






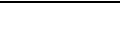



Yvonne Wells' own breakdown and analysis of her quilt,
Yesterday: Civil Rights in Alabama, III, 1989. Montgomery Museum
of Fine Arts, Montgomery, Alabama. Gift of Kempf Hogan.

	<p>"You will notice that this is made on a red background. During those years there were a lot of fights, a lot of fires, a lot of bloodshed ..."</p>
	<p>"... a black guy is bringing or rowing in on the Mayflower a white person."</p>
	<p>"... that's the United States of America."</p>
	<p>"... there were people picking cotton ..."</p>
	<p>"... there were people hung from a tree. Some of this happened yesterday but some of this is still happening now and ... this was freshly done and he is still swinging."</p>
	<p>"... during the 1950s, a lady called Rosa Parks was instrumental in starting the famous bus boycott."</p>
	<p>"... in Mississippi there were three young voter rights workers, or civil rights workers. These people came to Mississippi in order to pursue the dream of registering all persons to vote and, in so doing, they were slain and buried, and we will remember that they were found in a ditch or in a field in Mississippi. Those guys were Schwerner, Chaney and Goodman. Those little pieces of material, two white and one black, and with thread over it, indicate that those were the bodies of those three young men that were found when they went looking for them in Mississippi."</p>

	<p>“... this is the scene of the bombing of the church in Birmingham where we had the young girls who were killed there. They were buried on the church grounds.”</p>
	<p>“This is the scene where George C. Wallace, who was then the governor of Alabama, stood in the doorway so that Vivian Malone, or any other student of black color, could not enter into the University of Alabama, and ... they federalized the National Guard so that this young lady could go to the University of Alabama.”</p>
	<p>“Atop that building is a piece of a cap that Bear Bryant wore, and I used part of that hat to make a flag indicating that that was the University of Alabama.”</p>
	<p>“... there are Klansmen. There are certain groups of people who are hate groups. Some people don't like each other and this is indicated by showing that they were cross-burners ...”</p>
	<p>“A lot of things were done in the dark. Some sneaky things. But there is a shining star that is very prevalent ...”</p>
	<p>“... Bull Conner was the sheriff at that time. He was the person who used the dog—if you see the dog on the leash—to bite the marchers as they marched.”</p>
	<p>“... you will find the Capitol of Alabama and atop of it are the flags that are still there now, but in a different setting. You will notice that the Confederate flag is atop the American flag and the Alabama flag is at the bottom, but it has since been changed now so that the American flag can be atop of the Capitol.”</p>
	

	<p>“There is a line of a number of people marching around this big bright sunshine... they are holding hands and they are marching, and they are marching, and they are marching. They did this for years, they did this for months. And they did this on and on through the day and through the night ... singing <i>We Shall Overcome</i> ... the marchers are not all black ... there are some white people who did come in and march also.”</p>
	<p>“... a man in yellow... is a fireman ... and the vibration in his hand is where he is using the force of the water to spray the marchers.”</p>
	<p>“... this little gentleman with the green pants suit and a black and white check handkerchief in his pocket ... is being sprayed by the man in yellow.”</p>
	<p>“... a white lady went on the road to Selma, the famed march. When they got to the Edmund Pettis bridge, they killed the white lady. Her name was Viola Liuzzo. She was one of the great people who lost her life during these times.”</p>
	<p>“... there were water fountains and each one was designated to be for white race and the colored race.”</p>
	<p>“... those triangles have a very deep meaning. They are in the shape of Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. You will find those in each one of my pieces of artwork.”</p>
	<p>“... you will find three names, and these people were very instrumental in the civil rights of others and they are Abraham, Martin and John. In the middle of this piece of polka dot material you will see an eye and that is the All-Seeing Eye of God.”</p>
	<p>“Martin Luther King ... is standing at his podium delivering all of his speeches he has ever made ... in the sunshine. He is in the sunshine because there was a ray of hope, and, as history will have it, there was hope and there were some changes that took place during that time.”</p>
	<p>“... this quilt is called <i>Yesterday</i>.”</p>