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Loading Dock Gallery
122 Western Avenue
Lowell, MA

Show: **FORM AND COLOR/FELT PAINT STITCH**

Show dates: September 2-27, 2015

Opening Reception: Saturday, September 12, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Susan Garry, Maureen Baker and Ann Lee create art for the body and for the rooms we live in. This September, in **Form and Color/Felt Paint Stitch**, they transform Lowell's Loading Dock Gallery. They present art to wear on the body, drape on the couch, suspend in space and hang on the wall. Contemplative to celebratory, their rich creations engage the spirit and the eye.

Garry creates **Form and Color** with hand-dyed, wet-felted silk and wool. She often uses shibori, the ancient Japanese art of shaped-resist dyeing, to create textured surfaces and geometric shapes, especially circles. For Garry, "the circle in nature --moon, sun" symbolizes "completion, infinity, spirituality." Her wearable art includes dresses, jackets, scarves and shawls. Larger pieces function as wall panels, room dividers, curtains and throws. Garry has a BA in Studio Art and has worked in graphic design and advertising. She lives and works at Western Avenue Lofts.

Baker closely observes **Form and Color** with acrylic, oil and watercolor. She enjoys traditional techniques and subject matter, often glazing a realistic still life or landscape on an abstract ground. Her work evokes a sense of peace: "I want my paintings to calm the air." Baker has studied with numerous painters both locally and nationally. She lives on a beautiful pond in Chelmsford, MA.

Lee builds **Form and Color** with a mixture of quilt, embroidery and couture techniques, shaping fabric into unique scarves, jackets, and wall pieces. "Inspiration is all around me: The display of colorfully patterned fabrics in the African market on Merrimack Street, a bag full of intensely colored seam trimmings from another scarf artist at Western Avenue Studios, the hand-embroidered clothing from a women's cooperative in India." Lee started hand-sewing as a child. She has studied drawing, sewing, and design. A long-time Lowell resident, Lee is an active member of Lowell's art community.

Form and Color/Felt Paint Stitch runs from September 2nd to 27th at the Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, Lowell MA. The opening reception will be on Saturday, September 12th, from 4 to 6 pm. The Loading Dock Gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday 12 noon to 5:30 pm and Sunday noon to 4 pm. For more information, call 978-656-1687 or visit theloadingdockgallery.com.