



# Shifting Tides

Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. (SAQA)

## Meet Barbara Confer Petaluma, California



Born to a military family, Barbara Confer spent her childhood moving every two or three years. She married her Navy pilot, Don, and continued moving, living now in beautiful northern California. Barbara learned sewing and painting from her mother, a landscape artist. When she retired from teaching, she combined a love of sewing and painting to create art quilts. Barbara is noted for her powerful quilted landscapes of towering redwood trees, gnarled oaks and the beautiful rolling hills of northern California. She has a B.A. in Interior Design from San Jose State University and an M.A. in Early Childhood Education from Sonoma State University. Barbara has had work in several SAQA art exhibits and won awards in several art exhibits, and enjoys lecturing and teaching art quilting.

### Artist Statement

On the North Coast many old oak trees have become victims of a disease known as Sudden Oak Death, a sickness brought in to the state on plants from South America. Hundreds of old oaks have perished from this disease. The tree pictured here lived in the large regional park behind my house. Even when no longer alive, it is still beautiful.

### Artwork on Display

*Requiem*

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