

# Open This Door by Linda Waddle

## Virtual Opening - April 18, 2020

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### Artwork on Display

Cabin Fever, 2014  
Well Defended, 2016  
Door #1, 2016  
Door #6, 2017  
The Grotto, 2015

## Q+A with Linda Waddle

### Creative Space

Well, the word at our house is don't leave any room unused as Linda and her fabric, dyes, paints, etc. will take it over! My husband abandoned an office/game room in the basement, and after a screen printing class with Jane Dunnewold, I was in need of a wet studio. The kids were gone and no one was using the room so it became mine. The pool table did not need to be moved as with the addition of a plywood top it became the perfect height for a printing table. Totally meant to be, right?

The daughter's room turned into a home for the mid-arm machine and the AccuQuilt Cutter as well as storage for my hand dyed wools. A walk-in shoe/coat and former toy closet off ... became light proof fabric storage. Oh and don't tell my husband about the upstairs bath remodel where the new linen closet stores the largest of the quilts! I think I am pretty set for now but you know there is never enough fabric storage!

### Artist Influence

Jane Dunnewold and Hollis Chatelain have been formative teachers and influences on the direction of my work. Recently I've added Gerhard Richter to this lineup. I am fascinated with his method of squeegeeing color over color and have been inspired to try his technique on fabric.

### **How are you staying busy during social distancing? Can you recommend any projects to our opening's virtual guests?**

After the first two weeks of fussing about things, I realized that Social Distancing is a gift; a gift of time to catch up, to create, to reassess and mostly to contemplate the future after "house arrest". I am enjoying the quiet, the lack of hurry in our life.

I recommend that each one of us give ourselves permission to PLAY – go pet your fabric, throw some paint, dabble with whatever media you use or try a new one. Just see what happens when you have no end use in mind and for goodness sake, stop taking it so seriously. GO PLAY.