



Sankofa: Lessons Learned **by Marla Arna Jackson**

January 13-February 14, 2023
Lumberyard Arts Center

Sankofa: Lessons Learned takes us on a journey through the heart and mind of world-renowned visual narrative artist, quilter, and historian Marla Arna Jackson. Sankofa, in the Twi language, translates as “go back and get it.”

Through her narrative portrait quilts, Jackson reaches back to knowledge gained in the past and brings it into the present as an offering toward collective progress and healing.

Highlighting freedom seekers from the Civil War to Civil Rights era and beyond, Jackson’s works are created from batik and shibori-dyed cotton, wool, denim, shells, beads, seeds, sequins, feathers, acrylic paint and the fabric of her life.

About Marla Jackson:

Marla Arna Jackson is a self-taught fiber artist, painter, doll maker, indigo dyer, shibori dyer, portrait artist, seamstress, and now an author. She is a world-renowned visual narrative artist and quilter, and community-based visual art educator. Her works have been exhibited in more than 35 national and international venues, including The American Folk Art Museum and the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. One of her most famous works is part of the permanent collection at The Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum. Marla’s Quilts, Inc., is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in Lawrence, KS, with a mission to magnify underrepresented voices and stories from the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement and beyond. Marla Quilts, Inc., provides an impetus for community members of all ages to continue developing artistic skills, enhance individual and communal expression through visual literacy, and further intellectual and cultural awareness of issues surrounding African American history in Lawrence, KS. We do this through community-based arts education programs, exhibitions, and public events, including the National African American Quilt Convention. Learn more about Marla Jackson at her website, <https://marlaarnajackson.com>.



For more photos from Jackson’s exhibit at The Lumberyard Arts Center, check out the Quilt Capital of Kansas Facebook page photo album at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.114585888189488&type=3>.