

Textile Artists of Virginia send quilts to Taiwan exhibit



Photo courtesy of Karin Tauber

A full view of "Golden Frogs of Monteverde" by Karin Tauber



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In February, members of the Textile Artists of Virginia met and concluded their preparations for an upcoming quilt exhibit in Taiwan. The art works will be on display from April 30 to May 29.

Several months ago, TAVA member Karin Tauber encouraged her friends to enter the group's exhibit "Consequences" in the renowned juried art show. In 2012, Tauber had successfully entered her work in the show put up by the Taiwan Art Quilt Society. This year, her quilt "Golden Frogs of Monteverde" was accepted in the individual artist category.

Kathy Sevebeck offered to take on the organization and registration of the exhibit.

"I am excited for this very talented group of artist to exhibit internationally," said Sevebeck. "Organizing the exhibit and entering the show electronically has been challenging but fun."

Ten TAVA members will participate in the Taiwan Art Quilt Society 2016 Exhibition: Missy Barnhart, Sally Carter, Gwen Goepel, Paula Golden, Judy Madigan, Nancy Oldham, Kathy Sevebeck, Pam Shanley, Karin Tauber and Dee Ann West.

"Consequences" is the result of a group dialogue that occurred shortly after the major 2011 earthquake in Japan with its resulting tsunami and environmental and human consequences. This led to further discussions about the results of positive and negative choices TAVA members had observed in the environment. Would there have been different consequences if other paths had been taken?

Each original art quilts depicts an environmental consequence. The artists focused on the effects of planting seeds, reducing tsunami damage, appreciating a woodpecker's artwork, and protecting the neurons in the brain. The diverse subjects range from over-population, endangered loons on a lake, to the butterfly effect, and cancerous lung cells. One quilt is a direct rendering of the word "consequences," another focuses on fitting puzzle pieces together.

"To be part of a group of artists that creates with fiber to express their thoughts and ideas and exhibit internationally is an honor," said Paula Golden, one of the Textile Artists of Virginia founding members. "TAVA has exhibited their work nationally. I hope that their work will inspire others in art as well as caring for the planet."

The Textile Artists of Virginia meet bi-monthly in Southwest Virginia to support each member as a fiber artist, to explore the boundaries of the medium, and to educate and increase public awareness of fiber art.

Members are from Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Lexington, Floyd, Salem, Pembroke, Radford and Draper.

The group encourages members to help each other to continually grow as artists. At each meeting, TAVA members share work in progress, explain artistic visions and learn from one another.

For more information, visit <http://textileartva.wix.com/tava>.

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