

COLLABORATION INVITATION – GLOBAL COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

My name is Karol Kusmaul. I'm a fiber artist and am working on my thesis project for a master's degree program in Art. The art and research I'm doing is on two topics that I'm passionately concerned about: the War in Ukraine and Gun Violence in America. I am planning to build two large artworks, one for each subject, and I need your help. If you have strong opinions or concerns about either of these issues, **please** consider making a small (4" by 6" or 10.2 by 15.2 cm) art postcard to contribute to the project. I will assemble the postcards into two - hopefully huge - group works in **early November** and seek exhibition venues after that. The goal is to provoke thought, discussion, and change hearts with this work. You can see the individual works I've made so far here: <https://www.kquilt.com/ukraine-series> and here: <https://www.kquilt.com/gun-violence-series>

Here are the details:

The issues: Choose between Gun Violence in America or the War in Ukraine, or you can make more than one card. Share your thoughts, opinions, or solutions.

Handmade postcards – any media: paint, crayons, ink, cardstock, paper bag, fabric, etc.

SIZE: 4" by 6" (10.2 by 15.2 cm) Either orientation is fine – vertical or horizontal.

Methods: an internet search for making art postcards or making fabric postcards will take you to videos and 'how-to' lessons.

The art: heartfelt images and /or text. Abstract, realistic, any style. Whatever you want to show or say about these topics. Simple and to the point is best.

The back side: Your name and return address are optional. A short explanation (or artist statement) is optional. More art is optional. Save room for a mailing address.

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Inverness, FL 34451 **Mail no later than Wed. November 1, 2023.** Sooner is even better.

Invite others: Please feel free to share this with any organization or individuals who may care about these topics. **Please do this SOON**, as the deadline is not flexible. Thank you for spreading the word!!

I am hoping to receive postcards from all over the world. I will post updates on my website as the work is received and assembled. **Thank you!!** This project cannot happen without your help. PEACE!! Karol

