

# Exhibit celebrating devoted fan followings comes to RAM

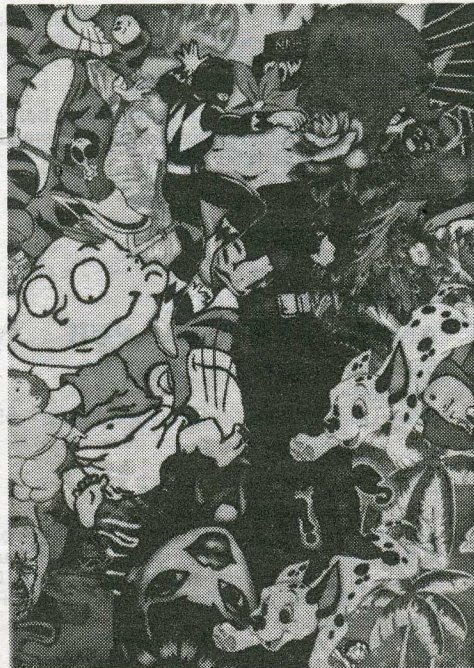
**RACINE** — An exhibit entitled “A Whole Other World: Sub-Culture Craft” will be on display at the Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St., May 24 through Sept. 6.

The exhibit explores the intersection of art with cultural subjects that inspire devoted fan followings and addresses the science fiction and fantasy-based themes of “Doctor Who,” “Star Wars,” superheroes and Steampunk.

The artists whose works are represented in this exhibition emphasize the value of the handmade, combining their skills and imagination with compelling stories and characters drawn from or inspired by modern science fiction, fantasy, history and invented worlds. Whether a fan of pop culture generally or these areas specifically, these individuals create work that reflects the dynamism of contemporary creativity.

For example, Mark Newport knits superhero costumes and embroiders comic book covers. His use of yarn, thread and handcraft techniques that are more often popularly associated with women brings his interests in masculine ideals, security and comfort to the fore. Using pre-printed and often vintage materials such as bed sheets and curtains that she has collected, Ai Kijima creates the ultimate mash-ups of pop culture characters. Aled Lewis’ “Coruscant Tapestry” is a 30-foot long embroidered piece that depicts the action of the “Star Wars” movie universe to date.

RAM encourages visitors to come



“Mighty Madness,” fused and machine quilted fibers by Ai Kijima.

dressed in character, also called cosplay, to receive free museum admission any day during the duration of the exhibit.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for youth ages 12-18, full-time students and seniors 63 and older. There is no charge for children ages 11 and younger and to all on the First Friday of each month.