NEW JERSEY ARTS ANNUAL CRAFTS 1994 THE MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM



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NEW JERSEY ARTS ANNUAL

The New Jersey Arts Annual is a unique series of exhibitions highlighting the works of visual artists and craftspeople in the state. Two exhibitions take place each year in alternating sequence: Fine Arts in Spring/Summer and Crafts in Fall/Winter, This series of exhibitions is co-sponsored by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, the Jersey City Museum, The Montclair Art Museum, The Morris Museum, The Newark Museum, the New Jersey State Museum, and The Noyes Museum.

Future exhibitions are:

Spring 1995 Fine Arts The Morris Museum

Fall 1995 Crafts The Newark Museum

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Institutions co-sponsoring the New Jersey Arts Annual exhibitions will consider the purchase of works for their collections.

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Many of the works in this exhibition are for sale. Inquiries should be directed to The Montclair Art Museum.

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NEW IERSEY ARTS ANNUAL: CRAFTS

I am pleased to add my congratulations and best wishes to the artists represented in this New Jersey Annual exhibition. Like its predecessors, this exhibit illustrates the extraordinary vitality of New Jersey's craft artists. The exhibition series provides an invaluable opportunity for New Jersey artists and residents. The artists get to exhibit their work in some of the most important museums in the state, and New Jerseyans are able to experience the quality and diversity of our state's artistic talent up close.

This annual exhibition reinforces the value of art in our lives. Art has always been one of my passions and I offer my thanks to the six participating museums for discovering more of the quality and vibrance that distinguishes our artistic community. Let me add special thanks to The Montclair Art Museum for mounting such a beautiful exhibit.

Lonna R. Hooks Secretary of State

NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

On behalf of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, we congratulate the 22 artists represented in the 1994 New Jersey Arts Annual: Crafts exhibition. The Council is proud of its role as co-sponsor of this outstanding exhibition at The Montclair Art Museum.

The Arts Annual series is one of several programs in which the Council endeavors to support the work of our state's many artists. Last year, 68 artists in various disciplines received fellowships totaling \$434,000 enabling them to spend more time creating their work. New Jersey artists worked to create powerful, innovative artwork for our State buildings made possible by the Arts Inclusion program. Through these programs we are all enriched by the works of artists who help us to see the world and its possibilities in new ways. The New Jersey Arts Annual exhibition series continues to serve as an important forum for both crafts and fine arts across the state.

The Council applauds the staffs of the six participating museums: the Jersey City Museum, The Montclair Art Museum, The Morris Museum, The Newark Museum, the New Jersey State Museum, and The Noyes Museum for their support and commitment to the work of New Jersey artists featured in the Arts Annual exhibition series. We particularly want to thank Ellen Harris, Director of The Montclair Art Museum, Guest Curator of the exhibition John Perreault, Artistic Director of the Experimental Glass Workshop, and Eliane Feiner, Exhibition Coordinator. We wish all the artists every success.

Sharon Harrington Barbara Russo Tom Moran

Chairman Executive Director Visual Arts Coordinator

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

It is a modern day truism that the boundaries between the fine and applied arts, or between art and craft, have become so blurred that the distinction is hardly worthwhile. Many artists — trained as such — have begun working in non-traditional media, not as experiments or temporary departures, but permanently. Some examples are Lucas Samaras' fabric piecework, Robin Winters' blown glass, Magdalena Abakanowicz' woven figures and shapes, Judith Shea's clothing sculpture. At the same time, a number of individuals working in materials traditionally associated with craft have clearly transcended that denomination to become widely acknowledged as artists. Dale Chihuly (glass), Peter Voulkos (ceramics), and Lenore Tawney (fiber) are just three examples. Yet I have twice in the last month encountered persistent prejudices regarding assignment of the "art" denomination, as if the label could have any material effect on the esthetic qualities of the work in question.

