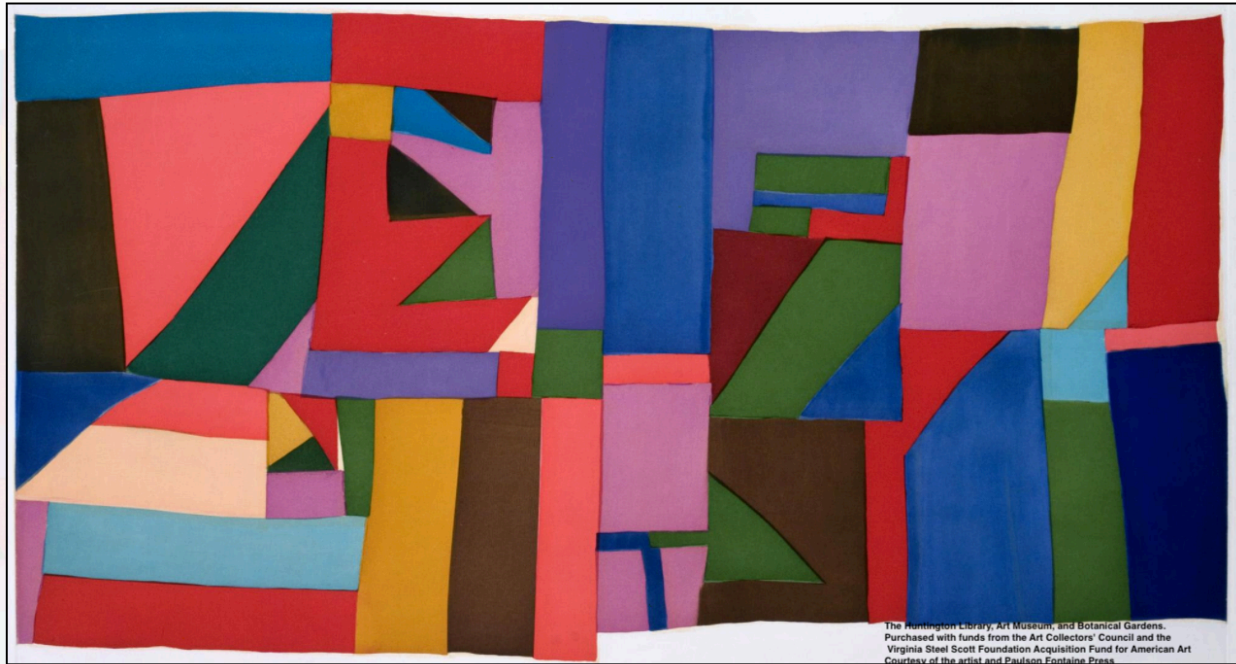


Work of Art Wednesday: *Forever (For Old Sally)* by Loretta Pettway Bennett



Quilts are more than blankets that keep you warm. They are beautiful works of art that can teach us about family history, commemorate a moment in time, and carry on family traditions.

The photo above is an aquatint (or print) of a quilt that was made by Loretta Pettway Bennett, who is descended from a long line of quiltmakers in Gee's Bend, Alabama. Gee's Bend is a close-knit Black community on the Alabama river that is home to multiple generations of Black women who are artists and community builders.

Make a Quilt Window

If you don't have fabric scraps at home, experiment with making a paper "quilt." You can use newspaper, or any scraps of paper you have around your home.

1. Find a hard, flat surface to do this project. Gather your paper scrap materials, scissors and glue.
2. Lay a sheet of plastic wrap on your surface and glue down scraps of



paper or bits of tissue paper to create your quilt design.

3. Experiment with laying out different colors and shapes together, and layering paper to create different effects.
4. When you've created a design you love, cover the glued paper pieces with another layer of plastic wrap and find a window to display your window "quilt" in. Here's a "quilt" window inspired by *Forever (For Old Sally)*.



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