

CLARE

GALLERY

at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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Exhibition ***Seeking a Path*** Opens at Clare Gallery

Hartford — The Clare Gallery is pleased to present ***Seeking a Path***, an exhibition by West Hartford, Connecticut artist Diane Cadrain. The exhibition features spectacular artistic works embracing the materials of craft—felting, quilting, hand embroidery and knitting. This exhibition is free and open to the public and extends from November 12–December 27, 2015. **An artist talk and reception will be held on Thursday, November 12th, from 6:30–8:00 p.m.** where Cadrain will discuss her various processes and her commitment to following her creative journey. Additionally, **a workshop—*Seeking a Path...with Your Fingers***—will take place on **Saturday, November 14th from 10–11:30 a.m.** Under the direction of fiber artist Robin McCahill, participants will learn the art of needle-felting and take part in a journey that could last a lifetime.

The natural world inspires Cadrain to create. Quoting Tolstoy she states, “Love all creation...love every leaf.” In every piece of work she constructs there are details to be uncovered. Beautiful stitching, textural fabric, delicious pattern, vibrant color—you love every inch of her creations. Furthermore, when stepping back to take in the whole piece, you discover the abstracted concept—paths and journeys—each work has a path of some kind within its compositional space.

The work in the exhibition is small and large in scale. They are hung and not framed. This allows the viewer to see the handwork up close—without the barrier of glass. The work makes you want to touch and feel the textures, follow the lines, and wonder how she designs and creates her work.

Cadrain’s work stitches together the concepts of fragility and strength—she states, “In that spirit, I attempt to create images that combine fragility with strength and the evanescent with the eternal.” She finds the eternal while traveling in the natural world. Visiting beaches at Cape Cod, far off lands in Asia, or the woods in her neighborhood, Cadrain transforms the physical material world she experiences into a splendid physical work of art changing the images in new and meaningful ways.

Along with being an artist, Diane Cadrain is a lawyer and free-lance writer specializing in employment law topics. She has been sewing her whole life. Cadrain started with hand-embroidery taught to her by her grandmother and continued to learn through classes in secondary education. She pursued more advanced processes while at Law school and as a mother. She lives with her husband, Joseph Rubin, in West Hartford and has three adult daughters.

The Clare Gallery primarily features exhibitions that emphasize world religions or interfaith themes, as well as social justice themes, on either a global or local level. The Gallery is housed in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT. The Center is part of St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church, a vibrant and active downtown faith community.

The Clare Gallery’s hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Gallery and all related events are open to the public. Free parking is available directly across from the church in Saints Lot. The facility is handicapped accessible. More information may be found at spsact.org/clare2.