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Clockworks

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Hand-dyed cotton lawn, cotton and rayon quilting threads. Raw-edge fused appliquéd, machine quilted on domestic sewing machine. 29.25" x 23.5"

The spring is wound; the pendulum is set swinging, the escapement clicks in and out of the big gear and the clock tick tocks counting off the moments of each day. Many connections inside the clockworks mesh with each other, keeping things moving. A chipped gear tooth, a broken spring, failure to wind the clock, all keeping it from making the necessary connections to record the seconds and years of our lives. As it ticks on, it connects present lives to past generations and looks forward to the future.