

Wayne Art Center is Proud to Present *Craft Forms 2010*

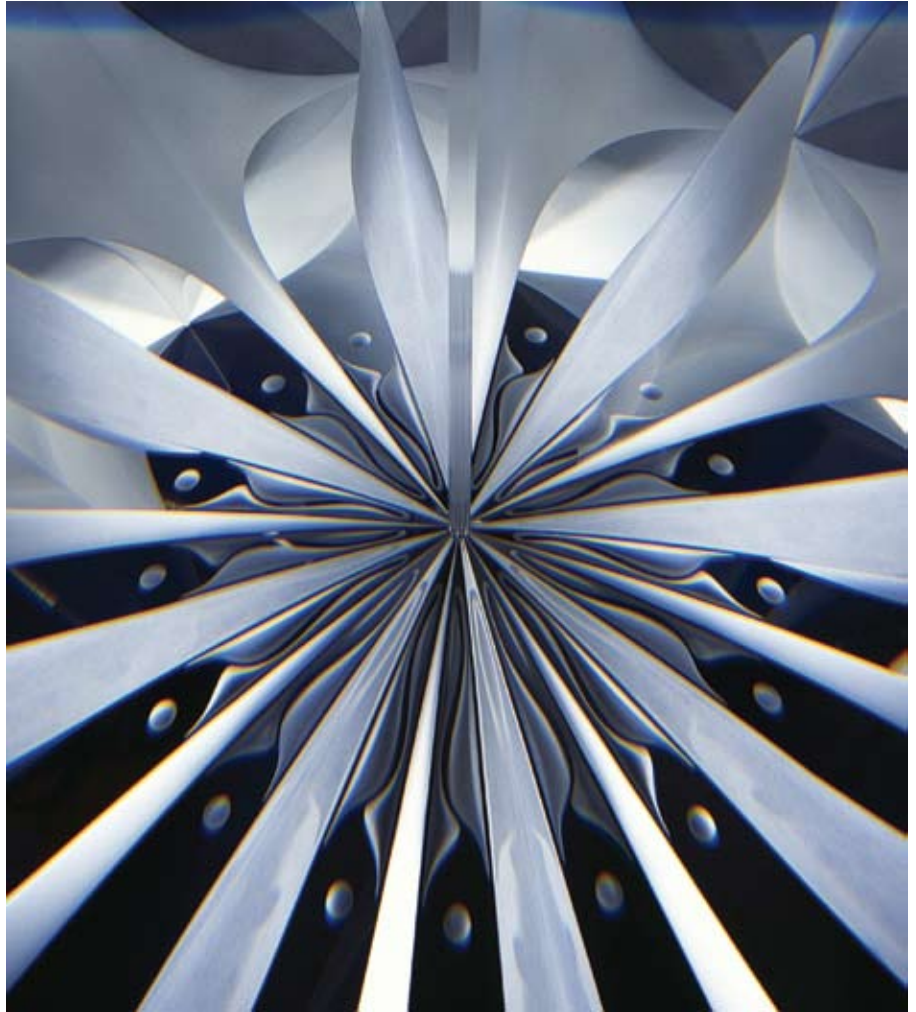
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Craft Forms 2010, the International Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Crafts, will be on display at the Wayne Art Center from December 3, 2010 to January 22, 2011. This eagerly anticipated exhibition, celebrating its 16th year, is dedicated to enhancing the public's awareness of fine contemporary craft and providing a venue for established and emerging artists to share their creative endeavors. *Craft Forms* continues to earn a rapidly growing reputation as one of the nation's most recognized, contemporary craft exhibitions. The finest works of ceramics, wood, fiber, metal, glass, and mixed medium are featured and support the center's mission of expanding the public's awareness of fine contemporary crafts. *Craft Forms* significantly benefits all educational programs for children and adults. "We are excited to present artists from all over the country and as far as Korea and Australia," said Nancy Campbell, executive director.

