



The Fitchburg Art Museum Announces the 79th Regional Exhibition of Art & Craft

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About FAM

The Fitchburg Art Museum serves the cities of Fitchburg and Leominster and the surrounding communities in North Central Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. FAM was founded in 1925, and its five-building complex, with over 20,000 square feet of exhibition space, features exhibitions from its art historical collections as well as special exhibitions focused on regional contemporary art. FAM plays a vital role in the cultural life of the region and the Museum maintains active educational partnerships with the local school systems, as well as Fitchburg State University. FAM is an engine for creativity, education, community building and fun!



The 79th Regional Exhibition of Art & Craft, also known simply as The Regional Show, is one of the oldest juried exhibitions of its kind in New England. This annual, summer tradition at the Fitchburg Art Museum strives to discover, encourage, and recognize the talents of artists and crafters from our region (defined as those communities within approximately 30 miles of Fitchburg). The Regional Show provides a professional context for our region's artists to share their work, network with their peers, and connect with artists and arts enthusiasts in neighboring communities.

This year's jurors:

Honee Hess currently leads the Worcester Center for Crafts as their Executive Director, an organization founded in 1856 and most recently affiliated with Worcester State University. She completed her graduate art history degree at Tulane University and began her art museum career at the New Orleans Museum of Art where she worked on the "*Treasures of Tutankhamun*" exhibition among others. She later became Curator of Education at the University of Iowa Museum of Art before moving to Worcester to work in Museum Education at the Worcester Art Museum.

Randi Hopkins is Associate Director of Visual Arts at the Boston Center for the Arts where she oversees the exhibition program at the BCA's Mills Gallery and organizes two studio-based artist residencies and a public art residency on the BCA's plaza annually. She was Associate Curator at the



Museum Hours:

Wednesday 12-4 PM
Thursday 12-4 PM
Friday 12-4 PM
Saturday 11-5 PM
Sunday 11-5 PM

FREE First Thursdays:

On the First Thursday of every month, the Museum is free to the public from 3-7 PM.

Admission is free for:

FAM Members, children under 12, Fitchburg State University and Fitchburg Public School students, faculty and staff, Fitchburg Residents of Ward 4B, AAM & NEMA Members +1, Active Military and their family, Corporate Members' and their employees & family.

General admission:

\$9 for adults
\$5 for seniors (62+)
\$5 for students (13+)

Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston from 2008-2011. She was the co-founder and co-director of Allston Skirt Gallery in Boston's South End from 1998-2008. Recent and ongoing related activities include curating an exhibition of Barbara Bosworth's photographs as independent curator for the National Park Service in fall 2013 and teaching art history and curatorial practice at Simmons College in Boston since fall 2011.

79th Regional Exhibition of Art & Craft

June 22 – August 31, 2014

Opening Reception: June 22, 1-3 PM

JURORS' AWARDS

FIRST PRIZE\$200

Plus a solo exhibition at the Museum in 2015

SECOND PRIZE\$100

THIRD PRIZE\$75

CRAFT PRIZE\$100

SAARA PARKER PAINTING PRIZE.....\$100

VOITTO JARVI
WATERCOLOR PRIZE\$100

PETER McCOLLUM PRIZE\$50
Awarded by Fitchburg Art Museum staff

POPULAR PRIZE\$100
Awarded by public vote

STEPHEN JARECKIE
PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD\$100
Awarded by Stephen Jareckie, Consulting Director of Photography

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