

**Claudia Pearce**  
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My avocations are quilt artist, trumpet player, and gardener. My profession is Ph.D. Computer Scientist. All of these disparate activities feed on one another and make me who I am. They are all my media. I grew up literally swimming with dolphins, water skiing next to alligators, scuba diving with manatee, and on coral reefs with barracuda, body surfing with sting rays, and more. Water and aquatic creatures were part of my existence and feature heavily in my work. In particular I am passionate about saving the wonderful wildlife, aquatic life, and plants on our planet. These are the themes that drive my art.

### **Art Quilt Education**

I have taken classes by multiple quilt artists over the past 25 years. In 2024, I have been working with a quilt artist mentor. I experiment and invent new methods to create the effects that I need for a quilt projects.

### **Solo Shows**

I have been selected to give a solo show of work in my “Our Only Home” portfolio in 2026 at The Art League in the Torpedo Factory Arts Center in Alexandria, VA. Jurors were Rania Hassan, Foon V. Sham, and Jonathan Bella.

### **Memberships**

I am a juried member and Newsletter Editor of the Artists’ Gallery in Ellicott City, MD. I am an Artist Member and past Regional Representative of the DC, Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia Region. Finally, I am a member and past president of the Faithful Circle Quilters in Ellicott City, MD.

### **Juried Exhibitions**

My work has been shown in numerous national and international juried shows over the past 20 years that include the following: Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) exhibitions; International Quilt Festival in Houston, TX; Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival; Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza; Quiltfest Greenville; Quiltfest New England; AQS Paducah; AQS Daytona; Road to California; and have received multiple awards.

### **Presentations & Workshops**

I have given talks about my work as a quilt artist as well as short classes and workshops on my techniques. Of note is the following 6 minute talk: *Swimming with Dolphins*, Lightning Talk, SAQA 2022 Conference, St. Petersburg, FL, April 2022, YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqctlugbG0k&list=PLXsBpWjk3xVAysuG8BkXDgIEX59zkMo0g&index=13>