

Over the years, Pacifica Art Connection has hosted many wonderful artists and groups of artists at Quarry Cove Art Gallery. Only one group, The Crafty Ladies (formerly known as The Coastal Quilters), has shown more than twice with us. Four of the women (Maureen Lieberman, Joan Willey, Jackie Samoluk, Judy Meyer) are quilters while Pat Lancaster's talent is organizing their events. Each of the women has a unique perspective on life that is reflected in their work. As a group, their latest work now on display at Quarry Cove Art Gallery is an explosion of color, texture, and holiday spirit that delights the viewer's eye.

Lieberman and Meyer's body of work leans toward a modern colorful style, though they have included traditional work in their exhibit that features both Christmas and non-Christmas themed items. Samoluk and Willey's work ranges from traditional quilt patterns to using beautiful, unique fabrics as the quilt's focal point.

My favorite Lieberman is a beautifully pieced work called "Santa's Coming" in the locked case. Its simple but joyful message cheers the heart! Meyer has many wonderful pieces on display as well, but my favorite is at the mid-landing. Sharing the title would ruin the surprise, but do know that it's a commonly shared sentiment some days! "Snow Bear and Lights" by Samoluk demonstrates the talent that she has developed over the many years she has been quilting.

My favorite piece in this exhibit is a table runner named "Wind Blowing Leaves" and is a classic fall scene beautifully pieced together by Willey, which is evident in other pieces of hers on display, including the "Lantern" series and "Log Cabin Table Runner".

The reception for The Crafty Ladies' latest exhibit, which includes a trunk show of even more quilts, is on Sunday, November 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. Come by to enjoy this wonderful collection of creative work from local women artists displayed from now till Monday, January 7. If you love quilts, then please come by the Quarry Cove Art Gallery and see this wonderful exhibit of handmade works of art! Quarry Cove Art Gallery is at 225 Rockaway Beach Avenue next to Avani Salon. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.