

Grieving through art

Quilter memorializes women lost to breast cancer

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CAUSE AND EFFECT, a 2006 quilt by textile artist Shawna Lampi-Legaree, is one of the artworks included in the new book, *500 Art Quilts: An Inspiring Collection of Contemporary Work*.

A photo of Lampi-Legaree's quilt taken by professional photographer Bob Wilson appears on page 49 of the

439-page art book, which is published by Lark Books in North Carolina.



photo courtesy of Lark Books

The book is part of the company's 500 series, a collection of elegant art books featuring

500 Art Quilts will soon be available at the Yellowknife Book Cellar.

500 examples of ceramic art, handmade books, ornamental knives, baskets and 25 other kinds of artistic media. The artists are from around the world, but *Cause and Effect* is the only Northern artwork included in the latest title.

The piece, which is almost five-feet high and a little over three feet wide, depicts many women's sad faces framed in a tear drop on a dark grey cloth background.

Third friend

Lampi-Legaree created the quilt a day after her third friend died from breast cancer in an 11-month span.

"What I witnessed is the different ways women grieve the loss of someone through breast cancer," she said.

The design is interrupted by three holes cut in the fabric.

"Those three holes represent the women in our lives who are missing from breast cancer," she said. "Brenda, Elaine and Loraine."

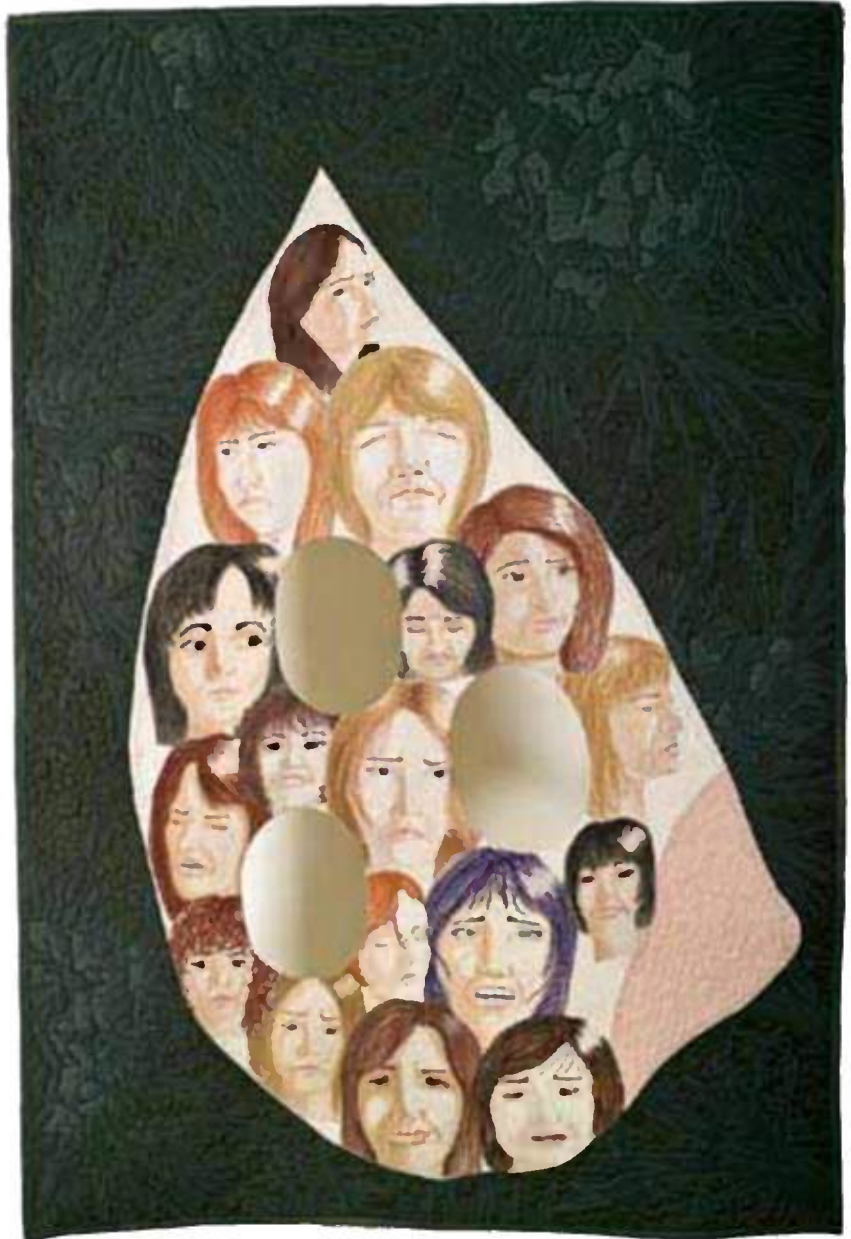


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Cause and Effect is an art quilt by Shawna Lampi-Legaree. The artist created the quilt in 2006 after losing three friends to breast cancer over an 11-month period.

This is the third time photos of Lampi-Legaree's art quilts have been published in a book.

The artist is focused on finishing work for an upcoming solo show, titled *Through Her Eyes*, scheduled for dis-

play at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in May 2011. The exhibit will include *Cause and Effect* along with a new quilt celebrating women who have survived breast cancer.