

# *Shifting Tides*

Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. (SAQA)

## Meet Jean Wells

Sisters, Oregon



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### **Artwork on Display**

*SOLVE Works!*

Recurring themes in Jean's textile art have to do with natural configurations: rocks, trees, grasses, flowers, and the land. They are the common thread running through her mind as she works intuitively designing quilts, letting the designs take on a life of their own. Nature and the world around Jean are her main source of inspiration. She is fascinated with line, pattern, shape, color, and texture, and how to design with these elements - capturing the essence of what she sees and feels. Her favorite quotation is from Emerson, "Nature always wears the colors of the spirit." As owner of The Stitchin' Post in Sisters, OR for 44 years, Jean has been involved in quilting industry as an author, artist, designer, and workshop/lecture presenter. In 2010, she was inducted into the Quilter's Hall of Fame and also received the Michael Kile Award of Achievement.

### **Artist Statement**

Oregonians are blessed with the pristine beaches of the Pacific Ocean. In recent years SOLVE, a volunteers-based organization has an annual event to clean the beaches of debris left behind by people who recreate on our coastline. This effort has positively impacted our beaches in Oregon. Manzanita is our family's favorite beach. We are pleased the cleanup allows us to continue our enjoyment of the seasonal rhythmic movement of the waves as the ocean meets the shore.

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