

Happy New Year and all the best for a completely fabulous and creative 2017! The holidays are over and so now it is time for YOU: stay warm, enjoy the birds and hurry into your studios to make the beautiful art we will all love.



Ta da! Here is information about my solo show which features lots of exciting and bigger new work! I'd love for you to join us at the opening tonight and/or visit the show this month. The show celebrates life and offers glimpses of what happens when I give myself freedom and permission to create in the moment based on what is happening and what I see and feel. Now after now. Peace after piece.

This is also the official community launch for my book *STONE THREADS*, which will continue to be sold at the Elora Centre for the Arts during the show. I wish to thank the Centre for this wonderful opportunity and for all their support. Their visionary new direction is inspiring!



January 5 - 29 2017

BEING HERE NOW

Maggie Vanderweit

Opening reception & book launch | January 5, 7-9pm

In Being Here Now textile artist Maggie Vanderweit captures moments in time with her soft, earthy hues and organic, ethereal renderings in cloth.

Gallery Hours | Tues.- Sat. 10-5pm & Sunday 12-4pm

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Threads*

Maggie Vanderweit

Stone Threads is a fascinating textile buffet with hundreds of sumptuous images of Maggie Vanderweit's award winning art. Read about the events and people that have profoundly influenced her steps along the artist's path.

Travel with Maggie through time in this intimate retrospective - watch as her style evolves and her voice emerges over a lifetime of making. Enjoy a front row seat at the trunk show and read personal stories behind her art.

You'll find many thoughtful and practical suggestions for organizing a studio and allowing your inner artist to shine. To encourage and support your own creativity, this book contains an amusing array of Maggie's travel photos. Be encouraged to see your processes and practices in liberating new ways as you feel the passion with which Maggie teaches and shares.

Maggie Vanderweit has been quilting for almost 40 years and sewing since childhood. She went to university in Toronto, France and Montreal and taught ESL and FSL in Northern Quebec and Ontario. In 2000 she decided to devote herself to the universe of the threaded needle and opened her business Stone Threads Fibre Art. She makes original, contemporary pieces with hand-dyed and painted cloth, silk fusion, felt, hand embroidery, beading, collage and intense machine quilting.

Maggie is a leading edge artist, teacher, lecturer and author whose work has been exhibited and sold around the globe. Maggie is a Juried Art Member of SAQA, a professional member of CQA, and she belongs to SDA and Connections Fibre Artists.

*"I am inspired by my musings about why we are here and what we are supposed to be doing while we are here, and I hope my art conveys wonder and joy. I feel most blessed to be able to teach and create and I find the whole process meditative and invigorating."
Maggie Vanderweit*



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I am very pleased to let you all know that I am the SAQA regional

representative for Central Canada for the next two years. This sizeable territory includes all of Ontario and Quebec. I wish to sincerely thank and commend outgoing reps Bethany Garner and Dwayne Wanner, who with Robynne Cole and our members, have worked hard these past four years to create a strong community of talented textile artists and kept us connected to this fabulous international organization. I am asking all present and future SAQA members for your ideas and help about how SAQA and I can make a positive difference in your lives. Together let's continue to keep Central Canadian textile artists right out there on the leading edge!

If you have any questions or comments, please:

[Send me an email!](#)



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[Visit the centre's website here to register.](#)

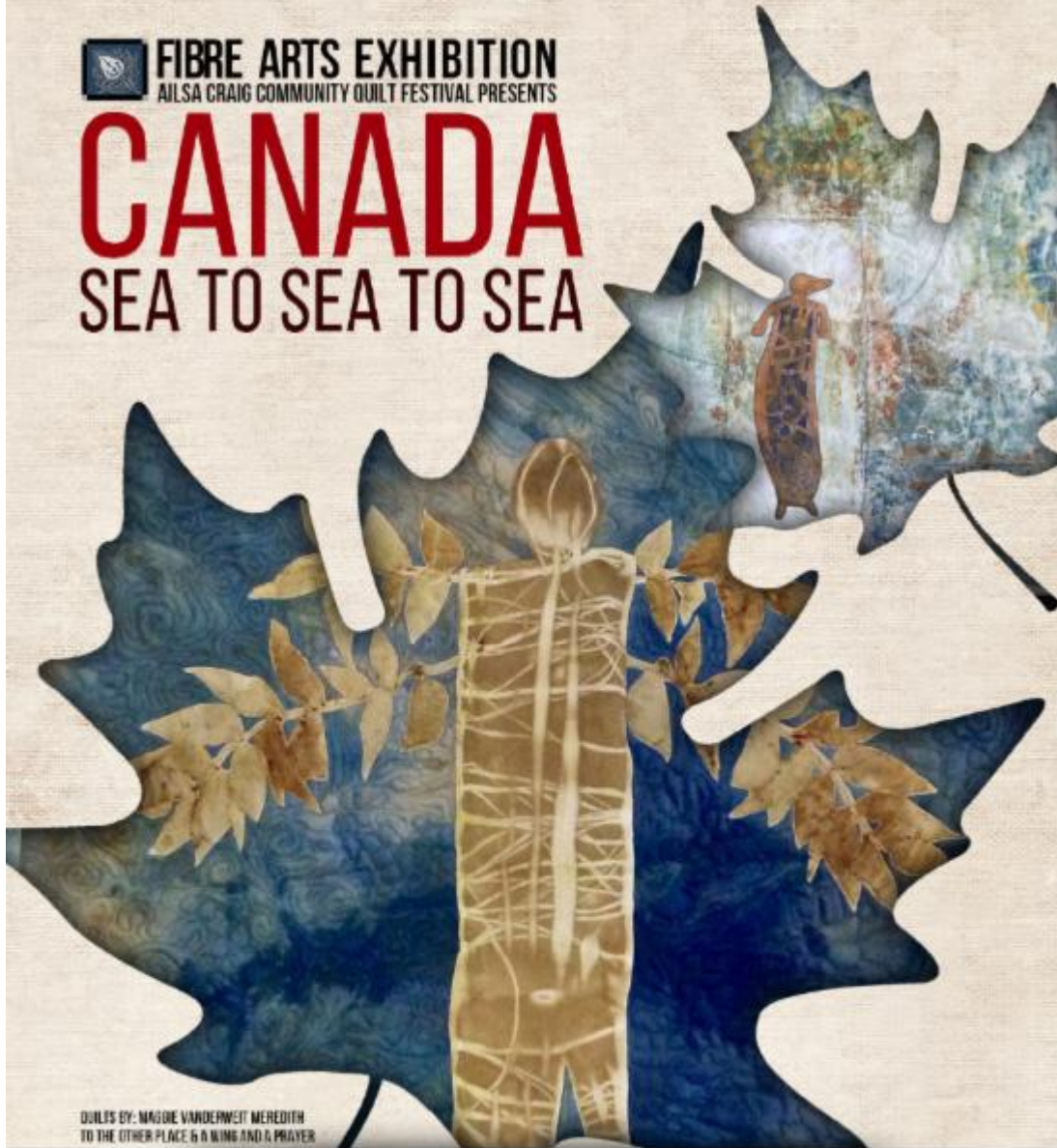
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Here is a fantastic opportunity to exhibit your your textile art! I am honoured to be one of the jurors for this consistently high calibre and well attended international show and will also have a booth here selling my book plus painted and dyed fabric.

[Call for Entry: Ailsa Craig Quilt Festival](#)

January 31 deadline



**Happy trails and I do hope to see you soon.
Cheers. Maggie**

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