

2023 Sedona Quilters Hall of Fame Award Winner “Ephemeral Beauty”

The Red Rock Quilters Guild and Sedona Arts Center partnered to create the Sedona Quilters Hall of Fame Award. This prestigious award will be presented annually during the Library Quilt Show that is held in January through February at the Sedona Public Library on White Bear Road.

Pat Loomis is the recipient of the 2023 Sedona Quilters Hall of Fame award for her quilt “Ephemeral Beauty.” Her quilt will hang at the Sedona Arts Center’s Gallery in Uptown during the month of April. This year’s winning quilt is an example of fused appliqué with dense thread painting, one of many techniques employed for making art quilts.

Pat has been a member of the Red Rock Quilters Guild for 15 years but first became interested in quilting as a child because of her grandmother, who lived in the Appalachian Mountains of north Georgia who enjoyed sewing and quilting. Pat has learned much through taking classes, seminars, and working beside her quilting friends. She loves bright colors, especially reds! Several years ago, she branched out into making “art quilts” and finds this medium to be both challenging and rewarding. She never makes the same type of quilt twice, learning a new technique with each new project.

Her quilt “Ephemeral Beauty” reminds her of Georgia O’Keefe’s large floral paintings. Hibiscus flowers typically bloom for only one day, making them ephemeral and precious. The specific idea of this quilt began eight years ago when she took a class with Melinda Bula, whose hibiscus design was Pat’s starting point. Then she worked for over a year adapting her own design for the remainder of this quilt, which is one of her all-time favorites.

Pat states, “Simply put, quilting soothes my soul, allowing me to sit still for a while and be in the present moment. Quilting stimulates my creativity and stretches my imagination. It challenges me with problems to solve, and in its finest moments, quilting offers me a glimpse of the artist within.”

The Red Rock Quilters Guild has existed for over 36 years. Their motto is “Sharing and Caring. We come together to share our love of quilting, learn new skills/ideas, and care for our community through various service projects.”

Sedona Arts Center’s mission is to connect, enrich, educate, and lead through the inspiring power of the arts and creative discovery.

