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1 Putney library hosts 'Chronicles in Wood,' prints of tree  
2 ring cross-sections by Abigail Littlefield

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6 "Chronicles in Wood," an exhibition of prints of tree ring  
7 cross-sections by Abigail Littlefield, is now on view at the Putney  
8 Public Library, 55 Main St., through Feb 28. An artist reception is  
planned for Thursday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

9 Littlefield is an artist and longtime science educator  
10 whose work bridges botanical study and environmental  
11 observation. For more than 30 years, she says, she was a science

12 professor, cultivating a personal fascination with the structures  
13 and life histories of plants. A significant head injury reshaped her  
14 life, leading her to incorporate art into her rehabilitation process.  
15 During recovery, she began creating illustrated field guides to  
16 local trees and plants — watercolor was a means to rebuild.

17 “What began as therapy evolved into a dedicated artistic  
18 practice,” wrote organizers in a news release. Littlefield’s early  
19 field guide studies developed into detailed botanical watercolors  
20 that reflect both scientific precision “and a renewed intimacy  
21 with the natural world.”

22 Most recently, she has been printing tree rings, a process  
23 that merges her background in science with her artistic  
24 sensibilities. “By translating the temporal records embedded in  
25 wood into visual form, she continues to explore the complex  
26 stories that trees carry — and the ways art can illuminate them,”  
27 organizers said.

28 Littlefield lives in Westminster West with her partner, four  
29 labrador retrievers, a cat, several ducks, a flock of chickens, and  
30 lots of honeybees. The show will be open during library hours:  
31 Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10  
32 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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