

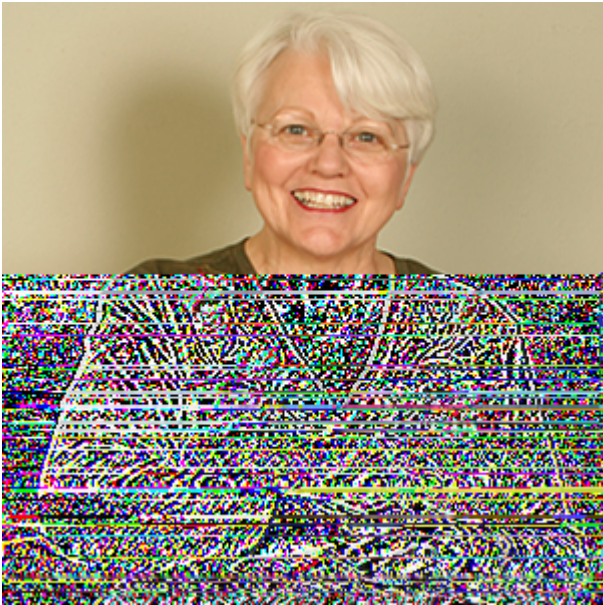
Celebration 2021



Mary Gasperik chosen as 2021 Heritage Honoree

Born Mariska Mihalovits in Csanadalberti in the Hungarian province of Csongrad (northeast of the city of Szeged), Mary sailed to America with her sister when she was a teenager and became a champion quilter. She is noteworthy for her skillful work and creativity. She is significant as a representative of the thousands of immigrant women who assimilated to the American way of life through quilting and quilting clubs. And because her entire body of work has been catalogued in the Quilt Index, she offers a unique opportunity for quilt study and a model for others who wish to preserve their own family quilt history.

The "Heritage" designation indicates that Mary's work was accomplished 80 or more years ago.



2021 Honoree

Marti began teaching in 1969 and has traveled throughout the world to teach. In 1972 she started her business, Yours Truly. Through this company, Marti spread the love for quilt making to all corners of the country with patterns, books, and tools. Thousands of quilters began their quilting adventures by sewing early Marti Michell quilt kits. She risked publishing quilting books in the early 1980s when virtually no instructional books existed. Through this step, she enabled women to earn income through royalties by writing books on quilting.

She showed she has not only a clear understanding of the art of quilting but also the business end of quilting. She has planned and executed Quilt Market Schoolhouse for nearly 30 years. Marti also teaches quilt shop owners on topics such as inventory management, shop displays, block of the month and event planning.

Marti was one of the first fabric designers for the major fabric manufacturers to come from a quilt making background. She is the author of more than a dozen books of quilt making including a series of books to accompany the templates that are produced for accurate quilt making through her business,

From Marti Michell.



The Quilters Hall of Fame applauds the Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Ministry for their determined endeavors to meet the needs of people affected by poverty and disaster. In 2021 we will award them the Crystal Thimble Award for their significant impact in the world of quilting. LWR Mission Quilts are highly regarded throughout the world because of their quality and consistency. Considering LWR's first quilts in 1945 given to families in war-torn Europe to today's annual average world distribution of 300,000 quilts, it is clear to the TQHF Selection Committee Lutheran World Relief is their choice for the Crystal Thimble Award in 2021.

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