

Iris Collaboration

- Iris painting on silk: Evette Allerdings
- Painted silk border fabric: Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry & Evette Allerdings
- Painted backing fabric & binding fabric: Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry
- Date: 2023
- Size: 31.5" wide X 31.5" high
- Materials: Fabric: cotton & silk • Batting: cotton/bamboo & wool • Thread: acrylic & polyester
- Techniques: Dye painting, piecing, machine quilting
- Identifying marks: label
- Photo: Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry
- Price: \$3000.00



Design Concept & Process:

I almost never collaborate, or even use fabric designed by other people, so this quilt is different from all my others. In my local fiber group, we maintain a rotating art space in a window in Uptown Port Townsend, Washington. A new exhibition is installed every two months. For late spring of 2023, the theme was collaboration. Everyone who wanted to participate brought a grocery bag containing an unfinished project or left-over scraps from a previous project. These bags, which were stapled closed, were exchanged anonymously, and each artist had to make something new with what they found in the bag they chose.



The bag I chose contained a beautiful painting of an iris on silk by Evette Allerdings and two small swatches of painted silk. I added some silk that I had painted 20 years ago. I found the rectangular shape challenging to work with, so I squared it up and made a border that combined the green silk painted by Evette and the silk I had painted in warm tones. I quilted in many different colors of thread to create a textured surface. The quilting carries some of the lines of the iris petals out into the border.

The cotton, backing fabric was painted by me, and the binding fabric is from one of the collections I designed for Benartex.

Exhibitions:

- Fiber Habit Window, Peninsula Fiber Artists rotating display, Port Townsend, WA, May-June, 2023

Publications:

- None as of 3/24/2023

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Iris Collaboration (detail) • 31.5" x 31.5" • 2023

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