The juror of *Craft Forms 2010* is Jane C. Milosch, Office of the Under Secretary for History, Art, and Culture, Smithsonian Institution, and former curator of the Renwick Gallery. Milosch will present the Juror's Talk on Saturday, December 4th at 1:00 p.m. Meet the Artists will directly follow the presentation. This lecture is free and open to the public.

This year, along with the outstanding *Craft Forms 2010*, the Wayne Art Center is honored to simultaneously present Christopher Ries, internationally-known glass sculptor, and his composition of light through the medium of glass titled: *Glass and Light*. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A five dollar contribution is suggested to view *Craft Forms 2010* and *Glass and Light*.

The Preview Party is sponsored by the co-chairs and leading sponsors, Brian Daggett and Franz Rabauer of Malvern and Center City. Other key sponsors, patrons, and attendees will help benefit Wayne Art Center's educational programs.



Highlighting some of the fundraising events for Craft Forms, will be the highly anticipated patron dinner at the home of Franz Rabauer and Brian Daggett, as well as the elite brunch and art collection tour at the Center City home of the Borowskys, founders of the National Liberty Museum. Throughout the exhibition, an original Christopher Ries glass sculpture will be raffled, and the winner announced at the close

of the show. And, during the preview party and following day, Elise Winters, previous Craft Forms artist, will feature her contemporary, polymer clay art jewelry.

The annual Fine Art & Craft Sale will feature unique, one-of-a-kind handcrafted items from local and regional artisans. Many of these specialty craft items will be available in the Wayne Art Center Gallery Shop through January 22, 2011. Items for sale include: paintings, prints, beautiful ceramics, leather goods, wood accessories, hand-blown glass, fine jewelry, hand-knit scarves and wares, basketry, and much more.

Wayne Art Center will continue to offer special events related to *Craft Forms 2010*:

Craft Forms 2010 & Christopher Ries Exhibition:
December 3, 2010 to January 22, 2011

Preview Party: Friday, December 3, 2010; Sponsor and Patron Press Photo, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.; Guests, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.; call for ticket information.

Juror's Talk by Jane Milosch: Saturday, December 4; 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.; free and open to the public.

Meet the Artists: Saturday, December 4; 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; free and open to the public.

Craft Collectors Private Tour & Brunch at the Center City home of the Borowskys, founders of the National Liberty Museum: December 5; 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; call for ticket information.

Patron Private Collector Cocktails and Dinner at the home of Brian Daggett and Franz Rabauer: between December 2010 and January 2011; call for ticket information.

The Wayne Art Center thanks the major sponsors of *Craft Forms 2010*: Brian Daggett and Franz Rabauer of Malvern and Center City; Bryn Mawr Trust Company; The Little House Shop and Little House Shop Stationers; Star Printing; *Main Line Today*; Complete Financial Outsourcing; Alan McIlvain Company; Car Sense; Allstate, Susan J. Gerrity Agency; Triton Capital; Jimmy Duffy & Sons; and many other generous patrons and community business sponsors.



The Wayne Art Center has been enriching the cultural needs of the community since 1930. From its modest beginnings as the first art center on the Main Line, the center has grown into a dynamic, nonprofit organization, providing instruction in all phases of the visual and performing arts. Nearly 500 classes and workshops are offered annually to more than 4,000 students of all ages and abilities. The center's high caliber and committed faculty support the fine reputation the center has achieved through the years. The new *Davenport Gallery* and the *Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Gallery* attract nearly 15,000 visitors a year for exhibitions, lectures, and special events.

To accommodate and better serve the community, the Wayne Art Center completed a \$5.5 million renovation in 2008 and 30,000-square-foot expansion project that includes improved art studios, expanded exhibition areas, increased space for center staff and faculty, and additional handicapped access. The Wayne Art Center is located at 413 Maplewood Avenue in Wayne. For further information, call 610.688.3553 or visit www.WayneArt.org.

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