

Yvonne Porcella Biography

Yvonne holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Her interest in the arts led to a second career specializing in hand weaving, making unique garments, mixed media and art quilts. Her work continues to be featured in major exhibitions, art galleries and museums in the US and abroad. Her work has toured in national and international shows of contemporary American quilt makers and is actively collected by individuals and corporations. The Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C. acquired her quilt "Takoage" in 1994. This quilt along with 300 objects from the 15 additional Smithsonian museums was included in a national touring exhibition honoring the 150th anniversary of the Smithsonian. In 1998 her quilt ANSWERING THE RIDDLE was included in the 9th Invitational Triennial of Tapestry in Lodz, Poland. The subject of Porcella's 11 books reflect the development of her artistic interests. She has taught and lectured throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, Europe, and Japan and served as Juror for major exhibitions.

Porcella is Founder and served as President of the Board of Directors Studio Art Quilt Associates 1989-2000; as well as a 13 year member of the Board of Directors of Alliance for American Quilts; 2 terms on the Advisory Board of the International Quilt Study Center, University of Nebraska; served 4 terms on the Board of Directors of the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles. In 1998 she was inducted into the Quilters Hall of Fame in Marian Indiana and she was the 5th recipient of the Silver Star Award at Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas. Michigan State University selected her as a Quilt Treasure for an Alliance for American Quilts documentation project archiving the history of American Quilt makers. She was filmed for a one hour segment honoring the 2010 quilting "Legend" by The Quilt Show, hosted by Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson, shown on their subscription internet program. Porcella was honored as Distinguished Artist with a major career retrospective exhibition of her art exhibited January to April 2012 at the Carnegie Arts Center in Turlock, CA., curated by Rebecca Phillips Abbott the exhibit showcased the depth of her artistic endeavors. The Ruth Funk Textile Arts Center, Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL featured her work May 2013. Quilts, Inc, Quilt Market, International Quilt Festival 40th Anniversary Solo exhibit Yvonne Porcella - Once and Again. 2014