Threads Count

SJICA show features thread in an unexpected starring role

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From parchment and bedding to tents and parachutes, thread holds a to-gethering and exhibits at the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art offer a look at the artistic side of this ubiquitous fiber weapon.

"By a Thread" runs through May 15 at the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, 1569 S. First St., San Jose.

The works in the exhibition use thread as a primary medium in sculptures, installations and multimedia pieces. The 16 artists featured in the show use thread in a variety of ways, whether it's woven into a pattern or free-standing forms, strung across a room or on the wall, or even on video, "interacting" with a spider's web.

"Implementing "By a Thread" is "Living Machinery,"" a collection of whimsical yet intricate sculptures created from another everyday material, paper towels.

Admission is free. For more information, call 408-283-0731 or visit www.sjica.org.