

# The Fabric of Life - By the Threaded Together Textile Group

## 30 April - 5 June at The Forge Mill Needle Museum, Redditch

The group reflect their own life journeys and echo it in what they create. The exhibition includes themes relating to the natural world, literary inspiration and vintage fabrics.

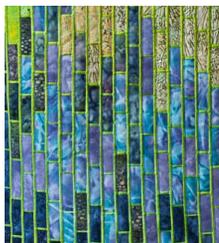
How often are we asked about our work 'how long did it take to make?'. If you really think about it, it takes a lifetime to make our work and that is what fabric of life is about for us at its simplest. Can we work without something of our life being reflected in what we create? Can we pour so much effort into a piece without it being part of our life? Our work reflects our lives at that point in time.



Stephanie Crawford

I love to draw, paint, print and stitch. Every day I walk my dog, often by the river. Each day is different according to the season, the time, the weather, the light, or even my mood.

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Dot Deane

Inspired by my regular dog walk through the woods capturing seasons of bluebells, blackthorn blossom, falling beechnuts and the changing landscape of trees.



Sandra Newton

A verse from a poem, a song lyric, a line from a love letter ... all evoke what I felt at a moment in time. This work is about the words that have woven themselves through my life.



Marion Robertson

A series inspired by the hedgerow which borders the footpath for my daily walk which I have enjoyed portraying across the seasons.



Paula Simpson

These pieces have been made from fabrics which I have collected which hold personal memories. I enjoy creating textile pieces with a needle, natural cloth and thread.

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*Threaded Togethers last exhibition 'Child of the Sixties' was enthusiastically received. Since then members work has toured in exhibitions with Contemporary Quilt group in UK and Europe, SAQA in Europe and the United States; Thames Valley Contemporary Quilt group and CQ West. Members have also been prize winners at the Festival of Quilts.*