

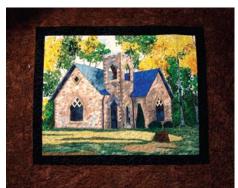
Quilts at Chapman Cultural Center

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Cultural Center allowed her to fulfill a long-time goal to create 10 landscape quilts and five framed thread paintings on silk of historic and notable places in Spartanburg County, including Anderson Mill, site of the first court proceedings in Spartanburg in 1785, Revolutionary War era Walnut Grove Plantation, the Cleveland Park Gazebo, Wofford College's Old Main and several other churches and historic structures throughout the county.

To create her landscape quilts, Raines used commercial and hand-dyed fabrics that depict landscape elements such as the sky, grass, stone, and brick. She used fabric paint, free-motion machine thread painting and a textured foliage technique to replicate architectural structures and natural components, such as foliage, stones, trees and shrubs. Her thread paintings by machine are rendered on Habotai silk, which is first stretched in a frame and the background colors are painted with silk paint.

Many of Raines' landscape quilts were



Quilt by Jody Raines

commissioned for private collections; others have received ribbons in regional quilt shows. She often visits quilt guilds and civic groups to present programs, trunk shows, and workshops. She also writes a blog, Threads Above the Fray (http://threadsabovethetray.blogspot.com/).

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or call the Cultural Center at 864/542-2787.

Cherokee Alliance of Visual Artists in Gaffney, SC, Offers Exhibit on Seasons

The Cherokee Alliance of Visual Artists in Gaffney, SC, will present the exhibit, Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, featuring images by CAVA members of all four seasons, on view in the Gaffney Visitors Center and Art Gallery, from Oct. 5 through Nov. 16, 2012. A reception will be held on Oct. 12, from 5:30-7pm.

Which season most appeals to you? Perhaps the one we are experiencing? Nancy Elliott, who helped organize the exhibit, expects that most of the works will be landscapes; however, other kinds of images might connote a particular season. She said seascapes might be included in the landscape category as well as gardens or events

relating to one of the seasons. "When we have membership shows, we never know continued on Page 7