The fact is, art has nothing to do with preconceived notions of any kind, including the aspirations (or pretensions) of an object's maker. It has everything to do with the magical transformation of material into creative expression. Twenty years after earthworks, performance art, and Minimalism, quality of concept, originality of intent, and appropriateness of execution create an alchemical mix whereby painting, metalwork, weaving, carving, or almost any other process can give rise to Art with a capital "A."

The 22 artists in this year's New Jersey Arts Annual, Crafts are fine examples of this phenomenon. Michele Insley's "Jax...", based on the children's toy, are clearly non-functional, the equivalent of sculpture. Chris Martens makes stunning weavings that resemble kimonos or religious vestments. Some of the artists in this year's show do work so strikingly unusual that we knew we had to include it. Lincoln Seitzman's trompe l'oeil wooden "baskets" are based on Native American originals like those in MAM's own permanent collection. Richard Boscarino's phantasmagoric jewelry is tiny but glitteringly original. Robert Romash's covered pots look like so many Samurai warriors. Deborah Young Perez makes silver reliquaries that incorporate hair in eloquently effective ways that none of us could have imagined.

From ceramic vases to beaded Torah pointers to tapestries, a multitude of art forms are manifest in this year's show, and incontrovertibly testify to New Jersey's preeminence as home to artist/artisans. As a relative newcomer to the state, I am personally heartened by this discovery and grateful on behalf of The Montclair Art Museum that we were given the opportunity to bring this work to a broader audience.

A juried exhibition requires much finely tuned effort from many parties. First we salute the creativity and professionalism of all the artists who expressed interest in participating in this year's *New Jersey Arts Annual*. *Crafts*. They were an inspiration to all of us. Our heartfelt thanks also go to John Perreault, Artistic Director of the Experimental Glass Workshop, for his wisdom in helping to select 22 artists out of an impressive pool of 160 submissions. Eliane Feiner, Exhibition Coordinator, did an outstanding job of organizing a very complex process. The show, its contents, the catalogue, and the detailed documentation required at every stage reflect her care and dedication.

The Montclair Art Museum gratefully acknowledges the continuing support of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/ Department of State. We salute Barbara Russo, its Executive Director, Sharon Harrington, its Chairman, and Tom Moran, Visual Arts Coordinator for their dedication and support to the artists and arts organizations of the state.

Ellen S. Harris

EXHIBITION COORDINATOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This exhibition was open to artists living or working in New Jersey who submitted slides and a completed application by April 29, 1994. The works in this exhibition were selected by John Perreault, Ellen Harris and myself and represent works completed within the last two years that have not previously been exhibited in a New Jersey museum or statewide exhibition. I would like to thank all the artists for their willingness to participate in the selection process and to lend their works to the exhibition at The Montclair Art Museum.

I would also like to express my pleasure in working with the staff of The Montclair Art Museum. It has been a most enriching experience for which I am grateful.

Finally, thanks to Gucciardo Design, Inc. for design and production and to The Riverview Press for printing of the prospectus, invitation and catalogue.

Eliane Feiner Exhibition Coordinator

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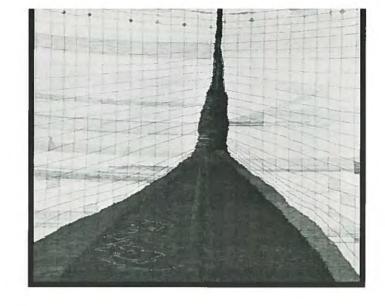
* Asterisk indicates title of illustrated work.



