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Gallery Features Winsted Weaver

WOODBURY — Winsted master weaver Tina Puckett, a self-taught artist and owner of Tina's Baskets who has been weaving sculptures, baskets and wall art for more than 20 years, brings her series of original woven flower wall hangings to Carole Peck's Good News Café and Gallery in a new show titled "Dimensional Weaving," continuing through July 28.

Good News Cafe will welcome Puckett at an opening reception at the restaurant from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, at the cafe, 694 Main St. South.

The informal reception will provide an opportunity for guests to meet the artist, view her works and learn more about her artistic philosophy.

Ms. Puckett's works have been exhibited at museums, art galleries, libraries and craft shows, including the Slater Mill Museum in Pawtucket, R.I., and the Cheongju International Craft Biennale 2003 in Korea, where she won the Honorable Mention award in basketry.

Her most recent exhibition earlier this month was presented at the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival in Reston, Va.

"My imagination and sense of subtly different hues have influenced me to create contemporary sculptural art forms that are dynamic and richly colorful," Ms. Puckett observed.

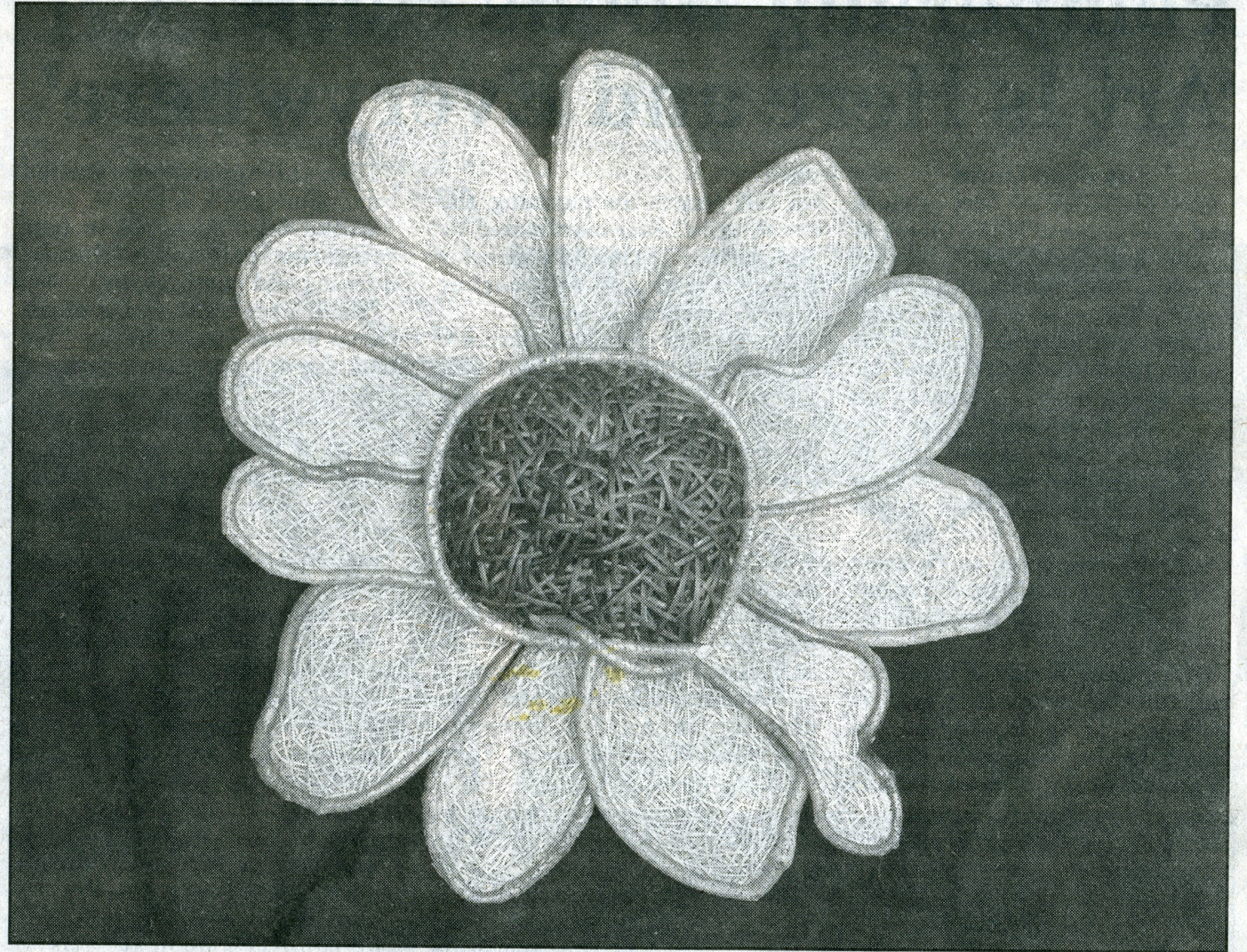
She noted that she has been influenced by natural materials grown locally in the northwest corner of Connecticut. A favorite material in her creations is bittersweet, a vine whose character often shapes the form that a basket or sculpture takes.

An artist who mixes her own dyes, Ms. Puckett's sense of color shows in the subtle use of dyed reeds to realize each work.

"Ultimately," she added, "a bit of love slips into the weaving of each piece, never to be retrieved."

Her woven works have been featured in magazines, newspapers and on television, including Yankee Travel, Prime Time Connecticut, Weekend in New England, The Country Magazines, the Pawtucket Times, The Slater Trader Newspapers, and the NBC PAX TV Sunday Morning Show.

Those seeking additional information may visit www.tinasbaskets.com.



Winsted master weaver Tina Puckett's new show at Good News Cafe, "Dimensional Weaving," will feature, amongst many works, this woven hanging, "Black-Eyed Susan."

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