

Cosmic Feathers #1

- DESIGNED, PIECED, AND QUILTED BY: Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry
- DATE: 2013
- SIZE: 30" x 30" (76 cm x 76 cm)
- COLORS: Multicolored gradations
- MATERIALS: Fabric: 100% cotton, Batting: 50% cotton / 50% bamboo
- TECHNIQUES: Hand painted, machine pieced, and quilted
- IDENTIFYING MARKS: Signature & label
- OWNER: Private collection, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
- PHOTO: Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry



Design Concept & Process:

Cosmic Feathers combines design elements from my "Feather Study" series and my spiral series.

All of the solid fabrics are from my "Gradations" collection for Benartex and are available from our Bryerpatch Studio Internet Store. The multicolored, patterned fabric is a one-of-a-kind hand dyed piece.

The design started with a simple pencil sketch, drawn on scratch paper while riding in the car on one of my numerous cross-country trips in 2012. The sketch was refined, printed on acetate and projected onto the dull/paper side of freezer paper to make a full size drawing with pencil. The large pencil drawing was refined, and the curving points were added. Using a sharpie marker, I drew over the final pencil lines and added registration marks so the lines could be seen on the shiny side of the freezer paper, which is the side where the fabric goes. The original drawing, therefore, was a mirror image of the final quilt. The curved seams in this quilt were joined using "Applipiecing", a technique I developed in 1989 to make curved seams that are fast, easy, and accurate. Instructions for applipiecing can be found in our Internet Store.

This quilt is part of a solo exhibition called "30 Quilts for 30 Years", which premiered at the International Quilt Festival in Houston, TX, November 2013, and is subsequently traveling to additional venues.

Exhibitions:

- 30 Quilts for 30 Years: Solo, traveling exhibition celebrating 30 years of making art quilts.
 - International Quilt Market & Festival, 2013, Houston TX, October 25–November 3, 2013
 - National Quilt Museum, Paducah KY, December 6, 2013 – March 11, 2014
 - Bryerpatch Studio Gallery, Paducah KY March 15, 2014 – May 1, 2014
 - Les Jardins de Magali, Lauris, France, May 8 – May 18, 2014
 - Visions Art Museum, San Diego, CA, August 1, 2014 – September 21, 2014
 - Wisconsin Quilt Museum, Cedarburg, WI, January 14- April 12, 2015
 - LaConner Quilt Museum, LaConner WA – July 1–October 4, 2015
 - Virginia Quilt Museum, Harrisonburg, VA – October 14, - December 19, 2015

Publications:

- Houston PBS interview, November 2013, YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HabPGcjQcwI>
- Machine Quilting Unlimited: May/June 2014, p. 12

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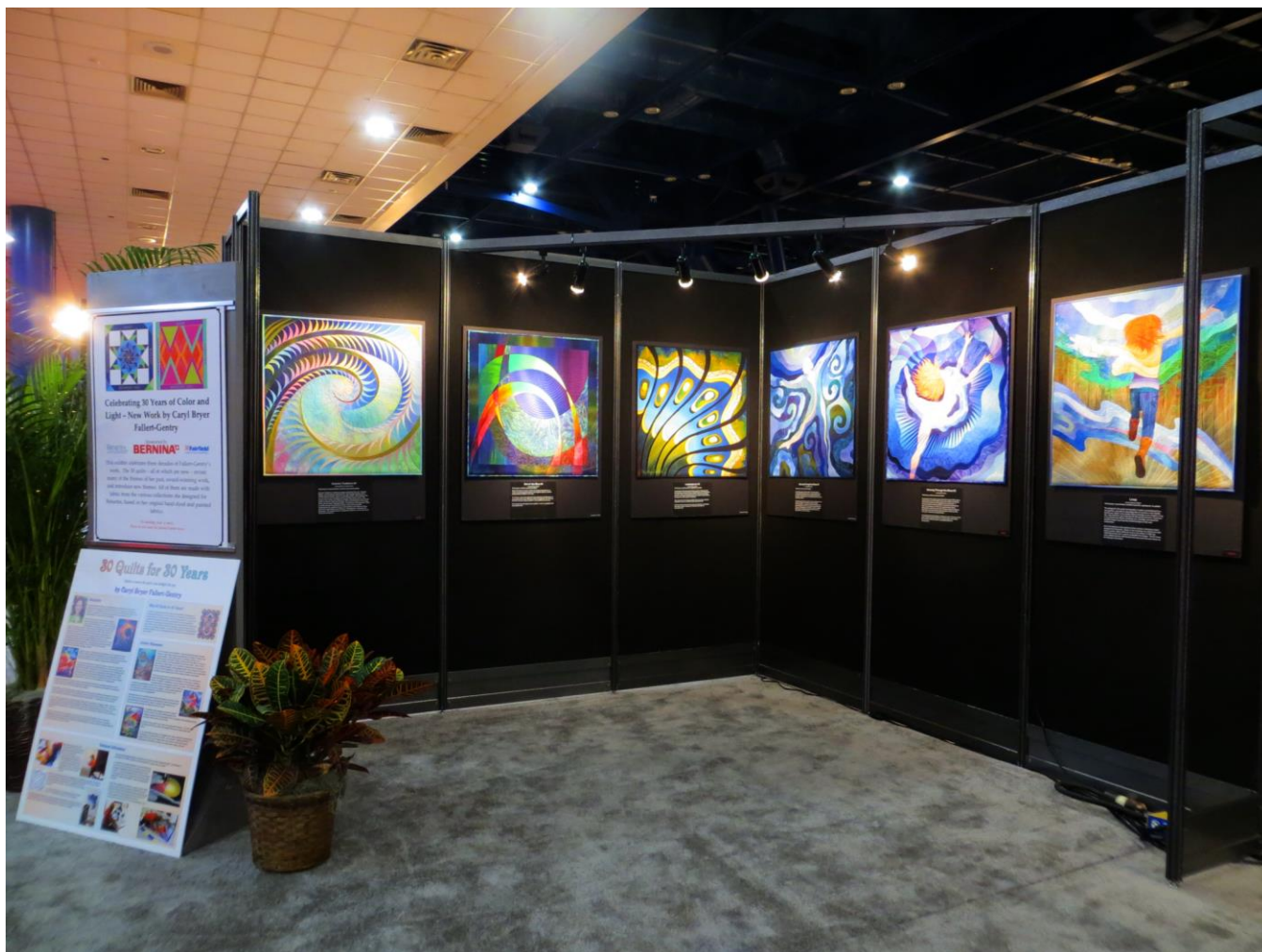
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