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**The Works Welcomes Mary Helen Fernandez Stewart's Whispers and Echoes of Women's Work Exhibit To The Main Art Gallery****Exhibit Dates: May 28 – July 30****Meet the Artist: Friday, May 28 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

(Newark, OH): The Works: Museum of History, Art, Technology and science is proud to welcome the works of Mary Helen Fernandez Stewart to The Works Main Art Gallery. The Whispers and Echoes of Women's Work exhibit opens on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> with a public reception from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. giving visitors an opportunity to meet and talk with this fascinating artist who makes her marks with a needle and thread. The exhibit is comprised of breathtaking handmade quilts fashioned from dyed fabrics, beads, embellishments and found objects; each telling an intricate story that allows the artist to speak to viewers across all generations. Mary Helen's works will remain on display in the gallery, with various works being available for purchase, from May 28 through July 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free to the gallery exhibit and public reception event.

Mary Helen Fernandez Stewart believes her visual journals give birth to her quilts and are the evidence of her existence. The dialogue between the viewer and the art allows Stewart to integrate her historical, present, and future voices, thus communicating with all generations. Stewart's purpose in the making of her art is to guide one to discover a self-actualization of the human spirit--an ongoing conversation between the artist and the viewer.

Mary Helen Fernandez Stewart has been making her works of art for more than 25 years. She has traveled and shown her work in Australia, Mexico, New Zealand, France (Paris), England (London), Italy, and Greece as well as throughout the United States.

*The Works is an interactive learning center where people of all ages can have fun and be inspired by the history, technology and artistic accomplishments of the community we serve. The Works Main Art Gallery is located at 55 S. First Street, Newark, Ohio 43058. Visit us on the web at [www.attheworks.org](http://www.attheworks.org).*

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