Born 1965 Winnipeg, Canada Lives and works in Chatham, NJ

The Holland Tunnel, 1994 Tapestry/fiber 46½ x 54"

Education B.F.A. Rhode Island School of Design



Richard Boscarino

Born 1960 Paterson, NJ Lives and works in Montague, NJ

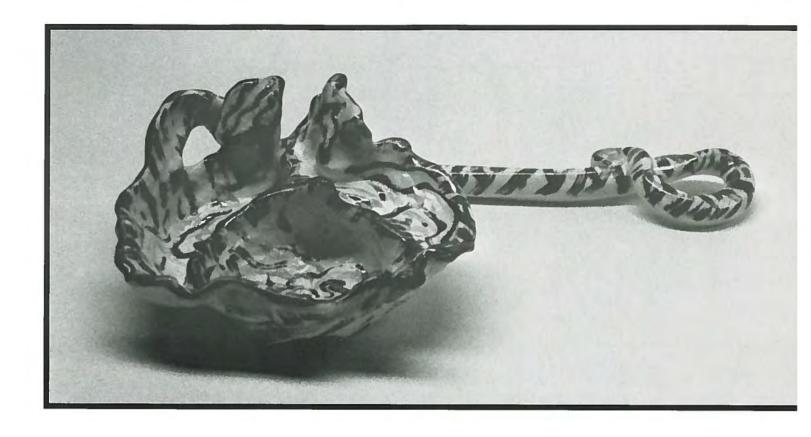
Greensmoke Brooch, 1994 Bronze 3½ x 3"

Fish Tale (mechanical), 1993 Sterling silver, bronze 4½ x 3½"

Meerjungfrau Brooch, 1993* Sterling silver, bronze 3½ x 3½"

Education

NYU Graduate Film Program B.F.A. Rhode Island School of Design

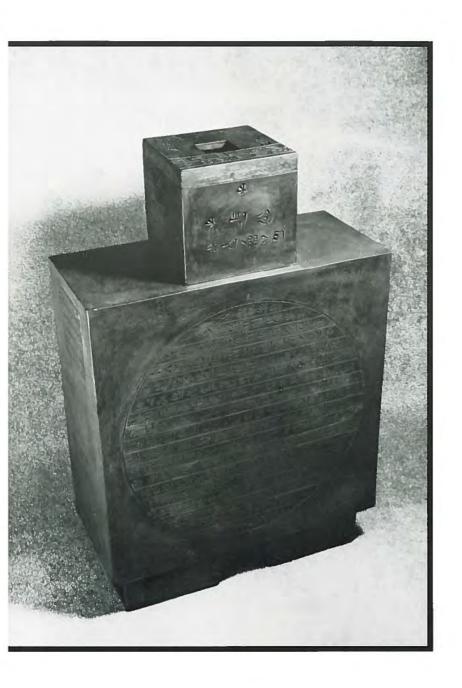


Eva Bouzard-Hui

Born 1936 North, South Carolina Lives and works in Caldwell, NJ

Divided Container, 1994* Ceramic 16 x 4 x 7½"

Floating Flower Container, 1994 Ceramic 22 x 7 x 10" Education
B.A. University of South Carolina
M.A. Teachers College,
Columbia University
Greenwich House Pottery



Robert L. Chavern

Born 1926 Pittsburgh, PA Lives and works in Cranford, NJ

Sumerian Wedding, 1993 Ceramic 31 x 20 x 9"

Education

M.A. University of California at Los Angeles Academie Julian, Paris Art Institute of Chicago University of Miami Edinboro State College Kutztown University Barnstone Art Studio Philadelphia School of Fine Art

