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(Brockton, Mass.) Fuller Craft Museum, New England's home for contemporary craft

Museum Hours: Tuesday – Sunday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Thursday 5:00 – 9:00 pm

**FULLER CRAFT MUSEUM PRESENTS**

***Tricks of the Trade: Illusions in Craft-Based Media***

March 31 – November 18, 2018

**Reception, Sunday, May 20, 2018, 2:00 – 5:00 pm**

High Resolution images are found at: <https://fullercraft.org/tricks-trade-illusions-craft-based-media/>

*Tricks of the Trade: Illusions in Craft-Based Media* highlights the aesthetic and technical wonders of contemporary *trompe l'oeil* masterworks. *Trompe l'oeil* (meaning “fools the eye” in French) is a hyper-realistic style of art in which viewer perceptions and the artists' materials are never what they seem. In the works featured here, clay imitates wood and metal, two- and three-dimensionality becomes muddled, and opaque matter appears impossibly translucent. The very nature of *trompe l'oeil* incites additional questions and prompts a second look. While *Tricks of the Trade* presents some of the finest technical achievements in contemporary craft, many of the exhibited works boldly explore commentary on a vast array of topics, including environmentalism, consumerism, artistic tradition, personal experiences, and other subjects. By taking a fresh and inquisitive look at common materials and motifs, viewers may begin to perceive themselves in a different light as well, considering aspects of their own lives and questioning if everything is truly what it appears to be.

*Tricks of the Trade* is a timely exhibition, one that highlights the treasures of the handmade, while also examining the things we create, utilize, and value. As a result of the juxtaposition between the artificial and the real, viewers gain of deeper understanding of creation in both the human hand and the natural world.

Artist featured in the exhibition: Dan Anderson, Miriam Carpenter, Claude Chavent, Tom Eckert, Steven Hansen, Michelle Holzapfel, Lincoln Seitzman, Eric Serritella, Richard Shaw, Victor Spinski, and Jeannine Marchand

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#### Current Exhibitions:

*Mindful: Exploring Mental Health Through Art*  
November 18, 2017 – April 22, 2018

*Revolution in the Making: The Pussyhat Project*  
January 20 – May 20, 2018

*Brother Thomas: Seeking the Sublime*  
February 3 – May 13, 2018

*Object Lessons, Selections from Fuller Craft Museum's Permanent Collection*  
Ongoing

#### Upcoming Exhibitions:

*Tricks of the Trade: Illusions in Craft-Based Media*  
March 31 – November 18, 2018

*2018 Biennial Members Exhibition*  
April 14 – October 7, 2018

*Playtime in the Making*  
May 19 – September 16, 2018

*FORTitude: The Art of Play*  
May 19 – September 16, 2018

*Objects of Use and Beauty: Design and Craft in Japanese Culinary Tools*  
June 2 – October 28, 2018

*Uneasy Beauty: Discomfort in Contemporary Adornment*  
October 6, 2018 – April 21, 2019

*Mano-Made: New Expressions in Craft by Latino Artists*

December 15, 2018 – September 8, 2019

### **About Fuller Craft Museum**

Fuller Craft Museum, New England's only museum of contemporary craft, offers expansive opportunities to discover the world of contemporary craft. By exploring the leading edge of craft through exhibitions, collections, education, and public programs, we challenge perceptions and build appreciation of the material world. Our purpose is to inspire, stimulate, and enrich an ever-expanding community.

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. Admission is free for Brockton residents. For more information on Fuller Craft exhibitions, educational offerings, and events please visit [www.fullercraft.org](http://www.fullercraft.org) or call 508.588.6000.

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