

# About the Teachers/Judge



Sylvain Bergeron is a self-taught seamster and machine embroidery teacher who came into quilting 4 years ago when he asked himself a simple question: what if embroidery were the quilt? The answer came in the form of quilt tops containing anywhere from 1.25 to 3 million stitches where simple lines and color create complex images. He was the 2006 recipient of the **Master Award for Thread Artistry at the Fall International Quilt Festival** in Houston, TX and won the Gold Prize at the 9th Quilt Nihon Exhibition in Tokyo, Japan. He is a webmaster by trade and lives in Oswego, IL with his son.

Sylvain  
Bergeron  
Digital  
Embroidery

Just in Breaking News, Sylvain Bergeron Winner Houston Quilt Festival 2009 Computer Aided Machine Embroidery category. How lucky we are to have Sylvain share his talents with us. **Do not miss Sylvain's lecture - it will knock the stitches right off your quilt...**



Rose Eichorn  
Fiber Artist

Rosemary Eichorn is a fiber artist, teacher and lecturer with a lifelong love of sewing and fabric. Observe her passion for gardening and her appreciation of the splendor surrounding her coastal mountain home and you'll understand the inspiration for her sumptuous collages and art wear. Rosemary's sewing machine is her principal art tool and thousands of quarter-yard pieces of fabric are her palette. Rosemary has created 4 ensembles for the Fairfield - now **Bernina Fashion Show** at Quilt International. This is an invitational show which premieres in Houston each October. She was featured in the Threads magazine designer challenge. Her **Sewjourn Patterns** are designed to provide blank canvases for collage and other creative sewing and surface design techniques. Her work has been featured in various needle art and quilting magazines, **she has won awards including best of show and grand prizes in local & national shows.** She has been a featured artist as well as juror and judge for many quilt shows. **Rosemary will present an outstanding lecture and trunk show Friday Night.**



Cindy  
Needham  
Machine  
Quilter

Cindy has been a quilter for over 35 years with her first 25 devoted to her first love of hand quilting and the last 10 with her second love of machine quilting. She first fell in love with quilts while her family was stationed in the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina and Virginia and it has been a complete obsession since then! Passing on her love of quilting and design through teaching is her dream come true. Cindy speaks nationally for Superior Threads. Her love of design has led to unique opportunities to design stencils for Quilting Creations, Inc. and whole-cloth designs for Golden Threads. **Cindy also has several design features in Quilters Newsletter Magazine.** Her book, *Wholecloth Linen Quilts*, was released this year by AQS and features a wide variety of linen quilts as well as a large selection of her quilting designs. She and her husband live in Chico, California where he patiently supports her quilting obsession which has taken over both their lives and their home! She has two grown daughters, Jenny and Emily, with the newest additions to the family, granddaughters Chloe and Samantha.



Alice Wilhoit  
Appliqué &  
Piercer

In 1987, Alice began instructing, and soon coordinated all teaching at the leading quilt shop in her area. Now she teaches in many shops in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex as well as in other areas of the state, other states and in Canada. She has a full schedule of lectures to quilt guilds around the country as well. It is impossible to know how many people this gifted teacher and designer has taught, but it is safe to say they number in the thousands. **Although she designs both traditional pieced and appliquéd quilts, her true love**, other than her husband, children and grandchildren, is teaching others the **art of appliqué.** Through her years of experience she has developed many labor and time saving techniques to aid in the preparation portion of appliqué. These she happily shares! One of her greatest joys is seeing someone develop into a dedicated quilter regardless of the style or method chosen. Alice is married to Bill, has six daughters, a son and six grandchildren and two great-grandsons. She and Bill live in McKinney, Texas, along with their Shih Tzu dog, Molly.

## About Our Judge

**Marilyn Dorwart** our show judge has been a long time well respected quilt artist, designer, author, **judge** and former shop owner of **Quilters Marketplace in Delray Beach.** Marilyn's quilted projects were published in several national books and magazines, such as Southern Living Christmas issues and craft books by Leisure Arts and Plaid Publications. That Patchwork Place, Inc. published her first book, *Tropical Punch*, in 1997. Since then, she has developed an extensive line of beautiful patterns. **Marilyn is an award winning Quilter, National teacher and has judged many competitions.** Currently Marilyn is enjoying her retirement which has given her the time to enjoy her passion for quilting and many other hobbies.