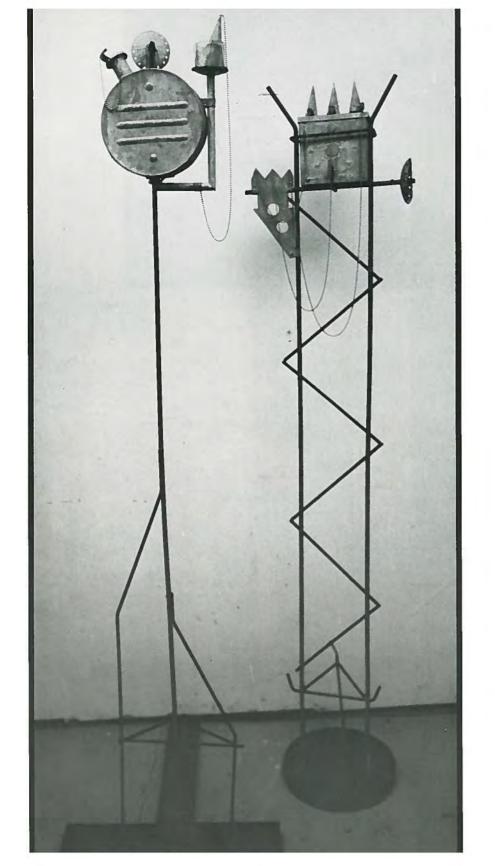
Christopher C. Darway

Born 1947 Brooklyn, NY Lives and works in Lambertville, NJ

Generator Lamp, 1992 Metal 15 x 10 x 5"

Torch Series, 1992* Metal 72 x 12 x 4"

Education B.F.A. Craft Design, Philadelphia College of Art



Ina Golub

Born 1938 Newark, NJ Lives and works in Mountainside, NJ

Torah Pointer, 1993 Beadwork 8½ x 1"

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Education B.A. Montclair State University M.A.T. Indiana University



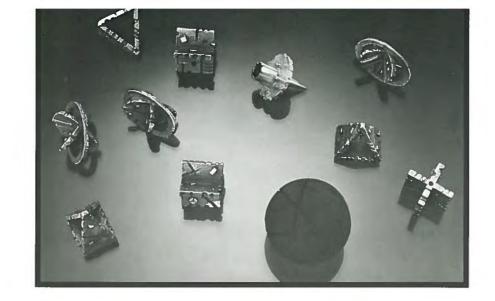
Michele Insley

Born 1966 Trenton, NJ Lives and works in Layton, NJ

New Jax for a Jester, 1993 14K Gold, sterling silver, rubber, leather ½ x ½ x ½"

Education

B.A. Montclair State University Rhode Island School of Design High School Scholar Program





James Hyland Jewell, III

Born 1962 Danville, PA Lives and works in Layton, NJ

Side table, 1994*
Oak
42 x 28 x 18"
Courtesy of Erna Joan
and Pieter Jan Spijkerman

Chair, 1993
Oak
32 x 15 x 15"
Courtesy of Peter Rosheger

Education

B.F.A. University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA Wooden Boat School, Blue Hill, MN A.A. Bucks County Community College, Newton, PA

Stephen M. Lorson

Born 1959 Robinsdale, MN Lives and works in Millville, NJ

Untitled Head, 1993 Cast glass 7 x 6 x 3"

Untitled Head, 1993 Cast glass 7 x 6 x 3"

Untitled Head, 1993 Cast glass 7 x 6 x 3"

Education M.F.A. New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University B.S. University of Wisconsin, Madison





Marina Lutinski

Born 1951 Paterson, NJ Lives and works in River Edge, NJ

Cumulus Fractus, 1993-1994 Rubber, wood, metal 48 x 48"

Education

B.A. Montclair State University Independent Study with Ina Golub Buckeburg Fiber School, Buckeburg, West Germany Apprenticeship with Gerda Salwey, Strasbourg, France

