



## OPENING RECEPTION

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6:00 - 9:00 pm

FRG OBJECTS and DESIGN / ART is pleased to present the bold, colorful wall-mounted fabric constructions of Philadelphia based artist Gerri Spilka. The work defies traditional quilting techniques with unconstrained gestural force and kinetic energy. Spilka's use of color is equally untraditional: rather than using prints, her solid color units align to make decisive, simple geometric and biomorphic shapes, juxtaposing unexpected, luminous hues. Static is not in Spilka's vocabulary; her constructions are alive with movement; repetitive free lines of machine quilting give a throbbing quality to the works.

INTERACTIONS THEN and NOW will run from Saturday, September 11th through November 30th, 2021. The gallery is open Thursday through Monday 12-6 pm, 217 Warren Street, 2nd floor.



Spilka grew up in Yonkers, NY among a large, extended boisterous family. She worked for many years advancing social equality and describes herself as an avid people observer, which is revealed in her artwork as abstract figuration. Spilka notes that she loves to work with fabric because “it has pervasive associations for all of us, making it uniquely accessible as an art medium.” The majority of the fabrics incorporated in the pieces are custom dyed by the artist to achieve the desired intensity of color; much the way a painter would create a palette. Utilizing a wall in her studio as a sketchbook she intuitively arranges and rearranges rotary-cut shapes to create the final composition, followed by the precise engineering process of sewing the pieces together by machine. The final constructions can range in size from 96” x 96” to 48” x 48” and 12” x 14”.

Spilka holds a M.Arch. from the University of PA, a MA from Temple University and a BA from Carnegie Mellon University. Her work has been exhibited in numerous solo and group fine art and textile shows in Europe, Canada, and the US. It can be found in various collections, including: the International Quilt Museum and Study Center, Lincoln, NE; Temple University’s Fox School of Business, Philadelphia, PA; Park Town Place Apartments, Philadelphia PA, as well in numerous private collections.



FRG OBJECTS & DESIGN / ART is known for their upbeat solo exhibitions featuring color saturated graphic contemporary art. Gallery owner / director FR Gillette has introduced numerous artists to the Hudson community while maintaining a beautifully curated furniture, lighting and objects showroom. Gillette's interior design skills and well documented previous career in the fashion and beauty photography industry all come into play "to create a unique visual experience where the line between fine art and decor is blurred" in one of the most beloved towns in America.

Featured images (top to bottom):  
*Free Verse #16*, 2020 (50" x 50")  
*Interactions #38: Red Jive*, 2016 (48" x 89")  
*Free Verse #7*, 2020 (20" x 14")

Artwork machine pieced, quilted, hand dyed and commercial cottons

For a PDF version of the press release, high-resolution images, or to schedule an interview please contact FR Gillette at the number or email below.

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