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Judy Marie Laval Morton Biography

Judy Marie Laval Morton is an artist and needleworker. She began her career as a needle artist in 1976 following her marriage to Thomas Rand Morton. In 1976, her *Birds of Prey* needle painting was juried into an American Needlepoint Exhibit for H.S.H. Princess Grace of Monaco in Monte Carlo. The exhibit traveled to London, England. In 1985, Morton helped organize and served as vice president for the Quilt Registry Project for the state of Indiana, and she helped found the Raintree Quilters Guild of Evansville, Indiana. In 1995, a quilt made as a result of a class with Elly Sienkiewicz was included in Sienkiewicz's Silver Star Jubilee Celebration. In 2006, Coats and Clark thread company used Morton's quilt *Somewhere in Time* in its thread advertisements. The Mortons' Davies County Amish Quilt Collection was shown at the International Quilt Festival in Chicago. Morton was selected to be the honored guest quiltmaker at the Baltimore Appliqué Academy in Williamsburg, Virginia. Morton received the Dillon Tourism award for promoting tourism in Daviess County, Indiana. In 2009, she was named the winner of the Arts Award for Warrick County, Newburgh, Indiana, by the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana. Morton lives in Newburgh, Indiana.