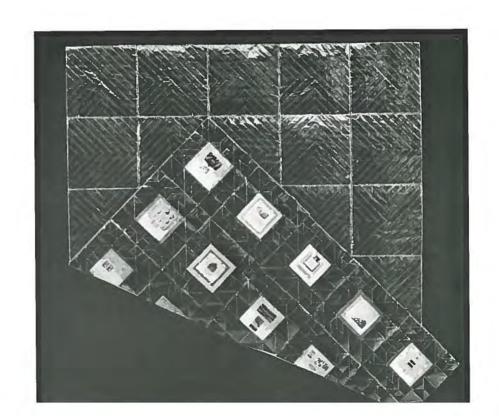
Patricia Malarcher

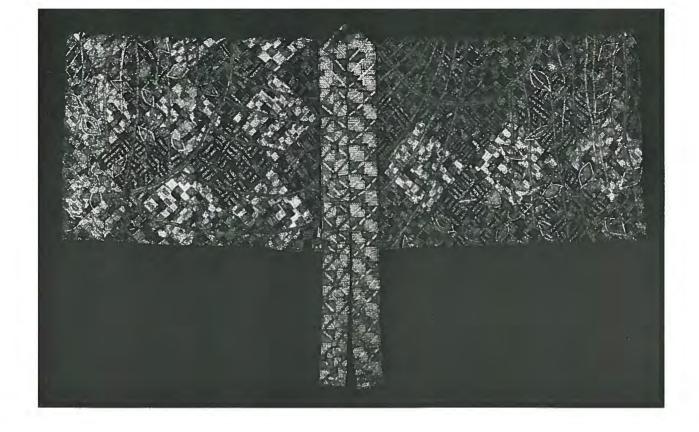
Born 1930 Newark, NJ Lives and works in Englewood, NJ

Tergiversation, 1993 Mylar, fabric, paint, collage 60 x 66^e

Education

Doctoral studies, New York University M.F.A. Catholic University of America B.A. Upsala College

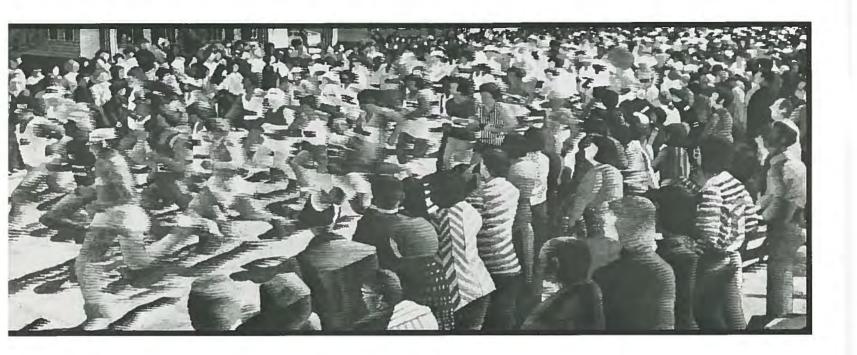




Christine L. Martens

Born 1943 Jersey City, NJ Lives and works in Maplewood, NJ

Kimono with Green Leaves, 1993-1994 Handwoven and pieced lurex 48 x 96 x 4"



Soyoo Hyunjoo Park

Born 1954 Seoul, Korea Lives and works in Closter, NJ

Human Race, 1992 Tapestry 120 x 48"

Noellynn Pepos

Born 1963 Tacoma, WA Lives and works in Layton, NJ

Armlet, 1994 Steel, 14K green gold, silver 4½ x 5½ x 1"

Oldtricks Brooch, 1994 18K Gold, enamel, sand, grog. ½ x 3½ x ¾"

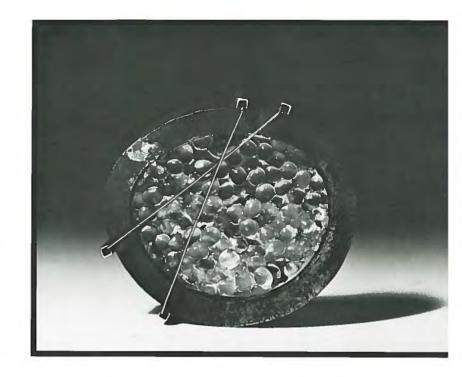
Branded Rings, 1993 Steel, 18K Gold, sterling silver, shell $1 \% \times 1 \% \times \%$

Over Every Barrier Brooch, 1993* Steel, sterling silver, resin $2 \times 24 \times \%$

Shelter Brooch, 1993 Steel, hide, sterling silver 2½ x 4½ x 2½"

