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Quilt Name: **The Great Blue**  
Dimensions: 16'' wide by 20'' high

### Artist Statement

The inspirations for this piece are my memories of Epcot Center and the monorail at Disney World from a trip I took there in 2010 and a 2013 trip to Naples, Florida where I saw migratory birds diving for fish in the Gulf. This piece juxtaposes the futuristic vibe of Disney World with the protected wetlands of the migratory birds which live just outside of it.

The monorail circles all through the park. Scenes of wildlife in their natural habitats, interconnected with futuristic buildings and other fantasy landmarks, are on view outside the monorail windows for the visitors.

Disney World is magical. In this piece I put together the magic of the park with the elusive, mysterious wetlands, which coexist in shifting and changing boundaries.

This piece showcases both types of magic.