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Abstract Fiber Art Exhibition at the Public Library

Throughout the month of January, patrons of the Santa Maria Public Library may view the work of Joan Schlichting. Her exhibit, "Landforms: Abstract fiber art derived from nature" is now on display in Shepard Hall.

Schlichting's intricate work uses fiber to interpret the natural world. She custom dyed burlap, incorporated stitching, and constructed 3D lines to make her own versions of topographical maps to express her impressions of national parks and other landforms. In addition, she has used acrylic paint and sewing thread to interpret the creatures below the ocean surf and above the currents.

"I invite the audience to explore the world as I see it; walk over the Earth's crust, travel through canyons, peer over the edge of the crater, or feel the coolness of a forest," Schlichting said. "Let your mind take you to your own inspired space with the rhythm of waters and the colors of this imaginary world."

Schlichting has most recently exhibited in Cambria, California and has also participated in multiple out-of-state exhibitions in Washington, Oregon, Texas, and Minnesota. Her exhibit will be on display at the Public Library until January 30, 2014.

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