

# Agnes Boal Bursary 2007

Dear Canadian Quilters,

The generous legacy of the Agnes Boal Bursary continued when Martha Cole came to town, arriving in "Quilted Splendor" (our quilted car) at St. Albert Place the morning of September 10, 2007. For five days the community knew something very special was happening. The Arden Theatre marquee announced her presence and the promise of an inspiring lecture on Tuesday evening.

Martha Cole, this diminutive and dynamic master quilter, bookbinder and all-round artist totally engaged her audience of 211 women and 1 man with her premiere presentation "High Tech Quilting", featuring her journey of traditional quilting combined with digital manipulation enhanced with her trademark thread-play. Martha concluded her talk with a stunning display of her near-life-size quilted landscapes and grain elevators while imparting her passion to document these disappearing sentinels of the Canadian Prairies.

The evening concluded with a reception in Progress Hall and mini quilt show in the foyer of St. Albert Place. The wall hangings were results of past workshops in the area. Martha was more than pleased to see these finished pieces she had inspired.

This was just the beginning of an exciting week as Martha guided seventeen eager stu-

dents through the creative process of making a unique, personal "Painted Stitched Book".

Receiving this Bursary has special meaning for our guild. We first met Agnes in 1990 when, as President of CQA/ACC, she officially opened our very first quilt show, which included two of her pieces, Vancouver Alarm and Rose Plantation. Our guild was very happy and proud to be able to share Martha Cole on Tuesday evening, not only with all quilters, but the community at large. The Agnes Boal Bursary enabled our guild to host this free event.



"That was a brilliant idea and thanks for sharing with the rest of the quilting community" (quote by Kathy Strawson, CQA/ACC – Membership Director).

On behalf of the St. Albert Quilters' Guild,

Kathie Pavelich, Chair

PS. We have heard that Ed Stelmach, the Premier of Alberta, while addressing the Chamber of Commerce, commented on St. Albert's total community involvement in culture after noticing our car in all its "QUILTED SPLENDOR"!

