



STITCHING SNAPSHOTS

Janet Hutchings stands in front of art inside her gallery, West Coast Artisans. Fifteen artists are featured in the gallery.

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Astoria artist brings photos to life

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Fabric artist Janet Hutchings creates vibrant, unique landscapes and cartoon-style fabric pieces by stitching together a myriad of hand-painted and commercial fabrics.

“I’ve always been a maker and a sewer,” she said. “My sewing evolved from one thing to another.”

Hutchings’ art has been featured by Trail’s End Art Association. Her work is housed at West Coast Artisans Gallery, which Hutchings opened in 2019. The gallery features 15 other Pacific Northwest artists.

Hutchings is designing tote bags with landscapes printed on them, as well as embroidered teddy bears and an octopus fabric piece for a wall hanging.

“I always have a bunch of pieces I’m working on,” she said.

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in 2016, Hutchings lived in San Diego. She grew up with an appreciation of fabric, namely from learning how to sew with her grandmother at a young age. Since then, Hutchings said she was always working on some sort of fabric piece, giving her practice to be able to make the fabric art she crafts now.

Within the last 15 years, Hutchings’ work has evolved from sewing projects into creating full fabric art pieces.



Hutchings’ ‘Mountain Lake.’

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