



11 Local Artists Selected for Prestigious Smithsonian Craft Show

Don't Miss Contemporary American Crafts and Designs from 121 Artists on Display and for Sale

Eleven of the 121 artists selected for the annual Smithsonian Craft Show are from Virginia, including four artists from the DC metro area. Serious collectors and casual visitors will discover one-of-a-kind works of art created by these local artists as well as by artists from across the country.

Washington, DC, basketry artist Tenisha Dotstry creates incredible baskets and bags by coiling and hand-forming cotton rope using her sewing machine. Ceramic artist Lindsey Osterriter from Manassas, VA, works with river stones, worn leather and antique industrial objects. Award-winning milliners from Richmond, VA, Ignatius Creegan and Rod Givens create stunning hats embellished with wire, ribbons and milliner novelties. Richmond glass artist Sean Donlon uses glassblowing techniques to create glass teapots. For more information about the Virginia artists, visit <http://smithsoniancraftshow.org/press/>

Award winning Baltimore artist, Joyce J. Scott, is this year's Smithsonian Visionary Artist Award-recipient. She uses off-loom hand-threaded beads and blown glass to create beautiful and arresting jewelry as well as figurative sculptures and wall hangings. There will be a "Convo with the Visionary," when Scott engages in lively conversation with Stephanie Stebich, Margaret and Terry Stent Director of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, followed by a Q&A on Thursday, April 25, from 6 to 7 p.m.

This juried show of contemporary American craft and design will be April 25–28 at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. Serious collectors and casual visitors will enjoy a dazzling exhibition of creative and innovative art on display and for sale in a variety of price ranges. There's something for everyone, including basketry, ceramics, decorative fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, paper, wearable art and wood. Discounted tickets are available online only until Thursday, April 25. Admission is \$20 at the door. Visit www.smithsoniancraftshow.org for information about the show and to purchase tickets, including tickets for the "Convo with the Visionary."

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. Smithsonian Women's Committee President: JoAnn Symons; 2019 Craft Show Chairs: Ellen Maltz and Lynda Mounts.

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