

SAQA Exploring Contemporary Art Special Interest Group

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 1 pm ET

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84935542737>

We will be studying and discussing **Lisa A. Frank**, an American fine art photographer who explores the natural world and constructs complex patterns and tableaux with layers and digital painting. Her work expresses a deeply felt connection to nature and seeks to convey a sense of wonderment. (Note: We are NOT studying Lisa Frank, American artist and entrepreneur, known for her whimsical commercial designs.)

SAQA member Darcy Berg selected **Lisa A. Frank** and compiled the resources. Thanks Darcy!

Please review the following resources before our meeting so we can have rich, interesting conversations.

<https://www.lisafrankphotography.com/about>

Bio and artist statement

<https://youtu.be/FbylJ2199z4?si=pLKyp2KalReGQSne>

1:17 brief description of how Lisa finds inspiration and works with digital images

<https://www.lisafrankphotography.com/portfolio>

Gallery of Frank's different bodies of work, especially recommend looking at Captive Splendor, Tapestries and Nature of Pattern

<https://windycitytimes.com/2020/09/03/photography-lisa-a-frank-talks-career-inspirations-springboard-arts-chicago-installation/>

Article from Windy City Times about Frank's career and inspirations

<https://www.overture.org/blog/2023-july-lisa-a-frank>

Article about Frank's exhibition at Overture Center, Madison, Wisconsin

<https://www.lisafrankphotography.com/work-commissions-and-projects/gallery-4>

Gallery of Frank's commissions and projects for healthcare, education and hospitality settings

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D6xzbpuA6J8Xy3wT7IPzQWFuVZNeOUr0/view?usp=sharing>

PDF with images and descriptions of Frank's commissioned photographs

Optional Additional Resources

<https://youtu.be/2TximKXV6JM?si=L4hd-ezD5JP1n8EE>

1:13:15 Merging Natural World Exploration with Technology presentation by Frank to the PhotoMidwest