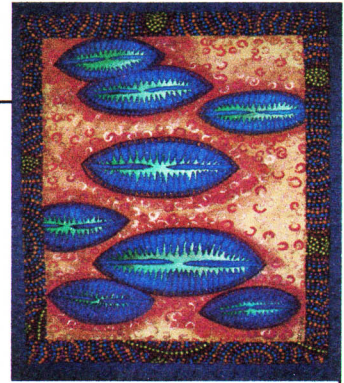


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## 'MICRO COSMOS' DEBORAH J. STOCKDALE

The textile art displayed here is part of a series of new work created by the artist, Deborah J. Stockdale, of Glencolmcille, Co. Donegal. Using microscopic photographic images of plants, animals, minerals and chemicals as inspiration, she has painted and drawn on cotton, and then hand quilted these pieces. Not meant to be literal interpretations of diatoms, or viruses, they are studies in forms and colours, inspired by scientific photography.

The artist's background for many years was in traditional pieced patchwork design and quilting but a desire to create her own images lead her to fabric painting. She also uses appliqué techniques and embroidery extensively as well as hand quilting. The quilting adds a sculptural and textural component to the work, which enhances the designs and gives depth to the images.

She has exhibited widely in Co. Donegal, and in several European countries over the years, and has been active in community art and quilting projects in Donegal. In the period of 2006-08 she was co-designer and techniques facilitator with the 'Love Across the Waves' art quilt, created by three Womens Groups (with Tír Boghaine) in Co. Donegal, which was displayed in this venue last spring as part of 'The Art of Survival, International Quilt Exhibition'. She also created fabric banners for the Flight of the Earls commemorative events in Co. Donegal, under the auspices of Donegal County Council. Her work is in private collections in several countries, and she teaches textile techniques locally where she lives in Glencolmcille, as well as undertakes personal commissions.

This exhibition is part of events curated by Roberta Bacic in Derry leading up to International Womens Day, 2009, and will be displayed at the Verbal Arts Centre until 15 January 2009. All the work displayed is for sale, and information is available about the artist and prices. Thanks to the Verbal Arts Centre and Roberta for organising it.