

Susan Ball Faeder

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Selected Exhibitions

- 8/19 *Japanese Sashiko Embroidery & Patchwork*, Recent Fiber Art by Susan Ball Faeder, Featured Artist Solo Exhibition, Union County Public Library Gallery, Lewisburg, PA
- 12/17 *Red*, A Mixed Media Exhibit by the membership of The Textile Study Group of New York. Noho Gallery, New York, NY.
- 10–12/16 *Connected By Stitch*, Premiere Exhibition of the PA Chapter of the Studio Art Quilt Association, The Gallery at Penn College of Technology, Williamsport, PA. Juried.
- 09–11/16 *Yardworks*, Select Members of the Textile Study Group of New York, Chashama Art, Lobby Gallery of Durst Building, New York, NY. Juried.
- 01–03/16 *Square*, Exhibit of works by Membership of the Textile Study Group of New York, Narthex Gallery of Saint Peter's Church, Citicorp Center, New York, NY. Published catalogue available.
- 08/11 *Arte de Descartes XI*, Textile Trash into Treasures, Mixed Media, Juried & 3rd place award, Taos, NM
- 11/10–1/11 *Susan Faeder: Japanese Rag Collage Part 2*, Blue and White Gallery, Azabu Juban, Tokyo, Japan. Solo show.
- 03/10 *Quilt Fest of New Jersey VII*, Group Exhibit. Mancuso Show Management. Somerset, NJ
- 12/09 *Home for the Holidays*, The Packwood House Museum, Curated by Elsbeth and Richard Steffensen, Lewisburg, PA
- 11/09 *Okinawa Revisited: A Culture Survives*, a digital slide presentation (with music) portraying Susan's January 2009 journey, to Okinawa, Japan. In conjunction with *Stroll Through the Arts*, an annual community event sponsored by The Lewisburg Council of the Arts, Lewisburg, PA
- 08/09 *Japonisme* at Gallery Blu, Featured Artist of the Month, Harrisburg, PA
- 11/07 *Susan Ball Faeder: Recent Work*, The Beckoning Cat, Lewisburg, PA. Solo show.
- 06/07 *Art Thrives on 45*, Showcase of Local Artists, Penn State University, State College, PA
- 04/07 *Trio – Photo/Fiber/Pastel: Introducing Three New Members*, Out of the Blue Gallery, Artist's Co-op, Lewisburg, PA.
- 02–06/07 *Selected Works on View*, Out of the Blue Gallery, Blue Room, Artist's Co-op, Lewisburg, PA.
- 08/06 *Susan Ball Faeder: Recent Work*, The Beckoning Cat, Lewisburg, PA. Solo.
- 06–9/06 *From the Heart of the Valley*, Featuring Artists from the Valleys of Central Pennsylvania, Packwood House Museum, Kelly Gallery, Lewisburg, PA. Curated by Packwood House Museum Director, Rick Sauers.
- 04/06 *Material Speaks: The New Quilt*, Esther Klein Art Gallery, Philadelphia, PA. Art Quilt Network/New York, Group Exhibit.
- 01/06 *Exposed*, 12 Selected Artists from the Studio Art Quilt Association, Noho Gallery, New York, NY. Juried by Dorothy Twining Globus of the Museum of Arts & Design.
- 08–12/05 *Susan Faeder: Japanese Rag Collage*, Blue and White Gallery, Azabu Juban, Tokyo, Japan. Solo show.
- 07/05 *Nihon Daisuki (I LOVE JAPAN)*, One of 12 Non-Japanese Artists Using Japanese Materials and Culture. Mitsukoshi Department Store, Ebisu, Tokyo, Japan. Invitational. Curated by Amy Katoh.

Public & Corporate Collections:

- The Balson Hercules Group, New York, NY
- Penn College, Penn State University, Williamsport, PA
- Phyllis Gelman & Associates, New York, NY

Professional Related Activities

Quilters' Express to Japan (QETJ): Combining her love of quilting and her love of Japan, Susan started her own company in 1988. Through the vehicle of her own business, she created (and escorted and translated for) 30 textile tours—all to Japan. Trained as a traditional quiltmaker in the mid 1980s, Susan's artwork has evolved to include not only quilting, but also Japanese *sashiko*, rag weaving, and abstract fiber collage. Susan presented lectures on Japanese textiles and on her own work/process; she also taught quilting and Japanese *sashiko*. Her first retail shop, located in Greenwich Village, offered beautiful Japanese textiles and treasures for 15 years. In August 2005, Susan relocated to central PA where she opened a second shop called "The Beckoning Cat." After seven years of exhibiting Japanese treasures for the local community, the shop closed in February 2012. QETJ sponsored a unique mail order Japanese Fabric Club for 19 years and sold specialized fabrics, notions, and magazines. Please visit www.QEJAPAN.com.

Between 03/98 and 12/02, Susan designed five collections of fabric in New York which she called *Japanesque*. Four of the collections were produced by the Balson Hercules Group and the last one by Free Spirit. The fabrics sold widely in the quilt world throughout the USA. Images available on request.

In January 2000, Susan announced a nationwide challenge for quilters to make a quilt using the fabrics from her 4th collection in a contest she called "Hawks and Heroes." Selected by a judges panel, the winner received a free trip on a QETJ tour. The best 14 quilts were invited for a special exhibition at the Yokohama International Quilt Festival in November 2000. Images available on request.

Between 11/08 and 10/09, Susan actively served on the Packwood House Museum Quilt Show Committee. The Lewisburg, PA museum presented an exhibit of 88 antique Pennsylvania quilts from its own collection in the galleries from June through October 2009. In conjunction with the exhibit, the committee also produced "Quilt Weekend" in August 2009, with workshops and speakers. Susan taught two workshops for this event and also created "Quilt in A Window," hanging 50 quilts in participating downtown retail business, and providing a gala welcome for all visitors.

As of February 2019, Susan has put away her travel suitcases and hung up her teaching hat in order to devote more time to following her path of making art. Watch for her upcoming Etsy site where she will be offering her artwork and her 50 year collection of Japanese textiles for sale.

Memberships & Associations

- Art Quilt Network/New York, 1990–present
- Studio Art Quilt Association, Professional Artist Member, 2001–present
- Textile Study Group of New York, 1996–present
- Manhattan Quilt Guild, 1983–2000
- Empire Quilt Guild, 1983–2005 (Founding Member)
- Surface Design Association, 2001–present
- Out of the Blue Artist's Co-op, 2006–2007
- Susquehanna Spinners and Weavers Guild, 2007–present
- Susquehanna River Valley Visitor's Bureau, 2008–2012
- Lewisburg Downtown Partnership, 2005–2012
- Packwood Museum, 2009

Education

BA in Japanese Studies at Bucknell University, with Honors, 1976, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa
Rotary Foundation Graduate Fellowship to Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan 1977–1978

Workshops with Nancy Crow (1987) and Rise Nagin (1990)

Basic Weaving with Anna Rachia (2012)

Painting en Plein Air Workshop with Susan Gephart Nicholas (2012)

Japanese Rag Weaving Workshop, at *Saori no Mori*, Osaka, Japan (2017)

Languages

Japanese, fluent