

## Fibers challenge her imagination

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If Deanna Schane of West Bloomfield had had instruction in weaving, her new show at Artisans Gallery, 19666 Ten Mile, Southfield, might be entirely different.

Trained in pottery, painting and sculpture, but not weaving, Mrs. Schane missed learning what can or can't be done with fibers. Hence, she attempts things with fibers, other weavers might be reluctant to undertake. And she innovates to find solutions to the challenges she sets for herself.

It follows that this wife, mother, artist who recovered from an illness that left an arm paralyzed, is not one to be defeated by moving fibers around corners or building them out into sculptural wall hangings.

She studied at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association under a variety of instructors — Segio De Giasi, Russell Kester, Richard Jerzy, Chong Bae Park and Rene Rad-dell.

While she still pursues many types of art, it is weaving that has absorbed much of her time for the past couple of years. When she isn't weaving, which is rare, she may be working on raku pottery.

Her show, at the small gallery on Ten Mile between Southfield and Evergreen, is her first one-person show although her weavings have been shown at the Habitat Gallery in Dearborn, the Jewish Community Center and Temple Israel.

She uses small flat frame looms and covers the wood part with fabric, so the loom becomes incorporated into the wall piece.

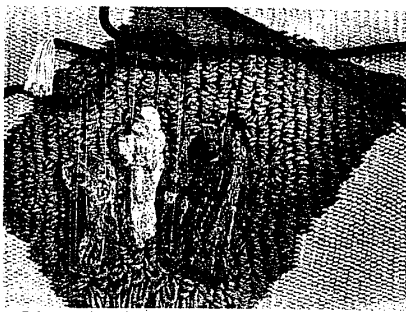
When her husband brought home some cardboard tubes and asked if she could use them, she did. The result was several standing, woven sculptures. One small wall piece in the show is also done with tubes, which through circular, have become the loom.

When gallery owner Carl Fischer visited her home studio and saw her raku pottery, he suggested she combine some of this with her weavings. She has two woven wall hangings in the show which have raku laid in the places she carefully sculpted in her weavings for them.

Along with building up and out in her weavings, she also includes wrapped pieces for a further sculptural dimension. She particularly likes the effect she gets when wrapping tube fibers with silk even though she has to work with five strands of silk at a time and it is more tedious than heavier wrapping fabrics.

She picked up her interest in weaving from her daughter, Paula, Groves High School junior. In the meantime, Paula, also a pianist, has been working in jewelry, leaving the fabrics and weaving to her mother. Another daughter, Janice, is also creative, her mother said, but leans more toward the literary endeavors.

Mrs. Schane's "Forms in Fibers" show will continue at Artisans Gallery through July 8. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Raku ceramics and weaving may seem like an unusual combination for a wall hanging, but Mrs. Schane uses both form and color to blend them together.



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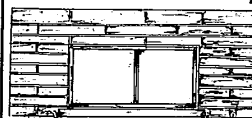
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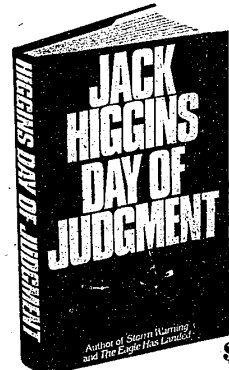
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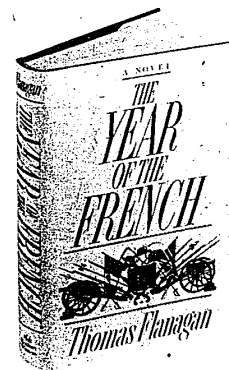
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