

## Fran Skiles

Fran Skiles (b. Cincinnati) divides her time between studios in West Virginia and Florida, where her multi-media art practice thrives. Initially starting with fabric and art quilting, her work has evolved into mixed media paintings and collages on paper. Skiles describes her art as deeply influenced by nature—the light, texture, shapes, and rhythm she encounters. "I don't know the outcome when I start; the painting reveals itself as we get to know one another."

In the 1990s, before shifting to collage paintings, Skiles was recognized for her art quilts, which were exhibited both nationally and internationally. Her quilts were featured in prestigious venues such as Quilt National (Best of Show, '97), Visions, Quilt San Diego, the British Craft Council's "American Art Quilt Exhibition," Fiber Arts International, and Art Quilts: America of the Millennium in Strasbourg, France.

### Solo Exhibitions

Bridge Gallery, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, 2018-2021  
Adkins Arboretum, Caroline County, Maryland August-September, 2014  
AHA Fire Hall Gallery, Charles Town, WV, 2013  
West Liberty University, Nutting Gallery, Wheeling, WV, 2011  
Thirteen Moons Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, 2007, 2005  
Montgomery Gallery, Lake Worth, FL, 2003  
Boston Musica Viva, Newton, MA, 2001

### Selected Two and Three Person Exhibitions

San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, San Jose, CA, 2007  
Visions Art Quilt Gallery, San Diego, CA, 2007  
Lake Wales Museum of Art, Lake Wales, FL, 2005

### Selected Invitational Exhibitions

Washington County Museum of Art, Hagerstown MD. 2018  
Bridge Gallery, Abstractions Exhibit, Shepherdstown, WV. 2013, 2012  
Broward Community College, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 2007  
Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum Invitational, Golden, CO, 2005  
The Nature Conservancy, Hobe Sound, FL, 2004  
The Gayle Wilson Gallery, Southampton, NY, 2001  
Art Quilts: America at the Millennium, Strasbourg, France, 2000  
Lowe Art Museum, Miami, FL, 2000  
Quilt National, Athens, Ohio, 1999, 1997, 1995, 1993, 1991, first place 1995  
Fiberart International, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, PA, 1997  
Visions: Quilt San Diego, Museum of San Diego History, CA, 1996  
Contemporary Quilts, British Crafts Council, London England, 1993

### Collections

Ardis and Robert James Collection, Chappaque, NY

Hollywood Art and Culture Center, Hollywood, FL  
Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, Golden, CO

#### Publications

Fluent Magazine, June, 2012  
Fiberarts Magazine, Summer, 2005  
Design! by Steven Aimone, Lark Books  
French Patchwork, featured article, France's National Quilters Magazine, June 03  
The Art Quilt, Hugh Lauter, Levin & Assoc. 1997  
Quilt National, Lark Books, 1999, 1997, 1995, 1993, 1991  
Quilts: A Living tradition, Hugh Lauter, Levin and Assoc. 1995  
Contemporary American Quilts, British Crafts Council, London, England, 1993  
The New Quilt I, II Taunton Press, 1993 - 91  
"A Common thread", PBS, ( A Visit with Textile Artist, Fran Skiles) 1993

Teaching - workshops Quilt Surface Design Symposium, Columbus, OH, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005, 2004  
Hudson River Valley Art Workshops, Greenville, NY, 2013, 2011  
Quilting By The Lake, Syracuse, NY, 2012, 2010, 2008  
Crow Timber Frame Barn, Baltimore, Ohio, 2009, 2008, 2006  
East Bay Heritage Quilters, Oakland CA, 2006  
Front Range Quilters, Boulder, CO, 2003  
Alegre Retreat, Santa Fe, NM, 2004, 2001