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Virginia Macias of Stamford was walking down the stairs of the American Fabrics complex with two friends, having just spent time checking out all the artist studios inside the former East End factory.

Macias didn't need to give a detailed explanation of what the group thought of the AmFab open studios event on Saturday. "I think the bags tell the story," she said, with all three women holding bags from purchases they had made as they prepared to leave.

Among the items in the bags were quilts by Denyse Schmidt Quilts, which they noted they had just seen for sale at architect Philip Johnson's Glass House in New Canaan, a tourist attraction that tends to attract an upscale crowd.

Her friend, Ginger Michels, said she planned to return to AmFab. "I'm making plans to come back," she said.

They weren't alone in their praise.

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