

The Gafney Library

Press Release

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Wakefield –The Gafney Library in Sanbornville is fortunate to feature the fiber art of local artist Jill Vendituoli on exhibit during the month of January. Jill uses nontraditional 21st century fibers to create the colorful needlepoint tapestries which, at first glance, appear to be paintings. Only by looking closely is the observer able to see the various complicated stitches that form together to create her art.

Jill began her art journey by using needlepoint kits and soon realized she wanted to create her own designs. Her first original piece, an adaptation of the Magi based on a mosaic from Ravenna, Italy, took her weeks of sketching and eight months of stitching to create. Since that time, her work has been juried into national and international fiber art shows and has appeared in various publications including Where Women Create, New York Magazine, Needle Pointers, Nature Inspired: Autumn, and Maine FiberArt Masters. Her pieces are in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. Jill has taught needlepoint design at Winterthur Museum in Delaware and operates Sunnyfield, a seasonal gallery, out of her 1790s farmhouse in West Newfield, Maine.

Jill explains her art, “Because fiber art is a flexible medium, I have discovered within needlepoint, an historically female form of creativity, a multitude of opportunities to explore and restructure the boundaries of my craft. With my needle, extraordinary contemporary fibers, and a visionary approach to stitching, I have created works that explore nature, abstract expressionism, and three-dimensional structural forms.”

Jill will host a reception, open to all, at the Gafney on January 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The exhibit may otherwise be viewed during library open hours of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:00pm to 7:00pm and Friday and Saturday 9:00am to 12:30pm. For more information, call the Gafney at 603.522.3401.

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