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**2019 Smithsonian Craft Show Set for April 25–28  
at the National Building Museum**

***Contemporary American Crafts and Designs From 121  
Artists Will Be on Display and For Sale***

The 37th annual Smithsonian Craft Show is a juried show of fine American crafts that features works from 121 artists representing all facets of contemporary craft and design—basketry, ceramics, decorative fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, paper, wearable art and wood. The works will be on display and for sale; serious collectors and casual visitors will find one-of-a-kind works of art in a variety of price ranges.

The four-day show and sale will take place April 25–28 at the National Building Museum, located at 401 F St. N.W. in Washington, D.C. Admission is \$20 at the door, but discounted tickets are available online only at [www.smithsoniancraftshow.org](http://www.smithsoniancraftshow.org).

On Thursday, April 25, from 6 to 7 p.m., the Craft Show’s “Convo with the Visionary” will feature this year’s Smithsonian Visionary Artist Award-recipient, Joyce J. Scott. She will engage in a conversation with Stephanie Stebich, the Margaret and Terry Stent Director of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, followed by a Q&A. Born in Baltimore, Scott uses off-loom hand-threaded beads and blown glass to create beautiful and arresting jewelry as well as figurative sculptures and wall hangings. “Convo” tickets are \$45 per person and include all-day Thursday admission to the Craft Show (open until 8 p.m.) and one complimentary drink. Alternatively, Thursday visitors can choose to attend extended shopping hours at Friends Night Out from 5 to 8 p.m., with fun shopping, snacks and a cash bar at the General Admission Price of \$20.

Admission to the Smithsonian Craft Show includes opportunities to enjoy a dazzling exhibition of creativity, innovation and technical mastery; meet 121 artists representing the finest contemporary American crafts and design; learn about Scott at “Convo with the Visionary”; shop during daytime hours or extended hours Thursday night (only); and support the Smithsonian. For more information about the show, visit [www.smithsoniancraftshow.org](http://www.smithsoniancraftshow.org).

## **Show Hours**

### **April 25-28, 2019**

Thurs, April 25	10:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday, April 26	10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27	10:30 a.m. –5:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 28	11 a.m.–5 p.m.

## **About the Smithsonian Craft Show**

The Smithsonian Craft Show, produced by the Smithsonian Women’s Committee, supports yearly grants to the Smithsonian’s 19 museums and libraries, nine research facilities, traveling exhibits and the National Zoo. Over \$12 million in grants and endowments has been awarded since 1966. JoAnn Symons Smithsonian is the Women’s Committee president, and the 2019 Craft Show Chairs are Ellen Maltz and Lynda Mounts. For more information, visit [www.smithsoniancraftshow.org](http://www.smithsoniancraftshow.org).

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