

BACKYARD ESCAPE

Curators:

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A special Sacred Threads Call for Entries
Seeking 18"x24" art quilts for hospital galleries.

Debuting at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD (outside Washington, D.C.) in the summer of 2020.

Additional venues to include the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI and UChicago Medicine in Chicago, Illinois.

Theme:

What brings you peace in your backyard? Either real or imaginary, urban or rural, micro (e.g., blade of grass) or macro (e.g., expansive view of a lake). What brings you tranquility? The color palette, or the light in morning or evening. Let your imagination or your photo collection inspire you to create something beautiful for the hospital setting for patients and their families.

We are looking for a variety of artwork styles that express peace and tranquility whether in the very abstract or somewhere on the spectrum of realism.

A Few Specifics:

- 18" (w) x 24" (h)
- An art quilt is defined by Studio Art Quilt Associates as "*a creative visual work that is layered and stitched or that references this form of stitched layered structure*".

- A brief artist statement, and descriptions of techniques and materials will be requested, for the curators view only. The hospital wall label will only include the title, and the artist name, and location. Let your artwork's imagery stand on its own.
- **Artworks must be for sale.** Hospital commissions support the hospital's missions. The NIH commission is a tax-deductible 20% and supports the Patient Emergency Fund which helps patients and families by providing short-term emergency funds during times of crisis or financial stress. It assists with participation in medical research by providing limited amounts of money for emergency food, clothing and shelter.
- There is no made by date.

Timeline:

- Interest Form by October 31, 2019
- Quilt Form with images of completed quilt by March 1, 2020
- Notifications emailed by April 1, 2020
- Selected quilts to arrive to Sacred Threads in Virginia, April 10, 2020
- Opening May - July 2020 at NIH
- Travel schedule to Chicago and Michigan dates TBD

If you are interested in participating, we would appreciate you filling out this interest form. There is no commitment.

<https://sacredthreads.formstack.com/forms/backyardescapeinterest>