

# Nursing and Caring: A Nursing Memoir in Quilts

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## Project Statement

Nursing & Caring is a collection of memoir art quilts designed and created by Terri Pauser Wolf, RN, MS about her 20-year career in oncology nursing. The series illustrates experiences from nursing school to expert nurse from one nurse's perspective. The themes expressed by the quilts may not be universal within nursing. The artwork is designed to give viewers a peek into nursing and oncology care.

Design elements flow from quilt to quilt in this series. Prior to nursing Terri worked as a professional writer and she collects fabrics with words. These fabrics are used throughout the series and several quilts have their titles worked into the design. Each art piece is stitched and appliqued with 100% cotton. Each quilt takes about 20 hours to complete, and the series was produced from June to December 2023. Quilt number one was created in 1997.



## **Traveling Exhibit Information**

The art works are available for exhibition at health institutions including medical facilities, headquarter offices, health care conferences, patient medical conferences and educational institutions. The exhibit series consists of nine art quilts. Each art piece can be hung from a cable or secured to a wall with nails. The quilts cannot be hung in area with direct sunlight.

Please contact the artist directly to discuss exhibition specifics: Email [terriwolf@mac.com](mailto:terriwolf@mac.com) or 916-616-1256.

## **Exhibit Dimensions**

The quilts hung with a 7-inch spacing between each art piece cover a 24 foot expanse.

## **Artist Biography**

Terri Pauser Wolf, RN, MS took her first quilting class in 1996. She signed up for a beginning class as a creative outlet for herself. The next year she began a career transition from professional writer to nursing. She took her first nursing classes at Grand View University in Des Moines, IA in 1997 and in spare moments, she took quilting classes. Unfortunately, after one semester she had to take a leave of absence and wouldn't return to nursing school until 2001. She graduated in 2003.

The arts became a lifeline and self-care for Terri as she worked as an oncology nurse in pediatric and adult oncology. She brought the arts, writing and quilting to her nursing career. Terri has presented multiple workshops and Grand Round presentations on the arts in health care while remaining an active textile artist and writer.

Her quilts have been displayed in galleries and shows in the Midwest, Northern California, and the Pacific Northwest.

## **Artist Statement Brief**

Terri Pauser Wolf, RN, MS uses textile art to tell stories. With cotton, thread and scissors she builds story themes into a quilt series. An oncology nurse for 20 years, Terri used the arts for self-care and healing to process the work she was doing in cancer care. She has been making fabric art for more than 27 years. She retired from nursing in 2021 and

relocated to the Pacific Northwest, where she has a studio overlooking the waterways of the Salish Sea.