



Smithsonian Craft Show

FACT SHEET

The 28th Annual Smithsonian Craft Show April 22-25, 2010 *Telling America's Story through the Art of Craft*

Preview Night Benefit Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, District of Columbia, and Michelle Cross-Fenty
Honorary Chairs of the 2010 Smithsonian Craft Show

Produced by the Smithsonian Women's Committee, which through its grant process supports education, outreach and research at the Smithsonian Institution.

Widely regarded as the country's most prestigious juried exhibition and sale of fine American craft, the 28th annual show takes place April 22–April 25, 2010 in the historic National Building Museum in Washington, DC.

Exemplifying innovation, creativity and technical merit, the Smithsonian Craft Show features 120 superb craft artists, each one reflecting the story of contemporary American craft in one of 12 categories: basketry, ceramics, decorative fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, paper, wearable art and wood.

The artists were selected by a panel of three jurors, who reviewed over 1,300 applicants. This year's show includes artists from 30 states as well as 46 first-time exhibitors. Each year's show has three new jurors and no artist is ever included without first being juried into the show.

In accordance with James Smithson's directive to create "an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge," all proceeds from the Craft Show are disseminated annually by the all-volunteer Smithsonian Women's Committee to support education, outreach and research at the Smithsonian Institution.

Funds are awarded directly to museums and research facilities through a competitive grant process administered by Committee members, who have raised and distributed almost \$9 million in annual grants and endowments since 1966.

Recent grantees include the Museum Conservation Institute, the National Zoo, the National Museum of American History, the National Air and Space Museum, and Discovery Theatre. *For a complete list of 2008 and 2009 grants, see www.SmithsonianCraftShow.org.*

Schedule: Thursday – Sunday, April 22 – 25: Smithsonian Craft Show

Thursday and Friday: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location: National Building Museum, 401 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001
Judiciary Square Metro Station (Red Line). Nearby parking lots/garages at the Verizon Center's 6th Street entrance and at the corner of 7th and H Streets.

Tickets: Daily Admission: \$15
Seniors (65+): \$12
Special Group Rate (10 or more): \$10 by advance purchase
Children 12 and under: free. Absolutely no strollers permitted

Tickets to the Show and all events are also available online (through 2 p.m. April 20) at www.SmithsonianCraftShow.org.

Other Information:

A new short video about the Smithsonian Craft Show can also be seen at www.SmithsonianCraftShow.org. This video may be shared.

Special Events:

Wednesday, April 21: 6:30 – 9:30 pm: Preview Night Benefit

Cocktail Buffet, First Choice Shopping, Music by the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Trio, Valet Parking. Tickets \$190 per person.

Thursday, April 22: 5:30 – 8:00 pm: Connect and Collect: A Reception for Young Professionals

A special evening to see friends, learn about Fine Craft, tour the Craft Show, and meet the artists. \$20 per person, includes re-admittance to the show Friday-Sunday.

Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24

Afternoon lectures “Telling America’s Story through the Art of Craft” \$40. Includes admission to the Smithsonian Craft Show and Light Refreshments.

- **Friday, April 23: 1:00 - 2:45 pm:** “Making Conversations: Exhibitors on Inspiration, Process and Lessons Learned.” Dr. Diana N'Diaye, Curator, Smithsonian Folklife Festival talks with Smithsonian Craft Show exhibitors.

Saturday, April 24: 1:00 – 5:00 pm: “Contemporary Craft Considered.” Saturday, April 24, 1-5 pm: “Contemporary Craft Considered.” Lectures by:

- Elisabeth Agro, the Nancy M. McNeil Associate Curator of American Modern and Contemporary Crafts and Decorative Arts at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.
- Oscar Fitzgerald, Professor, Smithsonian-Corcoran Master of Arts in the Decorative Arts and author of the new book *New Masters of the Wooden Box: Expanding the Boundaries of Box-Making*
- Ana M. Lopez, Assistant Professor, Jewelry & Metalsmithing, History of Crafts, University of North Texas and author of *Metalworking Through History: An Encyclopedia*.

Daily Features:

Craft Emergency Relief Fund + Artists' Emergency Resources

This year the Smithsonian Women's Committee and the Smithsonian Craft Show recognize CERF+ for 25 years of dedicated support to the American craft community. Look for the video about CERF+ in the Café and ask the artists wearing CERF+ buttons about CERF+.

Emerging Artists from the Corcoran College of Art + Design

Innovative juried exhibition of craft objects by advanced students from the Corcoran College of Art + Design. Artists will be on hand to discuss their work. In the Auditorium.

Grants Video

Come learn about the many, wonderful ways that the Smithsonian Craft Show supports the Smithsonian Institution. A video that features previous grants will run continuously on the floor of the Show.

Learning About Jewelry and Light Metal Work

Thursday - Sunday: In collaboration with the Corcoran College of Art + Design (CCA+D), a series of demonstrations and talks focused on jewelry and light metal will be given by Craft Show exhibitors and CCA+D artists. Free. Schedule to be announced.

Online Auction

Click on www.SmithsonianAuctions.org to browse and bid at home or while you're at the show. Auction includes over 100 beautiful and exciting craft items, generously donated by past and current exhibitors and other talented artists. Also up for bid ... tickets, tours and other special treats. *Auction goes live at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 14, and closes at 9:00 pm on Tuesday, April 27.*

Raffle

Take multiple chances on three pieces donated by artists: botanical papercutting by Virginia Rose Kane; Brooch by Judith Kinghorn; Glass Vessel by Carrie Gustafson Santiago. Separate drawings for each item on Sunday, April 25 at 4:30 pm. You need not be present to win. *Raffle Tickets on sale through the Office or at show: \$5 each OR 10 for \$40.* See www.SmithsonianCraftShow.org for descriptions and images.

Private Special Events

During the Craft Show, groups or organizations may rent the National Building Museum's beautiful Commissioner's Suite (off the 2nd floor balcony overlooking the show) for lectures, receptions, luncheons, dinners or other events.

For more information; to purchase event and raffle tickets; secure Hi-Res Images; OR schedule private special events:

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