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"There's a juxtaposition of patterns and colors all working together," he said. "The primary colors make it very American."

There's a balanced juxtaposition of the works to each other. One of the titles would fit into a large square shape featured inside a plate.

Donoghue's process is much like that of printing, he said. Like a printer, he works with one layer of color at a time, building up the layers to create the design.

"I've always imagined working with papier-mache."

The surfaces of the pieces look as if they could be made up of strips of papier-mache or even cloth, with small, colored lines seeming to hold the strips in place as if they were sewing or staples.

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Actual thread and fabric are
put to esthetic use in Nicholson's
tapestries. Nicholson carned horn
master of fine arts degree from
Cranbrook in 1982.
"I started weaving almost immediately in art school," she said.
"I like the process. I love cloth.
I like making cloth, making the
pattern. For me it lends tiself to
drawing as embroidery would."

Fiber art has a special "visual dimension" for Nicholson. "You can be more detailed than pointings, you get all these little threads."

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Like Cranbrook, the architecture and grounds are special at Monticello. Working with such materials as wool, rayon and silk and cotton brocade, Nicholson forms delightful images from Monticello that are as fresh as their originals.

They are placed in the museum in a way that balances with the outside. For example, the autumn leaves seen through a window and some of the colors in a tapestry on a nearby wall pick up each other. The bushes and grass in another window seem to be continued in the lush fiber renderings in the room.

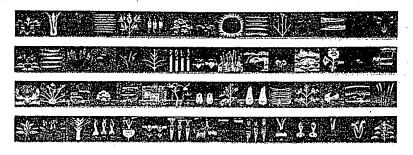
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Among the details featured in the fiber works are a screen and winged insects in a potting room, and shading on leaves of vegetables. One piece shows flats of seeds, another suspended flowers being dried. Long, horizontal works show a garden and orehard, with houses and trees nearby. The many different types of produce at Monticello are represented in a series of squares, each square containing one vegetable or fruit.

Another part of Nicholson's

Another part of Nicholson's work consists of small chairs with fiber renderings of peas, an arti-choke or a garlic plant on their



STEPHEN CANTRELL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Garden sampler: In this fiber work at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum, Laura Foster Nicholson presents examples of what is raised in the gardens at Monticello.

seats or backs. The legs of each chair resemble what would be growing from the featured plant.

"Cranbrook was a huge influence on me, a huge influence. The whole philosophy of the place, the srchitecture and ... gardens too."

Leax, who carned his master of fine arts degree from Cranbrook in 1980, presents an installation called "Elements, Compounds and Complexes"

The display includes stepladders and stacks of tables, and brings to mind the comment, brings to mind the comment, "Things change." Throughout is the sense of things moving from the crude to the refined — coarse material to fine. One stack features coal on the bottom and ferns on the top, with a table bearing dirt and another hearing grass in between. One ludder bears foodsuffs that are turning waxy and gressy. Another ludder bears what looks like paraffin. Light bulbs heat rock salt on another narange-

ment, slowly causing change as the exhibit continues.

Hours are 1-6 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. The missum will be closed Dec. 24-25 and 30-31. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for

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the grounds of the Franklin Library.

Exhibits include a rare collection of fine gemstones at Yanke Designs Jewelers, a peyote bird collection and jewelry trunk show at Mesa Arts and handmade, international Santas at the Franklin Antique Gallery.

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