



STUDENT CRAFT

EXPRESSIONS OF CULTURE

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STUDENT CRAFT - Expressions of Culture is a juried exhibition of craft work created by high school students across San Diego County during the 2015-2016 school year, including both public and private schools. This will be the second presentation of **STUDENT CRAFT** in a biannual series showcased at Mingei International Museum.

Sub-titled **Expressions of Culture**, the theme of this year's show will center on each student's expression of personal and collective culture. Works will explore all aspects of culture—from ethnic culture to school, community and personal culture—all of which define who we are, what we like and how we experience the world. Jurors will select works consistent with the Museum's mission to exhibit folk art, craft and design from all eras and cultures of the world. In addition to Museum Director, Rob Sidner, and Outreach Coordinator, Lucera Gallegos, three guest jurors will participate in vetting the submitted work.

Gail Schneider is an artist who has lived in San Diego since 1997. She came from New York where she exhibited both sculptures and paintings after studying with Peter Voulkos at UC Berkeley. While in NYS Schneider was co-president of the Women's Studio Workshop, one of the oldest organizations for Artist Books and Printmaking started by women in Rosendale, New York. She has exhibited on both the East and West coast and is a recipient of a Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant. Schneider is currently a board member of Mingei International Museum.

Wendy Maruyama is a furniture maker, artist and educator who has been making innovative work for 40 years. While her early work combined ideologies of feminism and traditional craft objects, her newer work moves beyond the boundaries of traditional studio craft and into the realm of social practice. Maruyama recently retired from teaching at San Diego State University and has taught for 35 years all total. She exhibited her work nationally, with solo shows in New York City, San Francisco, Scottsdale, Indianapolis, Savannah, and Easthampton. She has exhibited internationally in Tokyo, Seoul and London. Maruyama is a recipient of several prestigious awards, including the California Civil Liberties Public Education Grant, 2010; several National Endowment for the Arts Grants for Visual Artists; the Japan/US Fellowship; and a Fulbright Research Grant to work in the UK.

Patrick Stillman is a visual artist working in acrylic and photography that explores the human condition through light, color and texture. In 2014, his work was exhibited at Musée du Louvre - Paris, SCOPE Miami Beach, Venus Studios Art Supply - Palm Desert, San Diego Pride, Space 4 Art and Media Arts Center San Diego. In the same year, he established The Studio Door and was commissioned by Got Milk? for Milk Loves Art, their 2016 charity program for Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times. In the April/May 2016 issue of Professional Artist magazine, he has been named Mentor of the Year for his work at The Studio Door. For twenty years, San Diego has been his home.

All works will be created using craft-based mediums, including clay objects, metal forms, jewelry, furniture design, glass, textiles, weaving, basketry, fashion design and craft-based mixed media. Collective objects on view will celebrate the continuing tradition of craft education in our community and the innate creativity that is present within us all.

The exhibition provides an opportunity to highlight San Diego County high schools that support significant and rigorous craft programs. High School Seniors who have been selected to display their art as part of the exhibition will have the opportunity to apply for the R. Stephen and Nancy D. Howard Scholarship, available for students who will be enrolling full-time in an accredited community college or four-year university. The scholarship will be made to two students who have shown a commitment to staying involved in the arts throughout their lives (regardless of major).

Submissions of student work is now open and will be accepted until May 11, 2016. For more information visit mingei.org/studentcraft.

Exhibition opening reception June 4, 3:00 - 5:00PM.

ABOUT MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM

Located in San Diego's Balboa Park, Mingei International Museum collects, preserves and exhibits "art of the world, art of the people," including folk art, craft and design from all eras and cultures of the world. A non-profit institution funded by admission, individuals, and community support, the Museum offers inspiring exhibitions and diverse educational programs to more than 100,000 visitors a year.

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