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FULLER CRAFT MUSEUM PRESENTS
Making History: Recent Acquisitions to the Permanent Collection
April 23, 2022 - ongoing

(Brockton, Mass.)

High Resolution Images are available via Dropbox [here](#).

Current Museum Hours: Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00am-5:00pm

Please check the website for updates to our hours of admission.

FULLER CRAFT MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEWEST EXHIBITION -
Making History: Recent Acquisitions to the Permanent Collection

Making History: Recent Acquisitions to the Permanent Collection features objects that have been acquired by Fuller Craft Museum since December 2020. Nineteen artworks are included in the exhibition, representing a range of materials, techniques, subjects, and artistic innovations. Ceramic sculptures, basketry forms, hand-stitched textiles, sculpted glass objects and more illustrate the technical and expressive accomplishments of today's craft artists.

Several of the works explore themes of identity and belonging, while others investigate social justice themes of racism, inequity, and political strife. Additional critical global issues being addressed include COVID-19 and the fragile balance between humans and the natural world. Many of the featured artists honor the traditions of craft, illustrating creative excellence that results from accumulated knowledge of their chosen medium, exceptional material intelligence, and highly developed handskills.

Fuller Craft Museum thanks the artists and donors whose generosity supports the ongoing growth of the permanent collection. Further appreciation is extended to Collections Committee members for lending their talents, expertise, and fellowship to ensure a robust and evolving collection.

Fuller Craft Museum is proud to present these recent additions to the permanent collection. The stellar works represent a range of styles, mediums, and concepts, yet they are all connected by their significance to our mission and to the field of craft. These objects represent the highest quality of artistic expression and will ensure the continued preservation of the field for years to come.

- Beth C. McLaughlin, Artistic Director and Chief Curator, Fuller Craft Museum



ABOUT THE COLLECTION:

Fuller Craft Museum is dedicated to the collection and preservation of contemporary craft through its permanent collection. Over 850 objects currently comprise the permanent collection in a range of craft media, including glass, wood, ceramic, fiber, and metal. A diverse range of object classifications are included, from baskets and jewelry to furniture and outdoor sculpture. Fuller Craft Museum also offers a Digital Archive, providing global access to the objects under its care.

Representing the field and its makers, this ever-changing body of objects remains rooted in the Arts and Craft movement of the 19th and 20th centuries and reflects the tremendous expansion of contemporary craft in the decades following World War II. The museum began collecting craft in the early 1980s with the New Works Grants from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities (now the Massachusetts Cultural Council). Our efforts increased significantly in 2003 when the Museum's Board of Directors voted unanimously to shift the focus of the institution to contemporary craft.

During the many years that the museum has grown its collection, a resolute effort has been made to acquire the best examples of craft by artists, makers, designers, and creatives at all stages in their careers who, by the very nature of their practices, honor craft traditions while invigorating the conventions of their media. As aesthetic, technical, and conceptual approaches in the field continue to evolve, what endures is the work of the hand and a connection between the maker and the object.

LIST OF EXHIBITING ARTISTS:

Jackie Abrams
Natalia Arbelaez
Paul S. Briggs
David Clarke
Tom Eckert
Sergei Isupov
Rena Koopman

Sarah Lindley
Anina Major
Angela Mellor
Kadri Pärnamets
Lois Russell
Randy Shull
Raven Skyriver

Michael C. Thorpe
Joseph Wheelwright
J. Fred Woell
Soonran Youn
Boston Area Mask Initiative Volunteers
Stephanie Cave Gather Here Staff



ABOUT FULLER CRAFT MUSEUM:

Fuller Craft Museum 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 Street in Brockton, Massachusetts. The Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00am-5:00pm. Please check the website for updates to our hours of admission. Admission is free for Brockton, MA residents and admission by donation for all guests, (suggested donation \$12). For more information on Fuller Craft exhibitions and events, please visit www.fullercraft.org or call 508.588.6000.

Check-out our [Digital Archive](#) to learn about the objects in Fuller Craft Museum's permanent collection.

Fuller Craft Museum, New England's home for contemporary craft.

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS:

2022 Craft Biennial

February 19, 2022 - June 12, 2022

Elliott Kayser: Year of the Pig

January 15, 2020 - July 17, 2022

Marilyn Pappas: A Retrospective

March 12, 2022 - August 28, 2022

Interpreting Change: Weavers' Guild of Boston – 1922 – 2022

May 14, 2022 - October 16, 2022

Amy Genser: Shifting

February 5, 2022 - December 3, 2023