

## **Shifting Tides**

Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. (SAQA)

## Meet Jennifer Landau San Francisco, California



ruedoak.com

**Artwork on Display** *Mighty Mussel* 

Jennifer Hammond Landau's passion for art, fiber, history and the mountains has been with her since childhood. Jen is a lifelong resident of the San Francisco Bay Area, with the Sierra Nevada and France as places of family, exploration, retreat, and inspiration. Jennifer is a pioneer of the profession of graphic facilitation, where visual thinking is used with teams and organizations. In Jen's wall and 3D fiber art, handspun wool, "knit felt" and machine felting are signature materials. Her art quilts can be seen in regional and global SAQA exhibitions, and in a 2019 solo show, *Wooly Wanderings. Art Quilting Studio* magazine has featured her work since 2013, and Jen speaks about the use of wool in her artwork. Jennifer is a member of the SAQA Northern California / Nevada Exhibition Committee. As Hammond Handspun & Wool Arts she is a regular at the living history *Great Dickens Christmas Fair*.

## **Artist Statement**

Mussels thrive along the Pacific coast, providing a critical role in the ecosystem as well as a tasty meal. Like other bivalves, mussels are a natural filtration system, cleaning toxins from tidewaters. In using mussels to test the pollution levels in Seattle's waters, disturbingly, scientists are finding high levels of caffeine and opioids. I admit that this "household cleaning" function makes me wonder a bit about what I am ingesting when enjoying the family favorite, "Moules Frites."