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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Exhibit Title:** Setting Sail – Annual Art Quilt Exhibition

**Exhibit Dates:** August 7 to Sep 18, 2021

**Artist Reception:** Saturday, August 14, from 2 to 4 PM

## **Lowell Quilt Exhibit Features Personal Journeys**

Lowell, MA – “Setting Sail” (guest curated by Mary Walter) is a juried Art Quilt exhibit showcasing quilts inspired by the idea of Setting Sail; meaning to start a journey physically and/or creatively, revisiting a favorite trip you took, one you are planning, or just enjoying the sea and sailboats.

### **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.

**National quilters in this exhibit include:** Betsy Abbott, North Andover MA; Margaret Abramshe, Saint George UT; Diana M Bailey, Lexington MA; Sue Colozzi, Reading MA; Tricia Deck, Lincoln MA; Carol Anne Grotrian, Cambridge MA; Janice Jones, Methuen MA; Kim Laffont, Fort Pierce FL; Mary-Ellen Latino, Nipomo CA; Suzanne Meader, Sterling VA; Suzanne Neusner, Rhinebeck NY; Frauke Palmer, Columbus OH; Nita Penfold, Melrose MA; Gwyned Trefethen, Cohasset MA; and Kathleen Walsh, Melrose MA.



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[www.quiltersconnection.org](http://www.quiltersconnection.org)



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**Image:** “Flotilla” 21 x 18.5” quilt by Kim Laffont

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. 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 the Lowell National Historical Park.**

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