Dresses with a message

Clothes examine women's roles in a technological world.

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Ever wonder what it would be like to wear a dress made of wire? Artist Jackie Tufford knows firsthand.

Tufford's 'Antiquated Affairs' exhibit, now on display at FAU's MacArthur Campus Library, features dresses made of wire and ribbons.

The cool-looking dresses are sculptures, but are also wearable. According to the artist, they are meant to examine women's roles in a busy technological world. And the wires represent linking and transmitting information from one object to another, like the communication between people.

By using telephone, stereo and fax machine wires in the garments, Tufford suggests that type of technology's decreasing role in our society. This method is used perhaps to remind us of a time before technology, especially wireless, when there was a higher, deeper level of personal connection.

Artist Jackie Tufford's dress, "Dinner Is Served," won best in show at the ARTillery art show at the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach.

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"Antiquated Affairs"
When: Exhibit runs through June 14
Hours: Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday: noon to 5 p.m.
Where: 5353 Parkside Drive, Jupiter
Admission: Free
Info: 561-799-8530 or www.library.fau.edu/npb/npb.htm

Tufford recently won best in show for her "Dinner Is Served" dress at the Fashion ARTillery, a wearable-art fashion show at the Armory Art Center.
Her show runs through June 14.

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