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The Textile Artists of Virginia (TAVA) supports each member as fiber artists, explores boundaries of the medium, and works to educate and increase public awareness of fiber art.



The fiber artists who participated in the Prayers for Earth 2015 exhibit are: Melissa Barnhart, Gwen Goepel, Paula Golden, Judy Loope, Judy Madigan, Bridget Opazo, Gracie Opazo, Kathy Sevebeck, Pam Shanley, Marti Snyder, and Dee Ann West. The artists are members and friends of TAVA and live in Blacksburg and surrounding areas.

This exhibit became a reality after a conversation with Nancy Norton. Paula Golden presented the idea to the committee. Melissa Barnhart agreed to chair and took the plan to TAVA members and friends. Originally, Prayer Flags were and are still flown from the Himalayan Mountains. Rather than sending prayers to the Gods, the flags are sending prayers to the surrounding lands. That resonated with us. We could imagine prayers for peace, harmony, and contentment flying out over the land with every breeze. Our flags are 10" x 14", green for earth, white for wind, yellow for fire, and blue for water. Each artist made four. There are three generations of the Barnhart-Opazo family represented and hope that we will have more families willing to participate in the future.

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