

Shifting Tides

Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. (SAQA)

Meet Nancy Lemke Bonita, California



nancylemke.com

Artwork on Display
Seaside 2

Nancy Lemke lives in Bonita CA, south of San Diego and north of the Mexican border. She considers herself a textile artist who makes art quilts. Not strict about her materials, Nancy tends to mix in painting and drawing or things she finds in her junk drawer when a piece calls for it. Although she doesn't have a formal art education, Nancy has taken many art and textile workshops and appreciates the tutorials the Internet offers. She's been fortunate in the last few years to be accepted into a number of regional exhibits, and four SAQA shows, including the prestigious show, *Stories of Migration*, held at The Textile Museum in Washington, D.C.

Artist Statement

When I was little, my family vacationed on the beaches of Oregon and Washington each summer. We walked for miles along the deserted sand, dug clams, and at low tide, we'd visit the odd creatures that live in tide pools. Sometimes my dad fished for salmon. Something about the beach dissipated my mother's chronic depression, and we all basked in the warmth of her happiness. Despite growing development, Pacific beaches remain magical places for me, reminding me of the times when I could reach out for my mother and she would be there for me.