

# FRIENDS OF LYME LIBRARY ART SHOW



## KATHY SWIFT

*Japanese Ink  
Paintings on Paper*

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*Kathy Swift's* paintings explore two techniques of Japanese art, *sumi-e* and *suminagashi*. Twenty years ago she began to study *sumi-e* and calligraphy with the late Aya Itagaki. For years, under Itagaki's guidance, Kathy copied the masters, the usual Japanese way of learning these subjects. Eventually, she used these techniques to paint subjects she chose: first, figures in yoga, then dancers in motion, then cats and landscapes. *Sumi-e* paintings are black on white. The images can have hard edges or soft, depending on the speed of the stroke and the type of paper. Recently, Kathy discovered *suminagashi*, ink marbling, which allows her to add color to her work. She feels lucky to be able to explore these centuries old traditional techniques.

Kathy lives in Lyme. 10% of any sales will be donated to the Friends of Lyme Library.

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