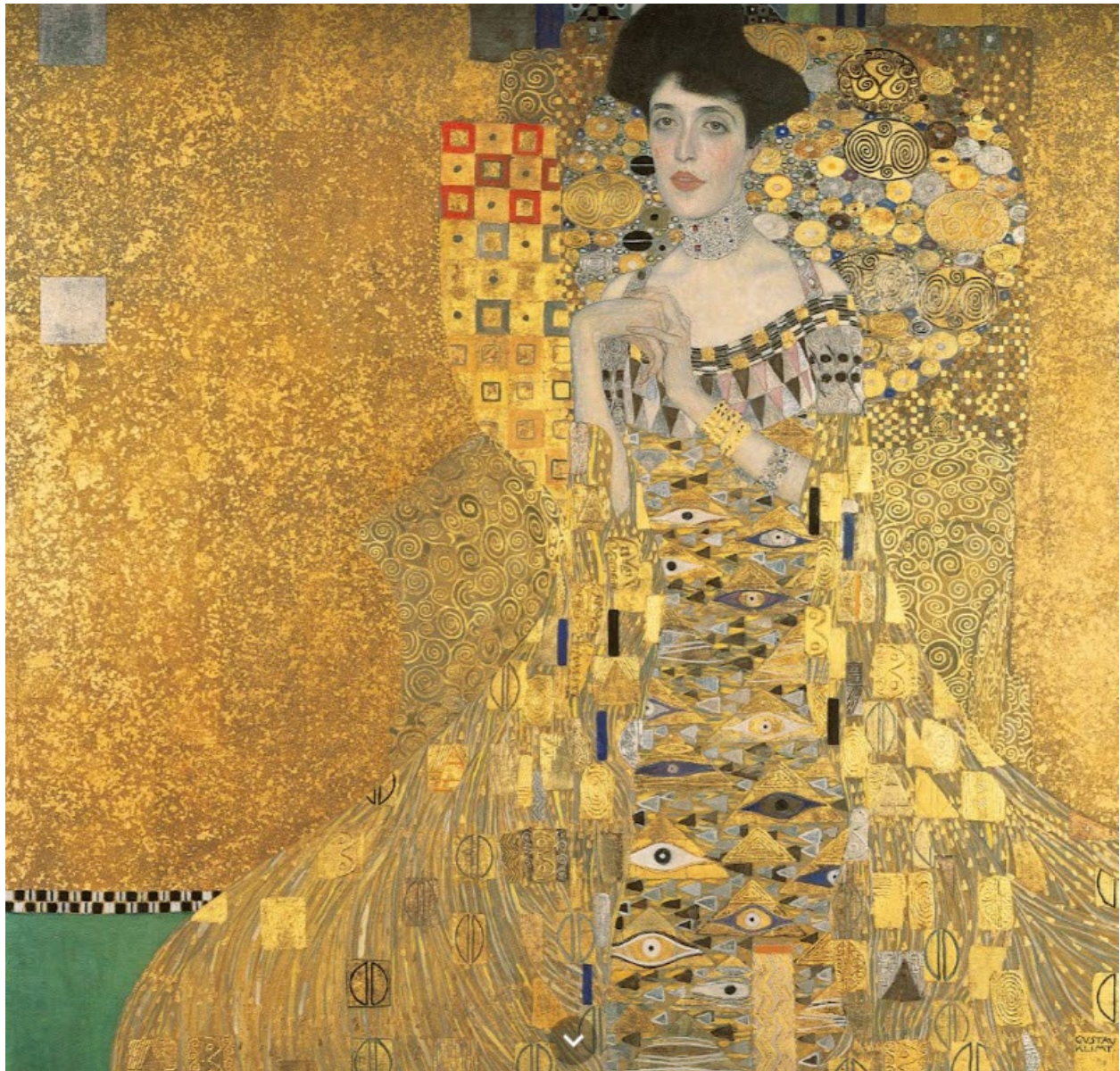


Start With Art President's Challenge 2023

I am so excited to announce the 2023 President's Challenge will be based on. This year we will be doing a Start with Art Challenge based on this painting:

Gustav Klimt's Portrait of Adelle Bloch-Bauer a.k.a. Woman in Gold



How to participate:

Create whatever this art piece inspires you to create!

- It can be any type of sewing - quilts, garments, bags, wall hangings, whatever! Even a bra and panty set if that is where your creative imagination take you! :-)
- There is no limit on how that inspiration unfolds - you can let the colors direct you, the shapes, the title of the piece, the emotion the painting moves in you, the history of the painting, whatever. This challenge is all about releasing your creativity, not on establishing strict guidelines.

If you want to learn more about the painting, here are 2 resources that might inspire you:

- This article provides additional background behind the family and stories surrounding the painting's origins. <https://www.christies.com/features/The-Woman-in-Gold-7494-1.aspx>
- The article also references a movie starring Helen Mirren and Ryan Reynolds called Woman in Gold. My husband and I watched it last month and LOVED it. The focus of the movie is the recovery of the family painting after it was confiscated during the Holocaust.

Please don't let this challenge sound intimidating!! For some of you, the colors will inspire you and you will make an item in a style you love in one of the colors in the painting. That will be LOVELY! Some of you will be inspired by the shapes in the painting and will turn that into a pieced garment or quilt - that will also be LOVELY! Some will create something inspired by the history of the painting that will have neither the same colors or shapes as the painting but will express how the painting or its history made you feel and that will also be LOVELY! Just jump in and see where it takes you and let's all share that creative experience together.

I can't wait to see what comes out of this!

Sewing alongside you,
Sheryl B