

Featured Quilter: **Carol Burton**

Though Carol Burton has been quilting for a long time, her job as an English teacher didn't allow a lot of time for quilting. However, she retired after 35 years of teaching and joined Bayberry in 2005. Since then, she has become a prolific quilter. "Everything I learned about quilting," she says, "I learned from Bayberry and Diane McGuire."

Her quilts reveal the range of skills and techniques she has learned in Bayberry workshops. Carol is open to all kinds of techniques and styles. Paper piecing, embroidery and applique, color range, and machine quilting all have become part of her repertoire, which she applies again and again in her quilts. She credits various instructors who made a difference in her quilting, mentioning Louisa Smith, George Siciliano, Marsha McCloskey, and Sharon Schamber. As Carol shows her stunning quilts with applique on them, she admits that her favorite applique tool is glue!

The wide variety of Carol's quilts is impressive. She has large bed quilts made from traditional blocks. She has back-of-the-couch quilts in many styles and colors. She has wall hangings large and small, art quilts, beaded quilts, and one dear to her heart—a quilt made for her parents' 50th anniversary in which her parents' wedding photo is surrounded with 3-D silk flowers, made in a workshop with Elly Sienkiewicz, noted for her expertise on Baltimore Album quilts and exquisite applique. Another quilt that pleases Carol is the challenge she made for the National Seashore's 50th anniversary in 2011. This quilt, called "Moonrise," appeared in the National Seashore Visitor's Center display and eventually, through the efforts of Nancy McConnell, appeared with others from this display in a *Quilter's Newsletter* article.

Despite the range of styles and techniques in her quilts, Carol admits that her favorite block is still the log cabin and all its many variations. She's made two log-cabin samplers and more than 20 other quilts in a log cabin pattern. It's her "go-to" block when she decides to make a quilt for someone. And she very generously makes quilts for many people. Family members, friends, and neighbors have all been the lucky recipients of quilt gifts from Carol.

Look for Carol selling raffle tickets at the Wednesday guild meetings.