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Background

As a nationally/internationally recognized quilter since 1997, I have sold over 200,000 copies of my six books. I have won many awards over the years as a fiber artist and as an innovator in the machine quilting industry. I am known internationally as the author of a style of quilting referred to as "McTavishing" and am an award-winning teacher throughout the US and abroad. I currently own and operate a retail working showroom for APQS longarm quilting machines in Duluth, Minnesota.

Books

Whitework Quilting, Mastering the Art of McTavishing, The Secrets of Elemental Quilting, Quilting for Show, Custom Curves, Mastering the Art of McTavishing Expanded edition book 2. (Published by OnWord Bound Books from 2001 through 2015)

Select Recent Awards

- 2021 - 1st Place Judged - Black Hills Quilters Guild
- 2019 - 1st Place Workmanship - Minnesota Quilt Show
- 2019 - 2nd Place Workmanship - Minnesota Quilt Show
- 2019 - 3rd Place Workmanship - Minnesota Quilt Show
- 2019 - 1st Place, Best in Show, Viewers Choice - "Valley Quilters".
- 2018 - 1st Place Workmanship - Minnesota Quilt Show - St.Cloud Minnesota
- 2018 - 3rd Place Workmanship - Minnesota Quilt Show - St. Cloud Minnesota
- 2017 - Minnesota Quilter of the Year Award and Solo Exhibition - Minnesota Quilt Show- Duluth MN
- 2017 - Outstanding Modern Workmanship -Road to California -\$5,000 award -Ontario, California
- 2017 - 2nd Place - Hayward Wisconsin Piecemakers Quilt Show Hayward, Wisconsin
- 2017 - 2nd Place Large Appliqué - Minnesota Quilt Show - Duluth Minnesota
- 2017 - 1st Place Large Appliqué - Minnesota Quilt Show - Duluth Minnesota
- 2016 - 1st Place Best Machine Workmanship -Pacific International Quilt Festival - Santa Clara, CA
- 2016 - 2nd Place Large - American Quilt Society - Grand Rapids, MI
- 2016 - 1st Place Large -AQS National Quilt Week- Paducah, Kentucky
- 2016 - 1st Place Machine Quilting - Valley Quilters- San Jacinto, CA
- 2015 - 2nd Place Appliqué - Quilt Expo-Madison Wisconsin
- 2014 - 2nd Place International Quilt Festival Houston, TX
- 2013 - 1st Place MQT Quilt Show - Michigan
- 2012 - 2nd Place - Custom Heirloom Show - Bed - "MQX" Portland, OR
- 2012 - 3rd Place - Custom "Our Daily Bed" - MQX- Portland, OR
- 2012 - Winner of the Golden Quilter Awards - Best Longarm Quilter - SewCalGal
- 2012 - Grand Champion Award for outstanding quilt - Lake County Fair, Two Harbors MN
- 2011 - Best in Show - Machine Quilting -Minnesota State Fair- St Paul Mn
- 2010 - Nominee for the Machine Quilting Expo- Teacher of the Year Award- Portland Oregon
- 2009 - 1st place - Wall Quilt, National Quilt Association - Columbus, OH

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2009 - Judges Choice - Home Machine Quilt Show- Salt Lake City, UT
2009 - Honorable Mention -Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival - Hampton, VA
2008 - 2nd Place - Traditional Large Longarm - Northwest Quilting Expo-Portland, OR
2008 - 2nd Place - Custom Heirloom -Machine Quilting Expo- Manchester, NH
2008 - Teacher of the Year Award - "MQX" Manchester, New Hampshire
2007 - 1st Place - Teachers Category -Innovations -Seattle, WA
2005 - 3rd Place - Group Quilt -AQS Paducah KY International Quilt Show
2005 - 2nd Place - Pieced Professional Large -Indiana Heritage Quilt Show
2004 - 2nd Place - Group Quilt - Minnesota Quilters State Quilt Show - St. Paul MN
2004 - 2nd Place - Traditional Pieced Wall - Quilting on the Waterfront - Duluth MN
2004 - 1st Place Viewer's Choice - Overall -Quilting on the Waterfront - Duluth MN
2004 - Teacher's Choice - Contemporary Longarm Large -Quilting on the Waterfront- Duluth MN
2004 - 2nd Place - Traditional Pieced - Minnesota State Quilt - St Paul MN
2003 - 2nd Place - Teacher's Exhibit -Innovations -Seattle, WA
2003 - Sweepstakes Award - Minnesota State Fair -St. Paul MN
2003 - Best in Show - Minnesota State Fair -St. Paul MN
2003 - 1st Place - Wholecloth - Minnesota State Fair -St Paul MN
2003 - Viewer's Choice - Wall - Minnesota Quilters Show and Conference- Duluth MN
2003 - Best of Show - Longarm - Minnesota Quilters Show and Conference- Duluth MN
2002 - 2nd place - Two - Person/Duo - International Quilt Festival- Houston, TX
2002 - 2nd Place - Teacher's Exhibit - Innovations-Seattle, WA
2002 - 1st Place - Teacher's Exhibit - Innovations- Seattle, WA
2002 - 3rd Place - Traditional Large - The Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza"
2002 - Faculty Choice Award - QTQ 2002 - Quilting the Quilt-Duluth MN
2002 - 1st Place - Longarm Traditional Wall - QTQ 2002 - Quilting the Quilt Duluth MN
2002 - 3rd Place - Longarm Traditional Large - QTQ 2002 - Quilting the Quilt- Duluth MN
2002 - 3rd Place - Wholecloth Wall - QTQ 2002 -Quilting the Quilt- Duluth MN
2002 - 3rd Place - Wholecloth Large - QTQ 2002 Quilting the Quilt - Duluth MN
2002 - Viewer's Choice - Traditional Wall - Minnesota Quilters Show and Conference, Rochester MN
2002 - Honorable Mention Award - Traditional Large - Minnesota Quilters Show
2002 - Honorable Mention Award - Wholecloth - Machine Quilters Showcase- Rochester MN
2001 - Special Exhibit for Longarm Luminaries - International Quilt Festival and Market, Houston TX
2001 - Viewer's Choice Award - Traditional Wall - Minnesota Quilters Show - Duluth MN
2001 - Best Longarm Machine Quilting - Minnesota Quilters Show and Conference - Duluth MN
2001 - Best of Show - Minnesota Quilters Show and Conference - Duluth MN
2001 - Best Machine Quilting - Minnesota State Fair
2001 - 1st Place - Wholecloth - Minnesota State Fair
2001 - 1st Place - Wholecloth - Machine Quilters Showcase - Overland Park Kansas
2001 - Teacher's Choice Award - Machine Quilters Showcase - Overland Park, Kansas
2000 - 1st Place - Pieced Traditional Large - Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul MN
2000 - Teacher's Choice Award - Machine Quilters Showcase, Overland Park Kansas
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