

2012 Featured Quilter Nominees

Marsha Bray



Marsha has been co-chair of our quilt show, secretary and VP in charge of programs twice, is active in several mini-groups and has attended nearly every Bits retreat. She set up the first Bits web page and established the Yahoo group.

In addition, she teaches quilt

classes at the Quilted Fox and has taught many classes and workshops for other guilds as well.

A quilter since the late 70's, Marsha has made everything from traditional to art quilts. She has won several guild challenge awards and has a piece in the Rambling River exhibit being shown statewide and nationally. And she has generously donated many quilts over the years to quilt raffles and fund raising auctions.

Darla Gibson



Darla has proven her leadership abilities, commitment to the Guild and her fabulous quilting talent.

In 2005 and 2006 she was Membership Chair and in 2007, 2008 and 2010 led the Guild as its President. In 2007 she founded the Crazy Quilters Mini Group and in 2009 chaired the BOM committee.

Darla currently is Moderator of the Yahoo Group and Coordinator of the Mini Retreats.

Darla has made many quilts using a variety of styles and techniques, of which machine appliqué and paper piecing are her favorite. She is always eager to expand her quilting knowledge and try various modes of quilt possibilities. Her talents won her Honorable Mention for Most Original Technique in the 2007 Bits Challenge.

Candy Grisham



Candy is a creative and talented quilter and runs her own long arm business.

Her award winning quilts have been shown in Houston, Paducah, MO Fiber Artists (twice) and Sacred Threads. In 2002, one of her quilts was published in Quilters' Newsletter Magazine.

She won 1st Place in a Self Por-

trait challenge and won Best of Show and Best Appliqué awards for her quilting.

Candy has chaired the BOM, the Mystery Quilt, National Speakers and Workshops. She continues to chair the Small Quilt Auction for our quilt show and has masterfully quilted one of the show's raffle quilts. And she teaches at the Quilted Fox, at guilds, and for small groups.

Lorrie Oltman



Lorrie has been a member of Bits almost since its beginning and has participated in many mini groups over the years.

Her many art and traditional quilts have won her several awards. She won 1st Place awards for Postcard ('97), House of Dreams ('01), and Fairy House ('02) and has won several 2nd and 3rd place awards.

Her donated quilt "Seasons of Hope", published in the 1997 American Quilter Magazine, is displayed at MO Baptist Hospital, as is one at St. Luke's Hospital and at a Michigan Coast Guard Station, as well as several donated church banners. Currently she has a piece in the Rambling River display.