

Quilts challenge artist's creativity



Gwen Wanigasekera framed by a huge multi-coloured quilt.

Over 20 large-scale quilts by Gwen Wanigasekera go on display at the Fisher Gallery in Pakuranga tomorrow.

It is her biggest solo exhibition and shows the huge range of her abilities.

While most of the quilts were made within the last year, her interest in the art spans back much longer than that.

“My love of fabric and hand-made materials began when I was quite young. Both grandmothers did fine needlework and one was a painter and woodcarver,” Gwen says.

“While traditional quilts and textiles are still my base, I always feel challenged to explore colour, pattern and texture in cloth and see the results as a blend of all these elements.”

With a preference for larger pieces, Gwen quilts both by hand and machine using a variety of fabrics and fibres, including silks, cottons, wool, linen and satin.

The exhibition runs until March 28, along with a month-long series of fibre workshops.