



The Brush Art Gallery & Studios seeks entries for **“Setting Sail” - Guest curated by Mary Walter**

**Juried Quilt Exhibit - Aug 7 to Sep 18, 2021**

### **PROSPECTUS**

Setting Sail – a juried Art Quilt exhibit showcasing quilts inspired by the idea of Setting Sail: meaning, starting a journey both physically or creatively, revisiting a favorite trip you took, one you are planning, or literally enjoying the sea and sailboats.

We all have been sheltered this past year. In your mind’s eye, where have you been envisioning you would escape to? Have you been wishing to set sail?

All entries must be three layers stitched together. The techniques of hand and/or machine work, surface design, embroidery and embellishments to complete your entry are welcome.

Finished quilts cannot be larger than 50” wide and 65” long. Please include a 4”- 6” sleeve on the back for hanging.



*“Harbor Side” 28 x 32 by Rosemary Hoffenberg*

### **AWARDS**

The winner of Best in Show will receive \$200 and the Juror’s Award will receive a \$100 cash prize.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

This is an international call for artists, open to all. Artists may submit up to 3 images for consideration.

**METHOD OF SELECTION: Digital images only (no slides)**

**COMMISSION:** 30% for Brush members, 40% for non-members.

**ENTRY FEE:** Non-refundable entry fee of \$25.00, Up to 3 entries, 2 views each (Full and Detail). Follow this link for payment online: <https://thebrush.org/quiltentryfee.htm>. To make a payment by check or money order, please mail directly to: The Brush Art Gallery and Studios  
256 Market Street  
Lowell, MA 01852

**ENTRY PROCEDURE:** Artists may submit up to three entries (Full and Detail images) for a total of 6 images. A \$25 non-refundable paid online or made out to the Brush Art Gallery is required with entries. The online application is here <http://www.lowellartshows.com/quilts/>

- Only original art quilts completed within the past 4 years are eligible. All quilts must be no larger in height than 65" long or 60" wide and must be ready for hanging with a 4 to 6 inch sleeve (large enough to comfortably accommodate a wood dowel or wood/plastic slat). All quilts must be accompanied by dowels or slats. Dowels need hardware and slats should have hardware or holes for hanging. Quilts that don't meet these requirements will not be accepted for hanging. Quilts should be clearly labeled on reverse with artist's name and title of quilt.
- Please submit up to six high resolution jpegs online. The total number of entries is three, which means there can be six images: the full quilt and a detail image for each quilt.
- Fill in the on-line application form below.
- After completing the on-line form, you will be e-mailed a copy of the form and asked to either pay online or print out the form and enclose it with a check for \$25.00 made out to the Brush Gallery & Studios at 256 Market Street, Lowell, MA 01852. Follow the instructions of the e-mailed form.
- **Please email a description of 25 words or less for each entry to [director@thebrush.org](mailto:director@thebrush.org).**
- Note: all communication, including jury decision will be done via e-mail, so make sure to provide an e-mail address that you check frequently.

Please keep in mind, Brush Art Gallery and Studios is open to the public. All submissions should be suitable for both children and adults. Submissions will be reviewed for exhibit suitability and response to show theme. We reserve the right not to display entries that appear different than the submitted artwork.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS**

Entries must be submitted online and **received no later than 11:59pm on Friday, June 15, 2021**. The required entry fee must also be received by this time. Incomplete submissions will be disqualified. No late entries will be accepted.

## IMPORTANT PROJECT DATES

May 1 – June 15, 2021	Open period for artist submissions
June 15, 2021	Deadline for submission of application materials
June 30, 2021	Artists notified of selected works for exhibit
Sat, July 17, 2021	Hand delivered work must arrive on or before this date
Sat, July 17, 2021	Shipped work must arrive on or before this date
August 7, 2021	Show opens/First day of exhibit
Saturday, August 14, 2021	Public reception for artists
September 18, 2021	Show closes/Last day of exhibit
Sun, Sept 19, 2021, 12-4 p.m.	Pick up of work at Brush Gallery
Mon, Sept 20, 2021, 12-4 p.m.	Pick up of work at Brush Gallery
Week of Sept 20, 2021	Work shipped back to out-of-state artists

## LENDER INFORMATION

Please see loan agreement ([http://thebrush.org/PDF/LOAN\\_AGREEMENTweb.pdf](http://thebrush.org/PDF/LOAN_AGREEMENTweb.pdf)) for detailed information regarding shipping, photo reproduction, insurance, sales, and commission.

## ABOUT THE JURORS

**Mary Walter** is known for her original quilting style, often incorporating a mix of traditional, ethnic, and artistic quilting styles in her work. Mary is also a freelance curator presenting exhibits for a variety of cultural organizations and a member of NACQJ, the Nationally Certified Quilt Judges organization since 2000. You may also find Mary teaching in her studio or on zoom, exhibiting, lecturing, designing patterns and fabric, and quilting, quilting, quilting.

**Rosemary Hoffenberg** resides in Wrentham Massachusetts. She is a nationally recognized contemporary Art Quilter. Rosemary's work features extensive use of her surface designed textiles, which she creates in her "wet studio". Her quilts have been exhibited in numerous prominent shows in the US and Canada. She has also been published in books and periodicals.



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## ABOUT BRUSH ART GALLERIES AND STUDIOS

The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is located in the Lowell National Historical Park across the courtyard from the Visitor Center. This dynamic and captivating place was originally founded by the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, U.S. Department of the Interior in 1982. The Brush presents museum quality exhibitions, educational programs, and has collaborated with many other nonprofit groups. Artists occupy studio spaces to interact with and educate the public on a weekly basis. Studio artists produce paintings, illustration, photography, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, quilts, and handwoven items. Associate artists display work in the common area. The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. The Brush is supported by Lowell National Historical Park. For more information, please visit: <http://thebrush.org>.

**QUESTIONS**

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