It’s difficult for me to consider the beauty of butterflies, flowers and so much more, without giving thought to their designer-creator. It’s the same with Butterfly Whirl: Contemporary Quilt Art, a touring collection of twenty-six original works of art selected by Dr. Sandra Sider, curator of the Texas Quilt Museum. The quilts that made the cut for this national exhibit represent the best of some of today’s most innovative American artists working in the medium.

Sharon Buck, creator of the Impressionist-inspired piece entitled, What Butterflies See, has a background in painting. The beautiful scene depicted in her quilt shows a landscape dotted with butterflies the artist made by piecing together and appliqueing fabrics, which she hand colored.

“You Butterfly Believe It! — These Are Not Your Grandmother’s Quilts

by Marianna Treviño-Wright

“I really gravitate toward organic themes,” explains Buck, who splits her time between Tennessee and Florida. “This particular scene portrays summer in the Smoky Mountains. I dyed much of the fabric myself, and screen...