



Wayne Art Center Announces *CraftForms 2023*

Wayne Art Center is excited to announce the 28th anniversary of *CraftForms*, the *International Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Fine Craft* and its' 14th annual companion show, *InGrained: Furniture, Sculpture and Woodturning by Pennsylvania Artists*. The exhibitions will be open from December 2, 2023 through January 20, 2024.



Karen Wallace
Orange Artifact



Jerry Bennett
Wash Basin



Kathy Spoering
First Garden

Dedicated to enhancing the public's awareness of fine contemporary craft, *CraftForms 2023* provides an exquisite venue for established and emerging artists to share their creative endeavors with the Wayne Art Center community and the greater Philadelphia area. The exhibit features artists from 29 states and four countries, including Nigeria, Taiwan, Mexico and Israel. Works include basketry, ceramics, decorative fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, metal, mixed media, paper, wearable art and wood. With the guidance of a growing list of esteemed jurors, *CraftForms* has received notable recognition from the broader craft culture, both nationally and abroad.

Wayne Art Center is delighted to welcome juror Jean McLaughlin, the former Director of North Carolina's Penland School of Craft. As a life-long advocate for artists, McLaughlin is currently exploring her own creative voice and giving back as a volunteer, consultant, writer and curator.

In conjunction with *CraftForms 2023*, Wayne Art Center will host *InGrained*, an exhibition showcasing works by 24 exceptional Pennsylvania artists, including loaned works by master craftsmen Wharton Esherick and George Nakashima. Curator Mark Sfirri is a highly regarded furniture maker, wood sculptor, and the former

Director of Bucks County Community College's Fine Woodworking Program. *InGrained* will be on view in the Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Gallery.



Wharton Esherick
Library Ladder 2



Larissa Huff
Spiral Sprout Boxes



George Nakashima
Conoid Chair

Also on display in the Vidinghoff Lobby Gallery will be *Attraction to Abstraction*, Wayne Art Center's annual juried exhibition of large abstract works. Juror Marianne Mitchell has shown works nationally and internationally, and is currently on the faculty at Wayne Art Center.



JP Weber
Subtle World



Val Rossman
May Prove Critical



Mo Gerngross
I Follow You

The success of *CraftForms 2023* is made possible through the dedicated efforts of the *CraftForms* Committee and the support and generosity of local business sponsors, patrons, and event attendees. Funds raised benefit Wayne Art Center's diverse array of arts education, outreach and exhibition programs for individuals of all ages, incomes and abilities.

CraftForms 2023 Schedule of Events

CraftForms 2023 Preview Party

Friday, December 1, 6-9 pm

Join the artists, juror, sponsors and other art enthusiasts for a first look at *CraftForms 2023* while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres, open bar and live music. Tickets for sale at craftforms.org.

CraftForms' Juror & InGrained Curator's Talk & Meet the Artists

Saturday, December 2, 1-4 pm

Juror Jean McLaughlin, curator Mark Sfirri and exhibiting artists will speak about their work.

Holiday Shopping Weekend

Friday, December 8, 4-7 pm

Shop local with over 30 craft and culinary artisans.

Saturday, December 9, 10 am-5 pm

Sunday, December 10, 11 am-4 pm

Mira Nakashima Lecture

Wednesday, December 13, 5:30-7 pm

Join architect and furniture maker Mira Nakashima as she discusses the legacy of her father, master craftsman George Nakashima. Tickets for sale at craftforms.org.

Woodturning Demo with Janine Wang

Saturday, January 6, 2024, 1-2:30 pm

This demonstration will cover the essentials of woodturning between centers and how simple turned pieces are combined to create larger constructions. Tickets for sale at craftforms.org.

Mark Sfirri & Miriam Carpenter Lecture

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 5:30-7 pm

Mark Sfirri will discuss his thought process for curating *InGrained: Furniture, Sculpture, and Woodturning by Pennsylvania Artists*. Miriam Carpenter will discuss the creative process of her latest works. Tickets for sale at craftforms.org.

Patron Wine Pairing Dinner

Thursday, January 18, 2024 6-8 pm

Enjoy a four-course sit-down dinner prepared by Catering by Design with sommelier wine pairing. Tickets for sale at craftforms.org.

Wayne Art Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching our community through the arts. Since its founding in 1931, Wayne Art Center has established itself as a vital cultural resource, offering arts education, exhibitions, outreach programs and special events. Wayne Art Center remains steadfast in its mission to afford artists and the broader community an interdisciplinary venue to explore, share and learn, while fostering a sense of community for arts education and appreciation.

Wayne Art Center is located at 413 Maplewood Avenue in Wayne, Pennsylvania. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 am-5 pm and Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. For more information, visit craftforms.org or call 610-688-3553.

