

Remember Me....Stories about MN Quilters by Pat Cox and Martha Eaves

Interview with Victoria Miller:

In 1980 I wanted to make something for my friend Kathy's craft fair. The Sears catalog provided ideas for quilted pillows. I drafted patterns from those pictures and the rest, as they say, is history. My first quilt was a Dresden Plate after making lots of quilted pillows. The quilt was made from scrap fabrics left over from those pillows.

It was a privilege to go to the MQ shows. Gladys Raschka's absolutely beautiful applique quilts caught my eye. That's the kind of quilt I would like to make, I told myself!

I tried some applique projects after that, not too successfully at first. Then in 1988 it was my good fortune to take a needle-turn applique class from Patricia Cox. I've been using Pat's patterns almost exclusively ever since. One of the things I learned from Pat besides applique was "Let the fabric do the work."



The quilt I would like to mention is one I have dubbed "Mrs. Miller's Quilt." In 1999 in a quilting magazine I found a small black & white photo of an antique quilt made in the 1800's by a Mrs. Miller from Canada. Pat drew up her version of the quilt from that small photo. (The original was a little too primitive for her graceful style.) Seems like this quilt took forever for me to find just the right fabrics. After consulting with Pat over fabric choice I finally finished the quilt in 2008. I entered the Mrs. Miller that year in the American Quilters Society show in Des Moines. I was absolutely amazed to win Best of Show. Maybe the lesson here would be to never give up.

You can view many of Victoria's quilts at the Quilt Index site at quiltindex.org. In the 'search quilt index' box at the upper right corner of the opening page, type in the Quilt index number below. Be sure to type the dash and capital letters. MQP number Quilt Index number

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