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Notes from editor (not for publication):

These were clearly difficult quotes to work with. We can talk about it on Friday after we conclude the business part of the conversation. :) —J



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1 A mix of designs

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2 Julia Duke quilts and fabric art on display at Crowell Art
3 Gallery

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5 Crowell Art Gallery at Moore Free Library, 23 West St., is
6 now featuring artwork by Julia Duke through March.

7 The show is a collection of 12 to 15 of the Brattleboro
8 fabric artist's quilts, which feature an array of patterns and color
9 schemes in the form of quilted pieces, small quilts, and wall
10 hangings.

11 "I usually start with one piece of fabric, just pull it off
12 the shelf, and then see what goes with it. I have an idea before I
13 start," Duke says.

14 Some of her simpler pieces use as few as four fabrics,
15 while other pieces made of strips can have up to 15.

16 The pieces on display include a chicken quilt, a bird
17 quilt, a tree quilt, "a couple of traditional pattern quilts, and then
18 some more kind of modern quilts," Duke continues.

19 "For me, each piece has a different sort of mood or
20 feeling depending on the groups of colors and the sort of theme
21 or shapes," she says.

22 Duke says she likes trying a variety of techniques. "It's
23 mostly about putting different fabrics and patterns together and
24 using some kind of quilt pattern or ideas to allow that to happen,"
25 she says. "So there's a mix of designs."

26 **Stitching up loose ends**

27 Duke learned sewing from her mother and her
28 grandmother, and those skills probably led to begin quilting, she
29 says.

30 Other parts of her quilting journey can be traced back to
31 a mundane starting point.

32 "About 10 or 15 years ago, I had so much fabric that I
33 collected, it would just [be] a way of trying something new by
34 making bigger pieces, bigger sewn things with a bunch of colors
35 of fabric," Duke explains.

36 She learned a lot of her quilting by visuals, books, and
37 patterns.

38 Duke has advice for people looking to begin quilting:
39 "Sometimes people just pick up different [materials] and just
40 make something. And other people like to follow a pattern and
41 be precise," she observes, recommending that artists start out
42 small and get to know "someone around you to help you get
43 started."

44 She plans to create tote bags and sew clothes after this
45 show ends.

46 "It fulfills [me] to make something," Duke explains.

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47 The [Crowell Art Gallery](#) is located within the Moore Free
48 Library at 23 West St. in Newfane. Hours are Tuesday and
49 Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m., Friday
50 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. An
51 opening reception will take place Saturday, March 7, from 1 to
52 2:30 p.m. To learn more about Duke's artwork, visit her [website](#).

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