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MONET ON TILE



This ceramic tile reproduction of Monet's "Lady with a Parasol" was saluted at a recent trade show.
Courtesy/Agape Tile

Local firm gets international award

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A Fort Myers firm has been saluted for its efforts in reproducing a famous Monet painting in ceramic tile.

Stephanie Dittrick and her daughter, Candace MacNutt, co-owners of Agape Tile, have been recognized for their originality and imagination in the international ceramic tile industry as the first place residential winner of the Spectrum International Award at Coverings 2000, a global market-

place for ceramic tile and natural stone.

The award, presented recently in Orlando, recognizes the most beautiful, creative and inspiring use of ceramic tile in modern design and architecture. Participants submitted entries that were judged by a panel of architects, designers and journalists.

Agape Tile recreated Monet's famous painting "Lady with a Parasol." The tile mural duplicates Monet's detailed artwork and has been installed in a private resi-

dence in Sarasota.

The work was freehand drawn from an enlarged copy of Monet's original painting with each brushstroke individually reproduced. The artists used a glaze-on-glaze technique.

Agape Tile custom murals have been used on building facades, mall decor and commercial and residential pools and spas, as well as custom logos and home interiors. Commercial customers include Publix Supermarkets Inc. and the YMCA of America.