

San Diego Design: New Work from Allied Craftsmen

Oceanside Museum of Art presents an invitational exhibition featuring some of San Diego's most gifted artists in ***San Diego Design: New Work from Allied Craftsmen***, June 18 through August 6, 2006. The exhibition opens with a preview reception on Saturday, June 17th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Visitors attending the preview reception will have a chance to meet the artists in a party atmosphere and enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by OMA Culinary Arts Council. Admission for the wine and hors d'oeuvre reception is \$8. The reception is open to the public and members of Oceanside Museum of Art attend free as a benefit of museum membership.

Allied Craftsmen of San Diego has remained a premier organization for talented San Diego artists for over 50 years. Its members are known for groundbreaking techniques and innovative designs that are sculptural, conceptual, decorative or functional - often using non-traditional forms and introducing a variety of media. The selected artists are recognized nationally and internationally as leaders in their fields and many are faculty in the art departments at area colleges and universities.

One such artist is Wendy Maruyama, a furniture maker/designer whose reputation in the field has made her designs the object of many commissions, gallery shows and museum exhibitions. Her standing cabinet "Angry Asian Women" blends her strong design abilities with excellent craftsmanship in a piece inspired by her own cultural history.



**Angry Asian Women
By Wendy Maruyama**



**Swedish Wedding Crown
By Alexandra Hart**

Metals artist and designer goldsmith, Alexandra Hart is another artist whose work is featured in the exhibition. Her Swedish gold wedding crowns appear as luminous, graceful, fountains of gold and are actually Swedish ceremonial bridal crowns.

Judith Bethel's bronze bench suggests branches in a forest with an inlaid mosaic seat. Functional, decorative and sculptural, it embodies many elements that invite the viewer to partake in its purpose.



Bronze Bench by Judith Bethel

San Diego Design: New Work from Allied Craftsmen includes jewelry, furniture, ceramics and multi-media from 15 San Diego-based artists. The artists will talk about their work and inspirations on Thursday evening, July 27th, at 7:00 pm at the museum. Admission to the "Artist's Walk & Talk" is \$5 and the public is welcome.

Oceanside Museum of Art is located at 704 Pier View Way in downtown Oceanside. For information call

721-2787 or visit the Web site at www.oma-online.org.

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