



*Kutch Monsoon*  
by Bandhani artist,  
Abdulaziz Alimamad Khatri

**SACHI**  
Society for Art &  
Cultural Heritage of India  
and  
**Marigold Row**

*Are Honored to Present*

**Judy Frater**

*Anthropologist and Celebrated  
Textile Scholar, Curator, Educator,  
and Changemaker*

**In a Display of Kutch Textiles  
by Artisans in India**  
*accompanied by*  
**Judy's Book Launch & Talk**

***Artisans by Design:***  
*An Odyssey of Education for  
Textile Artisans in India*

**Friday, March 14, 2025  
11.30 AM**

'Textiles Live' Founder  
**Judy Frater** traveled  
to India at age 19  
to improve her batik  
techniques. On a trip to  
Kutch, she discovered  
embroidery and  
diverted to exploring  
the mystery of austere  
women creating raucous  
colorful tableaux.



Pursuing Masters Degrees in Anthropology at the  
Univ. of Minnesota and Museum Studies at the  
Univ. of Washington, she continued research on  
traditional textiles of Kutch for over 30 years.

She is the author of an award-winning book, *Threads of Identity*.

Judy served as Associate Curator at The Textile Museum in Washington D.C. In 1990, she received Fulbright and Ford Foundation fellowships to India. While studying 'suf' embroidery in Kutch, she listened to an artisan's question, "Why are you studying us? Why don't you help us!" This provoked her to co-found Kala Raksha Trust in 1993. Working closely with artisans at Kala Raksha, she comprehended their tremendous creative capacity – and that it was largely unrecognized.

A massive earthquake in 2001 catalyzed Judy to realize a dream of developing a design education program for traditional artisans. She won an Ashoka Fellowship for this project in 2003. The dramatic success of artisan graduates during her eight-year tenure as Founder Director won her a Medal for service in design education in 2009, the Crafts Council of India, 'Kamla' award in 2010, and the George B. Walter Service to Society Award from Lawrence University in 2014.

Following yet another Rotary Club of Delhi Premier Distinguished Service Award in 2020, she was recognized in Architectural Digest India as one of nine "Grande Dames of Craft" in 2021.

**Please Join us in celebrating Judy's remarkable career in Service to Society and making a difference in the lives of Bhuj artisans of India through unique design education programs.**

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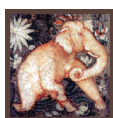
**Town & Country Village**  
855 El Camino Real #16,  
Palo Alto, CA 94301

**Textile Display**

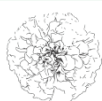
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