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FULLER CRAFT MUSEUM PRESENTS

Amber Cowan: Re/Collection
June 24 – October 8, 2017

**Reception on Saturday, June 24 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm with a 3:00 pm gallery talk
by the artist. Reception included with admission fee. Gallery talk is free.**

High Resolution images are found at:
<http://fullercraft.org/press/amber-cowan-recollection/>

You could say that Philadelphia glass artist, Amber Cowan takes shards of nostalgia and reanimates them into intricate, weighty, abstract sculptures. She looks for raw materials in old glass scrapyards, warehouses, thrift shops, and antique stores. She collects recycled vintage pressed glassware like candy dishes, dotted vases, and cups--the kind you used to see in your grandma's house on the curio table or dresser or in the kitchen. Cowan collects these once familiar and cherished, now discarded and forgotten objects that hold stories all their own. Using framework and other hot-sculpting methods, she creates thousands of new opulent shapes and arranges them into ornate sculptures with new meaning and new stories. The glass comes from various old American glass factories that are now defunct, but she is drawn to remnants of those companies, sometimes searching for specific companies or colors like rose, sherbert, and mint.

Amber Cowan: Re/Collection exhibition will feature old and new flameworked glass creations. Cowan's intricate vessels and sculptures are comprised of a multitude of recycled vintage glass specimens, all fused together into spectacular one-of-a-kind art objects. Her ongoing practice involving American pressed glass explores the history of U.S. glassware manufacturing while giving new life to reclaimed material.

Artist Bio:

Amber Cowan is an artist and educator living in Philadelphia. She is a faculty member of the glass department of Tyler School of Art, where she received her MFA in 2011 in Glass/Ceramics. She has taught at schools around the country including The Pilchuck Glass School, Penland School of Crafts and The Studio of the Corning Museum of Glass. Cowan was the recipient of the 2014 Rakow Commission from The Corning Museum of Glass and her work is in the collections of The RISD Museum and The Shanghai Museum of Glass. She has had solo exhibitions at Heller Gallery in New York and The Museum of Craft and Design in San Francisco.

Current Exhibitions:

Circular Abstractions: Bull's Eye Quilts
May 13 – October 22, 2017

Future Retrieval: Permanent Spectacle
April 15 – October 1, 2017

Ellen Schiffman: The 52 Box Project
March 25 – July 30, 2017

Living Traditions: The Handwork of PlymouthCRAFT
March 18 – June 25, 2017

Playa Made: The Jewelry of Burning Man
February 11 – June 4, 2017

What Remains: Wooden Quilt Sculptures of Laura Petrovich-Cheney
October 29, 2016 – November 12, 2017

Cary Wolinsky: Fiber of Life
October 8, 2016 – June 25, 2017

Upcoming Exhibitions:

Amber Cowan: Re/Collection
June 24 – October 8, 2017

Brockton Youth Creates Biennial

July 15 – September 10, 2017

Parts and Labor: Print and Collage Works by Steven Ford

August 5 – December 31, 2017

SHIFTS: Approaching Encaustic from All Angles

September 30 – November 26, 2017

Gender Bend: Women in Wood, Men at the Loom

October 21, 2017 – March 11, 2018

Mindful: Exploring Mental Health Through Art

November 18, 2017 – April 22, 2018

Threads of Resistance

December 9, 2017 – February 18, 2018

Revolution in the Making: The Pussyhat Project

January 21 – May 20, 2018

Brother Thomas: Seeking the Sublime

February 3 – May 13, 2018

Playtime in the Making

May 19 – September 16, 2018

About Fuller Craft Museum

Fuller Craft Museum, New England's only museum of contemporary craft, is dedicated to the objects, ideas, and insights that inspire both patrons and artists to explore life through the art of contemporary craft. Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak St. in Brockton, MA. The Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, with free admission for all Thursdays from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Admission is \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and \$5 students, free for members and children 12 and under. For more information on Fuller Craft exhibitions and events please visit www.fullercraft.org or call 508.588.6000.

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