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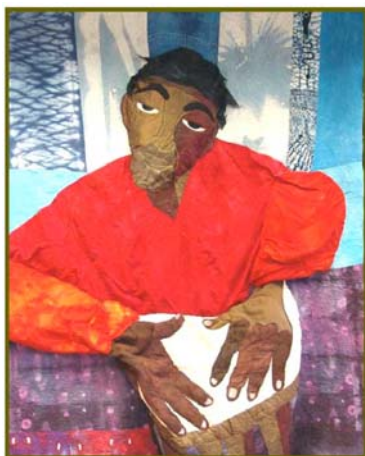
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On display in the Florida Art Galleries:

Lauren Austin & Henry Sinn: *Common Threads*



Opening Reception:

June 29, 5 - 7 pm

Exhibit Dates:

June 29 - September 2

"Lauren Austin's work speaks of personal history and heritage. Henry Sinn's work speaks of whimsy and surrealism. Their commonality: the use of fibers and fabrics."
David Fithian, Exhibitions Coordinator

Lauren Austin is a gifted quilter who works with her own hand-dyed, hand-painted fabric to create fabric portraits and fabric memory quilts.

Her distinctive quilts evolved from traditional geometric patchwork to fabric portraits of people and situations in African American work and life, as well as political and legal themes. Austin's current works include a series of photo quilts about her father's childhood, folk tales, and International Human Rights.



Henry Sinn is a self-described pack rat. His surreal assemblages are reflective of his imagination, dreams and interest in mystical themes. Henry's work bridges both abstract concepts and recognizable objects.

In addition to the separate displays, the artists will be working together to create a collaborative installation. This piece will reflect their unique talents and background woven together with a common thread.

[Common Threads Gallery Talk:](#)

Monday- July 11, 2007: 6:30PM

Join us as we discover how two very different artists with different influential

backgrounds and artistic approaches use the same media to create their unique works of art. On July 11th at 6:30 pm Lauren Austin and Henry Sinn will be taking us through their personal artistic styles and backgrounds to discover the meanings behind their fascinating works

One-day Textile Workshop with Laura Austin & Henry Sinn

Saturday- July 15, 2007: 9:00AM-4:00PM

Registration \$55 per person

In this workshop, Laura Austin's and Henry Sinn's students will learn methods to construct their own fiber art. Bring any old letters, family photos, fabric, threads, buttons, ribbons, shells, or jewelry you would like to incorporate into your future heirloom. Knowledge or experience with quilting is NOT necessary! This class has no rules other than to have fun! Two classes are available: July 15 and Aug 19. Each class will run from 9 am to 4 pm. Registration is \$55 per class.

Top: *He Drums Lubolo*, Textile by Lauren Austin **details*

Bottom: *Barbie Layer*, Textile by Henry Sinn **details*