

## Mike's Place



Dr. Michael Kestigian used the “Heat/Bond” technique to create his artwork. He began this endeavor last winter. At that time he was limited in what he could do physically because of medical problems, and was searching for a challenge or hobby. His wife, Jean, had some kits/ patterns that she had

not had the time to work on, so he agreed to put them together, not by sewing as she would have done, but by heat/bonding. After completing four of her kits, he decided to branch out and create his own concepts.



All of his works are original in design, and are made entirely of fabric. His ideas are based primarily on his background in chemistry, crystallography, single crystal growth, materials science and dairy farming. Some of the scenes were based on observations in travels throughout the USA and abroad. The most difficult part of these projects is locating fabric from which individual animals, plants, flowers, trees, and buildings

can be isolated and cut. In this endeavor he is grateful and appreciates the assistance of Guild members who have been so helpful in locating fabric that contains an animal, plant, or background that he requires to complete a specific scene.



Dr. Mike Kestigian is the Special Guest Exhibitor at the Clamshell Quilt Guild Show “Quilts All Around the Town 2010” July 17 – 18, 2010 at the College Center at Crozier-Williams, Connecticut College, New London, CT. For show details visit [www.clamshellquiltguild.org](http://www.clamshellquiltguild.org).