

Deception Decomposition #1

- PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN, PAINTING & QUILTING BY: Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry
- DATE 2020
- SIZE: 23" wide X 35" high
- COLORS: rust, black, purple, orange
- MATERIALS: Fabric: 100% cotton • Batting: 50% cotton / 50% bamboo • Thread: acrylic & polyester
- TECHNIQUES: Original photography, digital design & painting, digital printing, machine quilting
- IDENTIFYING MARKS: Signature & label
- PHOTO: Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry
- Private Collection: Colorado



Design Concept & Process:



This quilt is based on a photograph I took in Antarctica in February 2020 at an abandoned whaling station on Deception Island, which is actually the flooded caldera of an active volcano. The whaling station was used to produce whale oil from 1912-1931 and then abandoned, leaving behind steel tanks and furnaces that corroded from the salt spray and the sulfurous steam rising from the water's edge. They were further damaged by a volcanic eruption and resulting mud slide in 1969. I found some interesting patterns in the corrosion on the decaying equipment. The image for Deception Decomposition was cropped from one of these photos. The image was reshaped, and recolored, and digital painting was added before it was printed on cotton fabric by Spoonflower. It is very heavily quilted with many different colors of polyester and acrylic thread. The backing fabric is from my Color Flow collection for Benartex.

Exhibitions:

- Visuals 3 Quilt Competition: Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival Online, February 24-27, 2021
- Photos Pixels & Pizzazz, (solo exhibition) Latimer Center for Quilts and Textiles, Tillamook, OR, May 3-June 27, 2021
- Photos Pixels & Pizzazz, (solo exhibition), McLean Textile Gallery, McLean, VA, April 1-May 2, 2022
- International Quilt & Fiber Arts Festival 2022, Edward D. Hansen Conference Center, Everett, WA, October 7-9, 2022
- Photos, Pixels, & Pizzazz: Digital Quilts by Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry, Special exhibition, Road to California Quilters Conference, Ontario, CA, January 17-21, 2023
- Photos, Pixels, & Pizzazz: Special Exhibit,
 - Quiltfest Greenville, Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, SC, April 20-22, 2023
 - Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, September 14-17, 2023
 - Pacific International Quilt Festival, Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, CA, October 12-15, 2023
- Photos, Pixels, & Pizzazz: Recent Quilts by Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry, Iowa Quilt Museum, Winterset Iowa, December 12, 2023 - March 10, 2023
- Photos, Pixels, & Pizzazz: Recent Quilts by Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry, Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, Golden CO, 7/22 – 10/19, 2024

Publications:

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