Portfolio**, Martha Sielman. SAQA (2012)
- **Adventures in Design: Ultimate Visual Guide, 153 Spectacular Quilts, Activities & Exercises**, Joen Wolfrom. C&T Publishing (2012)
- **The Best Of Quilting Arts**, Pokey Bolton. Interweave Press (2011)
- **Skinny Quilts & Table Runners II**, Eleanor Levie, editor. Martingale (2009)
- **Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. Portfolio 15**. Cheryl Ferrin, editor. SAQA (2008)
- **Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. Portfolio 17**, Cheryl Ferrin, editor. SAQA (2010)
- **Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. Portfolio 18**, Cheryl Ferrin, editor. SAQA (2011)
- **The Quilted Planet**, Celia Eddy. Octopus Publishing Group (2005)
- **Fusing Fun! Fast and Fearless Art Quilts**, Laura Wasilowski. C&T Publishing (2004)
- **Creative Log Cabin Quilting**, Jeanne Stauffer and Sandre L. Hatch, editors. House of White Birches (2004)
- **Fiberarts Design Book**, Susan Mowery Kieffer, editor. Lark Books (2004)
- **Gallery Of Quilt Art, 2003 Masterpieces, Spirit and Strength**, by Husqvarna
- **Gallery Of Quilt Art, 2001 Masterpieces, Quilts of the New Machine Age**, by Husqvarna

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PUBLISHED PERIODICALS:

Art Quilting Studio – Autumn 2021- Creative Curved piecing article pages 50-56
AQS Focus on Flowers booklet – 2020 - *Unfurling*
American Quilter Calendar, May 2019 – *Unfurling*
Inspired to Sew – Schmetz Needle Newsletter – September 2018
Create Whimsy – May 2018
Machine Quilting Unlimited, July/August 2017, Prize winning quilt – [Spring's Greeting](#)
Quilting Arts Magazine, April/May 2016 Intentional Improvisation
Quilting ARTs Magazine, August/Sept 2015, Farm Land article Decorative stitching by Machine
International Quilt festival Quilt Scene, 2013/2014, fwmedia
Modern Quilts Unlimited, Spring 2013 - Green Leaf, project and article
American Quilter Magazine, July 2012, Prize winning quilt – [Woodland Treasure](#) quilt pictured
Norsk Quilteblad, Norwegian Quilt Journal, 2012 – Frieda Anderson, “*A walk in the Winter Woods*”
Quilt Trends, Spring 2012, “*Five fun projects for a spring weekend*,” Daisy Postcard quilt pictured
Bergens Tidende, Bergen Norway Newspaper, March 18, 2012, “*When the kids move out, you get quiet you can fill up on quilting.*”
The Best of Quilting Arts 2012 – cover photo and article
Quilting Arts Gifts 2011/2012 Christmas issue, “*Holiday Décor Ensemble*,” Christmas Tree skirt and fire screen projects
101 Patchwork Projects And Quilts, “*Fused Greeting Cards and Gift Tags*,” *Quilting Arts Magazine* (2011)
Machine Quilting Unlimited, January 2011, cover photo and article “*Inspiring Quilter.*”
Spanish Patchwork Association (2011), *Frieda Anderson Quilt Artist*
Fermilab TODAY Journal, November 18, 2011, “*Art gallery exhibit showcases a rising art form "Shimmering Foliage"* quilt pictured
SAQA Journal, Summer 2010, “*Making a pattern from your art quilts*”
Quilter’s Newsletter, November 2010, “*Christmas Morning*” a fusible project
American Quilter, November 2010, “*Choosing and using fusible web*”
Irish Quilting , April/May 2010, “*Laura and Frieda on the road to Birmingham UK*”
Daily Sun Newspaper FL, Friday March 26, 2010, “*Pennsylvania Award winning quilts "Spring's Greeting"* quilt pictured
FONS and PORTER Love of Quilting, September/October 2009, “*Summer Rain*” article with quilt pictured
American Quilt Retailer, January 2009, pictures of “[August Afternoon](#)” quilt
QUILTS and MORE, Summer 2009, picture of Forget me Knots quilt
QUICK QUILTS, May 2009, picture of Tulips quilt
QUILT, April/May 2009, pictures of quilts titled Petite Dandelions and Petite Poppies
QUILTS, Journal of the International Quilt Association, Winter 2008, picture of [Whispering Pines](#) quilt
Boulder Junction, CO Newspaper, April, 2008, “*Floral Quilts honor season*,” picture of Spring’s Greeting quilt featured
Elgin Courier News, September 10, 2008, “*Longtime Elgin resident to lecture at 2008 Quilt Expo*”
QUILTING ARTS, September/October 2008, “*Silk Blossoms*” article with quilt pictured
QUILTING ARTS, January/February & March/April 2008, “*All the Right Moves*” a two part article with cover quilt photo
QUILTING ARTS, April/May 2007, “*Colors of the Seasons*” article with quilt pictured

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Daily Herald Newspaper Elgin, July 9, 2006, "*In Full Bloom*"
AMERICAN QUILTER, Spring 2006, "*Free Cut Piecing*" article with quilt pictured
Quilter's Newsletter, April 2006, "[Shimmering Foliage](#)" quilt pictured
\$100,000 QUILTING CHALLENGE, Issue #1 2006, picture of quilt titled [Shimmering Foliage](#)
Daily Herald, Sunday May 22, 2005, "*Have quilt, will travel*" article with quilt pictured
FONS AND PORTER Love of Quilting, June 2005, "*Art of Quilting*"
Newsletter of the Colorado Quilting Council, June 2004, "*Frieda Anderson - A walk in the woods with George*"
QUILTING ARTS, Fall 2003, picture of quilt titled "**Black Eyed Susans**"
QUILTERS NEWSLETTER, June 2003, "*The Embellished Edge*"
QUILTERS NEWSLETTER, October 2002, "*The Meeting Place*"
Daily Herald Newspaper, February 15, 2002, "*Quilters create art, piece by piece*"
THE QUILTING QUARTERLY, Fall 2002, "*A Third Kind of Quiltmaking*"
AMERICAN QUILTER, Spring 2000, "*Cloth Valentines*"

