

January 2019 Member Newsletter

## Art Talk - Tips, News, Resources

### WELCOME TO 2019

Whether you make new year's resolutions or not, the beginning of a new year is a good time to set some goals, reflect on what worked and what didn't during the last year and evaluate your art vocation.

Some tips to think about in organizing, implimenting, inspiring and pushing you in 2019.

- Save what inspires you; you never know when you might need a nudge of inspiration
  - An article on a new material used by artists in a different part of the world
  - The color of something you saw in nature on a walk (take a picture)
  - The mix of materials you examined on an art piece at a gallery you visited (take notes)Capture those "inspirations" and put into a file/box/drawer/on a board ..... then when you get stuck or just want to start a new piece, look through your "inspirations".
- Keep track of your work
  - Keep a spreadsheet (on the computer or in a journal)
  - Include title, medium, dimesions, date, price
  - Where it is? on loan, in a show, sold (record date and price and to who), donated
- Improve your studio/workspace
  - Organize and clean for a fresh start
  - Improving your workspace can help you concentrate on your art in a new way
- List attainable goals
  - I will apply to X number of juried shows in 2019
  - I will visit X number of galleries/museums for inspiration per month
  - I will take at least one art class in my medium
  - I will take at least one art class outside my medium
  - I will work on my website once a month
  - I will market/promote my work once a month - sending emails to people in your data-base about your current work, post a new image on FB or Instagram

If creating art brings you joy - improving ways to make art in your life is a tool for that joy.

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBER NEWS:

*If you have individual art-related events to be posted in the newsletter, please submit to: [stapletonarts@gmail.com](mailto:stapletonarts@gmail.com)*

### MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Rebecca Musgrave

Engineer by day...  
Quilter, crafter and wanna-be fiber artist by night.



I've been quilting since about 2001. I started with traditional bed quilts and T-shirt quilts and grew into pictorial art and abstract mixed media fiber wall hangings. Doing custom work, like pet portraits, baby, and memory quilts energizes me. When I'm working on a new project I can often be found fondling fabric in local quilt shops.

I'm currently a member of Arapahoe County Quilters and the Sew What's New Bee as well as a member of the Front Range Contemporary Quilters. I also participate in and support the Stapleton Artist Group and Stapleton Open Studios.

I love to teach people to quilt, talk about quilting, and make quilts for myself, my family and my friends. My work has been accepted into national and international quilt shows and has won ribbons at local guild shows.

**Don't forget to renew your membership for 2019!**

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