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**FINE ARTS**  
SOCIETY OF PEORIA

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 10:30 AM**  
Michel Student Center Ballroom, Bradley University

FREE TO ALL  
also available by Zoom

## **CHANNY LYONS MEMORIAL LECTURE**

*Honoring the late Channy Lyons, founder of Illinois Women Artists Project and of the Midwest Women Artists Symposium, and member of the Fine Arts Society of Peoria.*

## **FERN SHAFFER: PATTERNS OF ECOLOGY**

### Lecture by Fern Shaffer

Fern Shaffer is an independent artist and instructor based in Chicago. She will discuss her art making, both painting and performative, as it recognizes that all life is interconnected. An understanding of how plants are aligned to ecology explains how collective experiences of history, spirituality, and science are all parts of larger revelatory patterns that are consequential for existence. The quest for immediate



gratification often creates patterns of danger, toxicity, and stagnation for life forms: plants, animals and humans. The impact of these patterns is also felt in our experience of time. Shaffer is currently working on an installation piece of 1200 painted individual moons that will create an immersive exhibit.

Shaffer received her BA from the University of Illinois, studied at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and earned an MA from Columbia College. She is also Program Director at Selfhelp Home, a senior living community founded to help refugees and survivors of the Holocaust find community and rebuild their lives. She served as president of Artemisia Gallery, a women-owned artists' cooperative.

*This presentation is part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Midwest Women Artists Symposium, "Women's Work: Feminist Women Artists in the Midwest," organized by the Bradley University Department of Art and Design with the Illinois Women Artists Project. For the full schedule, visit <https://illinoiswomenartists.org/symposium>; register for Friday lunch buffet or Zoom link at bitly/488enT.*

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