

## **ART QUILT DISPLAY “STORY TIME” CELEBRATING IMAGINATION, NOSTALGIA, AND**

The Platte Valley Arts Council is bringing a unique art quilt exhibit to the Platte Valley Community Center on July 3 through 5, 2026. The traveling exhibit is part of the Cherrywood Hand-Dyed Fabrics annual Cherrywood Challenge. Over forty quilts will be on display from 10 am to 4 pm each day of Independence Day weekend. This showcase of vibrant masterpieces comes to life, so do not miss the chance to engross yourself in this vivid display. The Platte Valley Arts Council hosted a collection from the “POPPY” and “MONARCH” Cherrywood Challenges in the past, and viewers agreed that the exhibit is a must-see!

Prepare to be drawn in as artists push the boundaries of fabric, weaving threads, paint, pencil, ink, and beads into a rich symphony of color that transcends imagination. Join us as we revisit the beloved books of childhood and rediscover the warmth and nostalgia of the stories that have shaped our lives.

Cherrywood Hand-Dyed Fabrics is a small, woman-owned business in Baxter, Minnesota. They manufacture hand-dyed fabrics made specifically for home quilters and sewers and sell through a network of premier quilt shops, their website, and by attending several in-person quilt shows across the nation and globally. Cherrywood Fabrics produces high quality hand-dyed fabrics and is known worldwide within the quilting industry.

Every year, Cherrywood chooses a theme and color palette and presents a challenge to quilters from all over the world. The challenge is to see what you can create using a limited number of colors, and showcase the beautiful suede look of their hand-dyed fabrics. This year’s theme is “STORY TIME” and the fabrics are a gorgeous collection of subtle hues. Quilts must be 20-inches square and use these designated Cherrywood fabrics. Quilts must take inspiration from the theme and can use any technique or embellishment, as long as the focus is on the theme colors.

A panel of jurors selects 225 quilts from the 450-some digital submissions for the Traveling Exhibit. These award-winning quilts are displayed at over 25 quilt shows and galleries nationally. After the tour, the quilts are returned to the artists.

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