

## How Much Yellow is Allowed

- DESIGNED, PIECED, AND QUILTED BY: Caryl Bryer Fallert
- DATE: 2000
- SIZE: 62" high x 62" wide
- COLORS: Yellow, Blue, Green
- MATERIALS: Fabric: 100% cotton Batting: 80% cotton / 20% polyester
- TECHNIQUES: Original scans, ink jet printed, machine pieced, and quilted
- IDENTIFYING MARKS: Signature & label
- OWNER: private collection, Pennsylvania



### **DESIGN CONCEPT & PROCESS:**

This is the silliest quilt I made in 2000, but also the most fun. It began when I wondered what would happen if I scanned a dandelion directly on my flat bed scanner. By scanning at a very high resolution and then blowing the dandelions up, I discovered that every dandelion has it's own personality. To scan the dandelions, I cut off the stems and laid them face down on the glass of the scanner. I covered them with a piece of blue cloth, and propped open the lid, then enlarged the image to 12" square and scanned at 300dpi. Each image was printed out on white cotton broadcloth which had been soaked in Bubble Jet Set, which makes the ink permanent on the fabric.

I had so much fun with the flowers, I decided to make a whole quilt of dandelion images. The lattice strips are direct scans of dandelion greens, and the corner blocks are additional scans of the blossom, gone to seed.

The quilting is a simple all over meander pattern in fine yellow thread.

The title of this quilt refers to one of my very early experiences in the quilt world. In 1984, the very first time I entered a quilt in the show at Quilt Festival in Houston the judges comment sheet came back with only one comment: "Too much yellow". Now..... I was a brand new quilter at the time, and I didn't actually realize that there was a rule against using yellow. I did wonder just exactly how much yellow was allowed. Dandelions, like yellow in quilts are often scorned by the people who like to make up rules, but I love them and welcome them each Spring.

### **EXHIBITIONS:**

- Southern Illinois Artisans Show and Visitors Center, April, 2001 Whittington, IL.

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

- none



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