

Splendor in the Grass

- DESIGNED, PRINTED, PIECED, AND QUILTED BY: Caryl Bryer Fallert
- DATE: 2003
- SIZE: 54" high x 54" wide
- COLORS: Green, yellow, blue
- MATERIALS: Fabric: 100% cotton • Batting: 80% cotton / 20% Polyester
- CARE: Wash in cold water with Bubble Jet Rinse or other mild detergent
- TECHNIQUES: Direct scanning and digital manipulation, ink jet printed, machine pieced & quilted
- IDENTIFYING MARKS: Signature & label
- PHOTO: Caryl Bryer Fallert
- Private Collection: Pittsburgh, PA



Design Concept and Process:

While our neighbors at our Illinois farm were spreading herbicide on their lawns in the Spring, I took great delight in the cheerful and ubiquitous dandelion. Since permanent ink jet printing on fabric became possible, I have not been able to resist the temptation to make an annual tribute to this persistent perineal.

The dandelion blossoms and leaves were scanned on a flatbed scanner. (Epson Perfection 1240U) The blossoms were laid directly on the glass and covered with a piece of blue fabric. The lid was left open. The images were enlarged to twelve inches square, and scanned at 300 dpi. This resulted in large images showing sharp details. Once scanned, the images were enhanced in Corel Draw. In most cases both the contrast and saturation were increased before printing on a Hewlett Packard DeskJet 1220C (13" wide) printer.

The entire quilt was designed in Corel Draw. The Fibonacci progression (1-2-3-5-8-13 etc.) was used to determine the proportions of the squares and rectangles. The dandelion images are surrounded by a border of dark blue and green fabric from the Glacier Park Collection by Benartex, which is based on my own original hand dyed fabrics. The binding is a lighter green color-way in my Glacier Park Collection.

Exhibitions:

- Solo Exhibition: Little White School Museum, Oswego, IL, 2003
- International Quilt Association Show, Quilt Festival, Houston, TX 2003 (juried)

Publications:

- Quilt Savvy: Fallert's Guide to Images on Fabric, AQS, 2004



Caryl Bryer Fallert Quilt Art Record

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