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Mariya Waters Biography

Mariya Waters is an Australian quiltmaker and teacher specializing in hand appliqué and machine quilting. Waters began quilting in New Zealand in 1990, and her first quilt was selected for a juried quilt show and published in a book. In 1994, while living in England, her third quilt won the prestigious Ascot Trophy. Her quilts have appeared in magazines and books, are in public and private collections around the world, and have been used in corporate advertisements. In 2007, her quilt *Renaissance Revival* won Best of Show, Best Domestic Machine Quilting and the inaugural Hangers' Award at the Quilters' Guild of NSW show in Sydney; Best of Category and Viewers' Choice at the Victorian Quilters, Inc. show in Melbourne, Australia; and the Founders Award at the International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas. In February, 2008 the quilt was awarded the Bernina Australian National Quilt Award; and in April, 2009 the quilt was awarded the American Quilter's Society's Best of Show prize in Paducah, Kentucky. The quilt is now in the National Quilt Museum's collection. One of Waters' miniature quilts was donated to the National Quilt Museum's *Oh, Wow!* collection, and an image is on *The Quilt Index*.