



## Books Outside The Box

Paper pages stained with tea are layered with textural patterns created with homemade paper, digital images, and drawings. The pages are then bound with wood, fabric, metal, and leather. For artists like **Mary Taylor**, books are multi-sensory works of art that encompass much more than words.

"Books are an art you can hold in your hand, so there's an intimacy between the viewer and the creator," says Taylor, who is one of 13 artists currently exhibiting in *"Close to Home: Artists Who Make Books"* at the South Shore Art Center. Some books have words that tell a story while others contain only a series of quotations or phrases intended to communicate a tone or message.

Taylor specializes in using digital photography and scanners to manipulate and layer images together. One of her books is called *Life Cycles* and is made of paper that she printed with rusted metal patterns. "I was thinking about things that have a life cycle and rusted metal is one of them," says Taylor, who also deliberately tore pages into pieces and reassembled them. Every artist book contains its own fascinating depth. Other artists participating in the exhibit include: Kathleen Austin, Dianne Smith Dolan, Rebecca Goodale, Connie Hersey, Barbara Hunter, Dorothy Simpson Krause, Margo Lemieux, Peter Madden, Esther Maschio, and Annie Silverman. The show is running through March 25 at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, (781) 383-2787, [www.ssac.org](http://www.ssac.org)