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## **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Home Machine Quilting Show in Salt Lake City, May 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Was *All About the Love!***

(SALT LAKE CITY)— The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Home Machine Quilting Show (HMQS) was held May 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City, UT and the show theme was, “That’s Amore,” attracting stunning quilts in the competition that showcased all the things our quilters love! HMQS hosted more than 5,000 attendees from all over the world. HMQS, the premier consumer exhibition and hands-on educational show for machine quilters and embroiderers, featured 126 classes on a variety of quilting, embroidery and sewing topics, a judged quilt competition with \$28,000 in cash awards, a Vendor Mall of 200 booths, nearly 20 special quilt exhibits, a quilted garment display, and hundreds of quilts on exhibit. There were also free demonstrations, free “make & take” projects, and fabulous grand prizes.

Of this year’s show, Ann Collet, HMQS Show Director, said, “Each aspect of the show was raised to new heights this year. Teachers did a great job to inspire the students, and the vendors supplied all the tools needed for more quilting fun. The opening ceremony was fun-filled with Deonn Stott’s quilting rendition of the song, ‘That’s Amore.’ This year’s featured artist, Judy Elsley, wowed us with her quilt journey through cancer. As always, the quilt exhibit is the highlight of the show. This year’s quilts were even more exceptional than in previous years. Displaying outstanding quilts, rewarding terrific quilters, and offering the highest quality machine-quilting education is the entire purpose of HMQS. We were thrilled with this year’s show across the board.”

The highlight of the show was the extraordinary quality and number of quilts on display – more than 700 total. The winners of the judged quilt competition were awarded \$28,000 in cash

awards at the awards ceremony May 9<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Badger of St. George, UT was awarded the Best of Show award for her stunning quilt, “SuperStar,” and received a \$2,000 check, sponsored by Handi Quilter Inc. Marilyn Badger is an award-winning quilter who has been featured on over 60 PBS quilting shows, as well as in nearly a dozen national publications and quilting books, and she has spent more than a decade teaching longarm classes in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Japan.

Marilyn created the original design for SuperStar using the Mariner's Star block from Claudia Clark Myers' book "A Passion for Piecing." Marilyn said, “I love Mariners Star and Mariners Compass quilts – as did my husband. We were both avid boaters and lived on our 42' trawler for 15 years in Marina Del Rey, CA. He had the ocean in his blood having served in the submarine service in World War II and owning a boat of some kind all his life. His great-grandfather was a 3-masted schooner captain and sailed from Boston to San Francisco via Cape Horn before the days of the Panama Canal. So, I really made this quilt for him.”

Just days after the close of the HMQS, on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Marilyn’s husband of 34 years, Hartley, passed away. Hartley was a retired engineer, yacht skipper and general contractor whose company, Hartley Manufacturing, Inc., manufactures longarm quilting machine accessories. Marilyn said, “Hartley started that business when I asked him to make some tools to enable me to quilt better. He was such a huge force in my quilting life from making these accessories, to naming my quilts and critiquing my work. I will miss him so much but will always smile fondly when I look at SuperStar hanging on my quilting room wall and think about how much he loved that quilt.”

SuperStar features 88 stars – either pieced, appliquéd or quilted on a combination of silks and batiks. Floriani embroidery thread was used for the main quilting designs and Superior and YLI 100 wt. silk was used to create the detailed background quilting. Pieced with dupioni silks and cottons and embellished with Swarovski crystals from Cheri Meineke-Johnson. “After all,” said Marilyn, “what's a star without some sparkle?”

HMQS was pleased to present the 4<sup>th</sup> annual “Teacher of the Year” award, sponsored by the International Machine Quilters Association, to Carmen Geddes, of Eagle Mountain, UT. Carmen was honored during the awards ceremony for her exceptional teaching, talent, and professionalism. She is well-known among her students for her friendly, approachable teaching style and her fun and informative quilting retreats! And the winner of the HMQS 2013 “Best Booth” award is Buttercup

Quilts, a Utah-based company owned by Cody & Michael Mazuran. Buttercup Quilts hosts a darling and inviting booth for attendees. To see their patterns, antique fabrics, and vintage quilt tops visit their web site, [www.ButtercupQuilts.com](http://www.ButtercupQuilts.com).

The 2013 official show charity was Bridge of Love, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing hope and comfort to the abandoned and needy children of Romania. The 2013 Riley Blake Designs Fabric Challenge, sponsored by Christensen Wholesale, with batting sponsored by Pellon® Legacy™, showcased quilts made by individuals and machine-quilting guilds from all over the nation. The challenge quilts were judged, \$1,000 in cash awards were given out to the winners, and the quilts were live auctioned off at a live auction, sponsored by I Quilt 4 U, for a whopping \$5,850 (100% of which goes directly to Bridge of Love). This amount, coupled with other donations made by HMQS attendees before and during the show, makes a total of \$6,300 for Bridge of Love. For more information on this organization visit their website, [www.BridgeofLoveRomania.com](http://www.BridgeofLoveRomania.com).

The 2013 special exhibit also showcased two other fabric challenges – the Quilting Treasures Quilts of Valor Challenge with batting sponsored by Winline Textile Products LC; and the SewBatik Fabric Piecing Challenge with batting sponsored by Hobbs Bonded Fibers. These challenges were judged, and the winners awarded \$1,000 in cash awards. The Quilting Treasures Quilts of Valor Challenge quilts were donated to the new veterans' care center in Payson, UT.

Over the three days of the show attendees viewed dozens of fantastic quilts on display in the 2013 Special Exhibit. Highlights of the special exhibit included “The Best of Modern Quilts 2013” featuring QuiltCon’s winning quilts, sponsored by Modern Quilts Unlimited; an antique quilt display by the HMQS Committee; and a showcase of 20 quilts presented by this year’s featured artist, Judy Elsley depicting her experience with cancer, sponsored by Sue’s Machine Quilting.

HMQS was founded in 2003 by Show Director, Ann Collet, who oversees the event each year with the help of HMQS Show Manager, Jennifer Pond. Major sponsors of HMQS 2013 include the Home Machine Quilting Association, Nuttalls’ Sewing Centers, MediaOne of Utah, Handi Quilter Inc., Gammill Quilting Systems, Brother International, Rocky Mountain Electric Quilters, American & Efir, and Machine Quilting Unlimited.

Quilt photo CDs, with pictures of all the winnings quilts plus many more, are available for order online. Next year’s show will be May 8-10, 2014. For more information visit [www.hmqs.org](http://www.hmqs.org).

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