

Urban Textures

by Luana Rubin

Editor's note: Luana Rubin, owner of equilter.com, curated this exhibition. It began with a fabric-design competition also curated by Rubin and sponsored by SAQA/Andover Fabrics. The winning fabric designers were SAQA members Elizabeth Brandt, Laura Wasilowski, Martha Ressler, Shandra Belknap, Janice Paine-Dawes and Linda Engstrom. SAQA's royalties from the fabric collection's sales support future exhibitions. The fabric line is available in stores and through eQuilter.com.



It is very exciting to see the Urban Textures project come full circle. The fabrics created from SAQA artists are now made into art quilts by more SAQA artists! It has been an honor and absolute pleasure to work on this design project, and to see how the visual musings of six designers can engage another tier of creativity from within the organization.

Creativity is a spiral, and in a community one idea will always lead to another. We don't have to be a teacher to inspire others. All we have to do is share our vision freely so the next person can pick it up and remake it from their perspective. The beauty of the outcome here is a collection of personalities, who input the textures of the urban landscape, and produce a wide range of visual thought processes from abstract to representative.

My thanks to all of the artists who participated in this challenge! You inspire me.



Carol A. Churchill
Art Arising From The Ashes



Pamela M. Pandolfi
Sea Monster

Cathy Miranker
Gridlock at Sundown





Anne E. Severn
Wind Howls, Fire Rages, Rain Wins



Carol A. Churchill
Urban Graffiti "LaLa Land" Style



Georgia B. Heller
Urban Chic

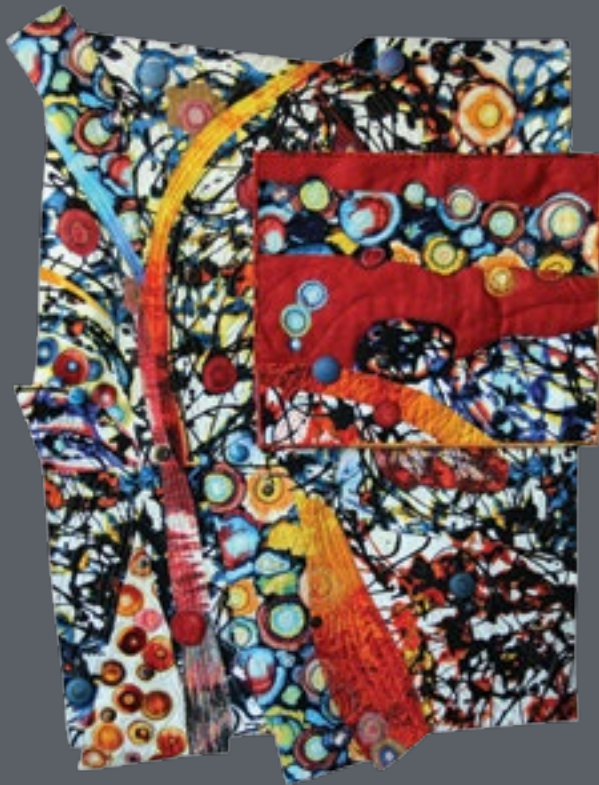


Cathy Miranker
Megalopolitan Graffiti



Michele Sanandajian
Urban Flower Cell Series, #1

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Barbara Triscari
Dreaming Up a Quilted Dream



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Linda Syverson Guild
Urban Deco



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