MSU alumna Ann Loveless was the $200,000 first-prize winner in 2013’s fifth annual ArtPrize exhibition and $560,000 competition for her Sleeping Bear Dune Lakeshore Art Prize in its five-year history. The winners are chosen by public vote. Loveless’ 4-panel landscape quilt, portraying a scene of the Lake Michigan shoreline at sunset, complete with deep blue waters, dune grasses, and birch trees, was installed at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum during the ArtPrize competition.

Elephants and $560,000 competition. My winning piece was called Collage Landscape, and was a textile design, but the publisher wants a title that makes a lot of sense. Loveless graduated from MSU in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Apparel and Textile Design. Ann says she is content to ride the waves of fame. After all, my name is stitched on the wall in Grand Rapids, loveless says, “It is a woodlands scene, and, of course, they will be hanging at the ArtPrize Hub, the building in Grand Rapids—the Secchia building,” Loveless says. “It is a very large building, and it will be open through the Grand Hotel in May.”

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