

**Kiyomi Iwata** has lived and worked in Rockland County for over 20 years. Her work is in the collection of major museums such as The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Art and Design, Smithsonian American Art Museum and others. Her recent work, "Yuai" (fraternity), a wall piece was presented by Prime Minister Hatoyama to President Obama during his visit to Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 15, 2009. More information about her work can be found on her website: [www.kiyomiwata.com](http://www.kiyomiwata.com).

"Unsung Silk" exhibition represents her recent interest when she encountered "Kibuso" during her visit to Tokyo. "Kibuso" is the first thread that silk worm spins out which is rough and coarse unlike refined silk thread for kimono. It was considered unusable and was discarded in the past. Because of the Green movement, "Kibuso" has been reexamined for possible usage. She was attracted to the thread's natural roughness which is immensely interesting. What you see at the exhibition is the exploration of the thread which gives her another language for expression.

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