

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, Elgin IL – *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 Association 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)

Midwest Views - SAQA IL/WI- traveling exhibit 2020-2023

New Zealand Quilt Symposium (2004)

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

Primal Forces - SAQA traveling exhibit - (2020-2023)

QuiltCon (2022)

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

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

Stitched Together - SAQA IL/WI - Traveling Exhibit 2018

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

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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

New Zealand Quilt Symposium

North Carolina Quilt Symposium

Norwegian Quilt Symposium

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

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

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AWARDS:

2022 – Best Machine Quilting on a domestic machine, QuiltCon Phoenix, AZ – [Cherry Baskets](#)

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

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

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.saga.com>

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