

Pieces of the Heart

(an Art Quilt Exhibit celebrating the works of Carson McCullers)

On Display April 3 - 4, 2010

Headquarters Library

300 Maiden Lane 28303

Fayetteville, NC.

The Cumberland County Public Library is issuing a challenge to local art quilters to create a quilted work that relates to the book chosen for the "Big Read 2010" campaign. The title this year is The Heart is a Lonely Hunter, by Carson McCullers. First, check out a copy of the book or the movie from your local library. Then, create a piece that depicts a scene from the book or interprets a theme from McCullers' novel. These themes include (but are not limited to): historic Fayetteville and Fort Bragg, the Great Depression, personal and social isolation, the inability to communicate, the search for self, as well as the importance of music, hopes, and dreams. Last, but not least, allow us to display the work so that all of our friends and neighbors can enjoy it.

Guidelines and Entry Form

1. The piece needs to relate to the book chosen for the Cumberland County Public Library's Big Read event, which is The Heart is a Lonely Hunter.
 2. The work should be a quilt; that is, composed primarily of fabric and having three layers (a top, filling, and a backing) that are held together by some sort of stitching.
 3. Traditional 2-D media like printmaking, collage, drawing and photography can be incorporated into the work as well as the more domestic arts media such as embroidery, knitting, crocheting, lace, appliqué, and patchwork.
 4. The piece should measure no more than 45" x 60" and have a 5" hanging sleeve on the back.
 5. A label placed on the back needs to have the artist's name, address, title of exhibit, and phone number.
 6. Multiple exhibits per person are acceptable, as long as there is a separate form for each exhibit.
 7. A 100-150 word artist's statement must accompany each entry describing how the entry relates to McCullers' novel, in addition to any other information you'd like to share, such as the materials or techniques you used, or any special challenges you faced.
 8. Please submit the entry form to any Cumberland County Public Library by March 4th (or fax to 487-9090). The form can also be mailed to the Cumberland County Public Library, 300 Maiden Lane, Fayetteville NC, 28303. Please address the envelope to the attention of Kellie Tomika. You will be contacted within a week regarding the time and place to bring your entry for display, as well as how and where to reclaim the work after the show.
 9. Please call 864-3800 for more information.
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