



Shifting Tides

Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. (SAQA)

Meet Bonnie J. Smith Oxnard, California



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Artwork on Display

Moss Beach

Bonnie J. Smith is a California-based textile artist whose works have been exhibited at the United Nations Headquarters as well as in London, Paris, Australia, China, Japan Lithuania and Taiwan. She is a self-taught artist who has taken Master Natural Dye Studies from Dartmouth University Professor Joan Morris. In 2016, Bonnie was the recipient of a Leigh Weimers Award and Grant. She created the celebrated textile series *Swimming Upstream*, which tells the story of her recovery after a work-related injury that forced her to use a wheel chair for over a year. Once that series was completed, she realized the artworks were not just about her but about anyone trying to swim upstream through life. The series has been exhibited widely and received The Health Care Heroes Award from VotersInjuredatWork.org and was featured at The Festival of Quilts in Birmingham, UK in 2017.

Artist Statement

At so many times in my life I have visited Moss Beach, situated on the Pacific Ocean in Northern California. With each visit I make my way around the worn foot trail, walk up the incline to view this piece of nature's wonderment and I am never let down. But, lately in the last few years it is different, the waves have gotten so wild and almost mean that rock boulders have been pulled away and I cannot see that most perfect view that I used to take for granted. I fear climate change and what humans have literally dumped into the ocean has caused the Pacific Ocean to rear its head and say, "No more, I will teach you a lesson my way."

To view full exhibit - <https://visionsartmuseum.org/shifting-tides/>