

Name: Mary Ann Clifford

Quilt Name: **Vermont: The Wildlife**

Dimensions: 38" by 32"

Artist Statement

For three seasons of the year, I am filled with Vermont's awe and beauty. The scenes "out my window" of the daily trek on the "Vermont" open up a beautiful ride thru the magnificent forests filled with the beauty of its Native American wildlife. It's not the destination but the journey. Whether we are gliding through the snow-filled valley or whizzing past the Green Mountain Range, it never gets old. There are always plenty of new things to see and plenty of peepers showing up to see the fall foliage. I see nature and wildlife out my window every day! There are still so many things to see and places to go...whether that is Kringle Candle or the Butterfly Museum in Deerfield or Green Mountain Coffee at Waterbury, Vermont.

I learned to quilt from my Grandmother Emerich as a child. It has always been my peaceful place. I like to create the unexpected. When I began this piece it was from a panel of old trains. The Vermont Central, The Green Mountain Railways or the Vermont Rail Systems (VRS) all have more years and tales than my 30 short years can tell from my Amtrak adventures.