

Name: Mary Ann Clifford

Quilt Name: **White River Junction in Green**

Dimensions: 40" by 36"

Artist Statement

The Little Boston and Maine Engine and caboose are the gem of the station in White River Junction. However the Crown Jewel of the station is the brass train that tops the station. The original art piece was "lifted" during the night: now this secure little original is tightly welded to the steeple.

The charming part of "The River" are the people you meet from "Out My Window". First there is the lady from the station who brought this tee shirt to me...train side! Since the Vermonter began, there is Chris who has been the "official" historian and photographer. His cards at Christmas are legend. There there is Don, my special friend, who always shows up with a smile and a great attitude. He has even been known to share his special "King Arthur" deli specials with us. Don makes a point to talk to someone new on every ride. He picks up or drops off his son on his way to New York City. Joaquin reminds me of Jack Sparrow. He looks like a double for Johnny Depp.

Ms. Barbara and her husband (I am so bad with names!) have ridden this train for many years. As the train whisks to the city they travelled to take needlepoint cushions to a church overseas. I loved watching their hands in unison. It was something I would have loved to try my hand at!

Then there is my Remington Steele version of James Bond who whisks between WRJ and NYP. You can meet people from all walks of life on a train. It's all about the journey!