THE AIR IN THESE PAINTINGS IS FILLED WITH A

PATTERN FROM AN EARLY NORTH AMERICAN QUILT DESIGN

CALLED "DRUNKARD'S PATH."

THE USE OF THE PATTERN ALLUDES TO THE NAMES

PROJECT, THE GIANT, COLLECTIVE PATCHWORK QUILT

THAT HONORS AND MEMORIALIZES THE MANY THOUSANDS

WHO HAVE DIED OF AIDS.

ONE OFTEN SEES AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF SECTIONS OF THIS GIGANTIC QUILT FILLING SPACE WITH ITS TRAGIC ENORMITY.

THE SURFACES OF THESE PAINTINGS CONTAIN A DAILY RECORD OF MY LIFE WHEN WORK TIME IS TAKEN OVER BY A PREOCCUPATION WITH THE <u>AIDS</u>. THESE PAINTINGS REFLECT MY THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS WHEN I QUESTION THE ACT OF PAINTING AND ITS DUMB SILENCE IN THE FACE OF AIDS.

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