

NEPTUNE'S GARDEN

January 2005

Design Inspiration

This ensemble was designed for the AQS Fashion show and was inspired by the lively textures and colors of the lichen covered rock walls on Mt. Neptune in British Columbia.

Fabrics

Jacket and Purse: hand-dyed rayon, cotton batiks.

Top: 100 % polyester velour.

Pants: 100 % polyester Skinner microsuede.

Embellishments

Jacket: hand-dyed silk ribbon, Perle cotton, rayon floss, metallic braids, ribbon yarn, beads, free-form, channel and shrink quilting.

Pants and Purse: channel and shrink quilting,

Top: ruching.

Patterns

Jacket: Vogue 9523 and Vogue 9977 (combined and modified).

Top: Vogue 9698.

Pants: Vogue 2165.

Purse: Simplicity 4759.

Special Sewing Techniques

The jacket side-panels and the purse have been quilted and shrink-textured by using a decorative stitch to quilt the preshrunk fashion fabric to unwashed cotton flannel. The jacket front, back and sleeves have been decorated with background quilting using rayon embroidery threads, bobbin-couched fibers in a variety of colors and textures, and hand-couched and beaded ribbon yarn. The fibers have been couched in an organic flowing pattern that resembles strata in rock. The contrast collar and cuffs of the jacket and the pant hems and yokes have been channel quilted. The jacket is closed with hand-made frogs. The top has been textured with ruching on the collar, body and sleeves.

Exhibitions and Awards

Finalist, AQS/Hobbs Bonded Fiber Fashion Show and Contest, April 2005.

Best Machine Craftmanship, Pacific International Quilt Festival XIV, October 2005.

Best of Show - Wearables, Road 2 California, January 2006.

Honorable Mention, Wearable Art, Quilter's Heritage Celebration, April 2006.

1st place, Quilted Clothing, 37th Annual NQA Quilt Show, June 2006.