SOLO EXHIBITS:

Glacial Park, McHenry County, IL - *Frieda Anderson solo show*, 2019

Mancuso Pacific International Show – *Walks in the Woods with George*, 2008

Mancuso Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza Show – *Walks in the Woods with George*, 2008

Sewing and Quilting Expo, Madison WI – *Walks in the Woods with George*, 2007

Al's Creamy and Café – On going exhibit of works, 2002 - 2011

Elgin School District Main Campus, ElginIL – *Hearts Galore*, 2000

EXHIBITS:

\$100,000 Quilt Challenge (2006)

American Quilter's Society Quilt shows in, Paducah, KY; Des Moines, IA; Lancaster, PA; Nashville, TN;
(2002-2012)

Artist Village a traveling exhibit of soft sculpture houses 2011-2012; IQA Houston, Long Beach and Cincinnati

Australia Quilt Symposium faculty 2010

Brigham City Utah Museum, 2015

Chicago School of Fusing Faculty shows in Bloomington, IL; Chicago, IL; Denver, CO; Paducah, KY;

Schaumburg, IL; Wisconsin Quilt Museum, Cedarburg, WI (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2012)

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FAC (Fiber Arts Coalition) 2008-2011

FAVA (Fireleand Assocation for the Visual Arts) 2008

Husqavarna Invitational shows (2001-2002)

Indiana Heritage Quilt Show (2007)

International Quilt shows, Houston and Chicago (2005-2021)

Mancuso's Quilt Shows (2000-2012)

McLean County ARTS Center, Bloomington, IL (2015)

Minnesota Quilters Show (2004)

New Zealand Quilt Symposium (2004)

PAQA (Professional Art Quilters Alliance) Small Works Shows (1998, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2015)

Robert Morris University, Made in ILLINOIS: 30 years. (2015)

Quilt Surface Design Symposium invitation show at the RossArt Museum (2008)

Road to California Quilt Show (2006, 2007, 2008)

Vermont Quilt Show (2004, 2006)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

American Quilter's Society - Paducah, Nashville, Daytona Beach, Des Moines and Grand Rapids shows

Ashville, NC Quilt Guild

Australia Quilt Symposium – Melbourne

International Quilt Festival - Chicago, Houston and Long Beach

Festival of Quilts – Birmingham UK

Mancuso's Quilt shows - Lansing, North Carolina and Chicago and Santa Clara

Minnesota Quilter's State Guild

National Quilting Association - Columbus OH

Nancy's Notion Quilt Expo - Madison Wisconsin

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New Zealand Quilt Symposium

North Carolina Quilt Symposium

Norwegian Quilt Symposium

Original Sewing and Quilting Expo, Atlanta, GA; Chantilly, VA; Minneapolis, MN; Raleigh, NC;

Quilt Con 2022, Phoenix, AZ – Cherry Basket quilt

Schaumburg, IL; Worcester, MA

Sisters Oregon Quilt Show

Vermont Quilt Festival

Dozens of quilt guilds around the USA and Europe

JUDGING EXPERIENCE:

American Quilter's Society, 2009 – Des Moines quilt show

Ashville Quilt Guild, 2012 – annual show

Mancuso's quilt shows 2008-2015

MEDIA:

Quilting Arts DVD, *Chicago School of Fusing*

The Quilt Show, episode #705 on making the quilt **Winter Dreaming** (2010)

The Quilt Show, series of 7 episodes on basic fusing (2012)

Quilting Arts University television appearances involving different quilting projects

DIY - Do It Yourself Network - two television episodes on quilting projects

Sewing with Nancy - Wisconsin Public Television - four television episodes on quilting projects released as

DVDs by The Art of Quilting, Wisconsin Public Television

AWARDS:

2019- First place small pieced quilts, IQA Houston, TX - [Winter Trees](#)

2019 – Second place Miniature Art quilts IQA Houston, TX – [Fall Leaves](#)

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2018- Third place large wall quilts AQS Paducah, KY - [Unfurling](#)
Honorable Mention World Quilt New England Manchester, NH - [Unfurling](#)

2017 - First place Innovative Pieced IQA Houston, TX - [Unfurling](#)

2012 - Third place wall quilts AQS Paducah, KY – **Woodland Secrets**

2010 – Honorable Mention Quilt Expo Madison, WI – **Spring’s Greeting**

2010 – Second place AQS Quilt Show Lancaster, PA - **Spring’s Greeting**

2008 – Third place “Celebrate Spring” IQF Chicago, IL - **Spring’s Greeting**

2007 – Judges choice IQF Houston, TX - **Whispering Pines**

2005 – Second place AQS Paducah, KY - **Shimmering Foliage**

2005 – Honorable mention IQF Houston, TX - **Shimmering Foliage**

2004 – Honorable mention AQS Paducah, KY - **June Jubilee**

2003 – Scholarship to Quilt Surface Design Symposium, Columbus, OH

1990 – 1st place Swedish Days at Geneva, IL, miniature quilt show

MEMBERSHIPS:

Friendship Knot quilters guild – Sarasota FL

Modern Quilt Guild

PAQA – Professional Art Quilters Alliance since 1996 <http://www.artquilters.com>

SAQA - Studio Art Quilters Associates - professional member <http://www.saqa.com>

SDA – Surface Design Association – <http://www surfacedesign.org>