Education

M.F.A. Southern Illinois University, Carbondale B.F.A. University of Washington, Seattle





Deborah Young Perez

Born 1957 Plainfield, NJ Lives and works in Somerset, NJ

Devoted Companion, 1993 Hair, silver, brass, dog tags 9 x 3 x 1"

Thursday, 1993 Silver, hair, glass, found objects 2½ x 2 x ¾"

Home is Where the Heart Is, 1992* Silver, glass 3½ x 3½ x ½"

My Soul, 1992 Silver, glass, hair, pearls 4 x 3½ x ½"

Change, 1990 Silver, human hair 2½ x 2 x 1"

Education

M.F.A. School for American Craftsmen, Rochester, NY B.F.A. Ohio State University B.A.E. Ohio State University



Lynn Peters

Born 1955 Ottawa, Canada Lives and works in Plainfield, NJ

Floral, 1994 Ceramic 20 x 16 x 6"

Suburban Bliss, 1994 Ceramic 20 x 16 x 6"

Sunken Treasure, 1994* Ceramic 20 x 16 x 6"

Education

M.F.A. Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University B. F. A. New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred School of Craft and Design, Sheridan College

Hollie Heller Ramsay

Born 1959 Newark, NJ Lives and works in Bridgewater, NJ

Flying Field, 1994
Paper, paint
21 x 21"

Midwest Landscape, 1994*
Paper, paint
21 x 21"

Swirls Stripes, 1994 Paper, paint 21 x 21"

Ovals, 1993 Paper, paint 24 x 24"

Education

M.F.A. Rochester Institute of Technology B.S. University of Delaware Parsons School of Design Fashion Institute of Technology





Joy Saville

Born 1936 Beatrice, NE Lives and works in Princeton, NJ

Late October, 1993 Fiber 62 x 63¹¹

Education

R.N. Lincoln General Hospital, Lincoln, NE University of Nebraska, Lincoln The Julian Ashton Art School, Sydney, Australia

Robert Romash

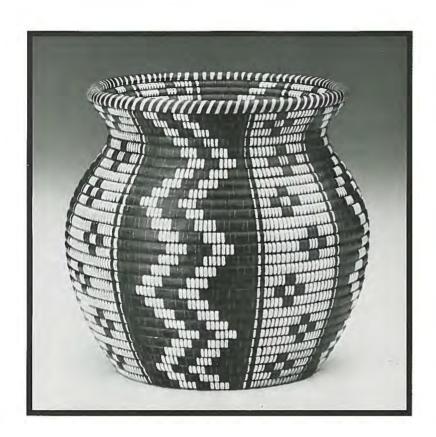
Born 1969 Rahway, NJ Lives and works in Whitehouse, NJ

Black Pots Cluster, 1994 Raku-fired ceramic 1½ x 6ⁿ

Education

A.F.A. Raritan Valley Community College





Lincoln Seitzman

Born 1923 New York, NY Lives and works in West Long Branch, NJ

Mescalero Basket Illusion, 1993* Wood, ink $7 \times 7^{\circ}$

Apache Water Basket Illusion. 1992 Wood, ink, horsehair 10 x 8"

Pima Basket Illusion, 1992 Wood, ink 8½ x 8"

Education

B. Mechanical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute



Sandra Van Ardenne

Born 1960 Jersey City, NJ Lives and works in Kenilworth, NJ

Happy Day Hat, 1994 Glass beads, rubber tubing 10 x 9 x 9"

Vest, 1992* Glass beads 17 x 9 x 16"

Education B.A. Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA



David G. Wright Born 1958 Camden, NJ Lives and works in Moorestown, NJ

Pasare Pitcher, 1993 Salt-fired stoneware 12 x 15"

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Tamaru Server, 1993 Salt-fired stoneware 7 x 7"

Teapot Shell, 1993* Salt-fired stoneware 9 x 9"

Education M.F.A. University of Colorado, Boulder B.F.A. Philadelphia College of Art