

Shifting Tides

Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. (SAQA)

Meet Phyllis Cullen Ninole, Hawai'i



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Artwork on DisplayThe Burning Sea

A multi-media artist residing on the big island of Hawai'i, Phyllis Cullen works in fabric, yarn, roving, threads, paint, canvas, paper, photography, beads and clay, integrating all of these media into her artwork. She has had a few classes (painting, drawing, quilting) over the years, but has learned the most from books and experimentation. Her former career as a physician, volunteering in 43 developing countries, has informed her art, as do the lush surroundings and dramatic natural events of her current home in Hawai'i. Phyllis currently teaches fabric art all over the world, from Hawai'i to Israel, and Australia to South America. Her artwork has been included in most major shows, including a number of SAQA global exhibitions, and she is represented by five galleries.

Artist Statement

A photo I took from a boat 10 feet from the lava rushing into the sea was my inspiration to depict the tumultuous events defining our island. The water around us was steaming, and lava bombs were flying.