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1 Putney Library exhibits 'Dreams of Color' by Claire B.
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5 The Putney Public Library, 55 Main St., presents "Dreams
6 of Color," an exhibit of watercolors and collaged bookmarks by
7 Claire Halverson, through May 30. The exhibition, which is open
8 to all during the library's operating hours, includes many small,
9 landscape-based watercolors.
10 Halverson, who lives in Dummerston, says she paints
11 what she sees and loves during her walks in Vermont. She began

12 doing artwork years ago. She explored varieties of graphics —
13 woodcuts, lithographs, and etchings. She studied at the Museum
14 School in Boston, where she discovered how much she loved
15 working in different ways with her hands.

16 Halverson stepped away from art for several decades
17 while she raised her daughter and began a teaching career. She
18 retired in 2011 and returned to creativity through the medium of
19 collage.

20 “I would sit at my table, turn the music up loud, choose
21 a few bold colors of tissue paper, and see what would happen,”
22 she said in a news release. “I loved tearing the paper into
23 unpredictable shapes and layering brilliant transparent colors
24 over darker ones. I made bookmarks and greeting cards, reveling
25 in the joy of color and experimentation.”

26 In early 2023, she began painting with watercolors. She
27 took classes with Lynn Zimmerman, who gave her artist-quality
28 paints and encouraged her as she taught her watercolor
29 techniques — washes, dripping, mixing colors, spattering,
30 layering, and the magic of transparency.

31 Halverson says she is particularly drawn to semi-
32 impressionistic work and also studied with Donna Cary and
33 Sarah Yeoman, whose loose style of painting she admires.

34 “Nature has always been my greatest inspiration,” she
35 said. “Art helps me notice more. During my daily walks I observe
36 the light on a leaf, moss on a rock, snow and ice in a brook, or
37 the shift of color in the sky. When I’m painting, the noise of the
38 world quiets. For a while, there are only colors, shapes, and
39 possibility—and sometimes, even dreams filled with beautiful
40 color.”

41 Putney Public Library is open Monday through Friday,
42 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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