## VisArts Exhibit Inspired by Objects in Montgomery History's Collection

In early 2018, artist-in-residence
Maria-Theresa Fernandes displayed her
culminating project on "The Fabric of
Place" at VisArts in Rockville. During
her four month residency, Fernandes
found inspiration from textiles and
newspaper archives from Montgomery
History's Collection as well as from
the Rockville courthouse. Her works,
which were on display from January
12 to February 18, 2018, focused on
such local themes as the controversial
Confederate soldier statue that once sat
on the grounds of Rockville's Red Brick
Courthouse and newspaper archives.

Maria-Theresa, along with two other artists, were selected as 2017 Bresler Resident Artists in Social Practice and Community Art. They were tasked with developing an exhibition that combined a dynamic mix of research, collaboration, physical construction, and public interaction.



Featured artwork from "The Fabric of Place" exhibit by Maria-Theresa Fernandes at visarts.

As a fiber artist born on Kenya and trained in London and Manchester, England, Maria-Theresa has participated in over 25 solo and several international exhibitions. We were thrilled to have such a world-renowned

artist in our presence and to guide Fernandes on her artistic journey on the local history of Rockville and the County!