



Your Friends, Your Neighbors, Your Community

CCQ Member Biography

Name	Fabienne Peter-Contesse
Occupation	Retired
How might people in the community know you?	People might know me because: I moved to Juneau to open the first McDonalds in Southeast Alaska and managed the restaurants for eight years.

Quilting Background

When did you begin quilting and why?	I grew up in the Seattle area spending most weekends exploring the outdoors with family and absorbing the names of trees and wildflowers my parents knew so well. I was rarely without a doodle journal, a needle and thread, or other craft and still get itchy hands when there's no project in the works. In 1981 I moved to Alaska "for a year" and have lived and worked in Juneau ever since. Deep roots in the Cascade Mountains and the forests and waters of Southeast Alaska inspire my art
How do you like to express yourself through quilting?	I create art for my own joy, and if others like it that's wonderful! I embrace and promote the vision that the art quilt is universally respected as a fine art medium.
What do you do with your quilts?	My work has been juried into several national, state and local shows, donated to numerous charities, and is in several private collections. I'm a member of the Capital City Quilters, the Juneau Modern Quilt Guild, and the Studio Art Quilt Associates..
Describe your first quilt and when you made it?	I learned to sew from my mother in my early teens, and made my first quilt at 19. I was exposed to fiber art in 2005 and never looked back. My original designs use artist dyed cotton and feature detailed free hand machine quilting to create texture and depth.

From Fabienne's series on glaciers

