



FORT LAUDERDALE CURRENTS

City Hall Feature Artist

Leigh E. McDonald

Fiber Artist Author Printmaker Quilting Instructor



The contrast of color and texture in nature inspire me; the softness of moss on a rock, a lacy fern frond against a tree trunk, the way the light shines on the water. Circles have been a big inspiration for several years now and my first book came out summer of 2008 using a circle theme for quilting projects. The book, entitled *Adventures in Circles, Quilt Designs from Start to Finish*, is now available at quilt shops and book stores.

My work combines elements of printmaking, painting, and fiber techniques such as stitching, weaving, crocheting, knitting, beading and embroidery to create each piece. I work in paper and fiber; coloring them with ink, dye and paints, then transforming the surface with the textures of beading and embroidery. Although I work in a 2-dimensional format, I sculpt the surface of the pieces in a 3-dimensional way.

I moved to South Florida in 2009 after living in Ohio and Kentucky for many years. My art quilts have been exhibited in galleries, museum, and quilt shows in Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Texas, California and Michigan. A complete list of exhibitions can be found on my website: <http://www.adventuresinquilting.com>.

I am currently a member of the 2 + 3 The Artist's Organization, the Surface Design Association and the Coral Springs Quilt Guild. I teach workshops on quilting and art quilting techniques nationally. I have just started a blog which features my work, the processes I use to create it and other information about me as an artist and member of the Ft. Lauderdale community. You can see my blog at: www.leighmcdonald.blogspot.com

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