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Northern Serenity

(left to right) Judy Christie, Keewatin, Rhonda Glofcheski, Keewatin, Maryanne Nilson, Kenora, Pat Schwartz, Kenora, Lenora Zimmerman, Kenora, Alice Fenelon, Kenora, Pat Shewchuk, Kenora, Nancy Bergman Kenora, Ontario, 2014

Eight separate quilts sewn onto a gallery style stretcher bar (depth 2"), cotton fabrics, tulle, metallic and cotton threads. Discharge-dyed, fabric painted, raw edge appliquéd, free-motion quilted. 50" x 50"

Inspiration: Watercolour study for painting, "Northern River", by Tom Thomson

Our quilting group of eight, from different walks of life, has been together for many years. Our friendships connect us. We are also connected to our environment, the beautiful boreal forest of Northwestern Ontario. Inspired by a study by Tom Thomson, we created this fabric piece, which reflects the soft glow of forest light playing through the trees. We shared fabric and construction ideas but, most important, we relied on each other's energy to see the project through.