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## **Florida CraftArt presents:**

### ***Art of the Garden Show: Fine craft inspired by the natural beauty of gardens***

**Exhibition Dates: March 4 to April 19, 2022**

*Art of the Garden* is a juried exhibition of original art showcasing fine handcrafted work inspired by the natural beauty of gardens. Fifty artists created 90 pieces from fiber art and delicate jewelry to ceramic garden sculptures.

Artist **Duncan McClellan** works from his state-of-the-art glass studio and gallery in St. Petersburg's Warehouse Arts District. His stunning *Dragonfly* vase uses a sand-carving process that enables him to place imagery on the inside and outside of blown glass. It is \$7,200.

**Laurie Landry**, of St. Petersburg, starts with a simple thrift store find to create a series of delightful mosaics, featuring tiny animals in garden settings. The mosaics like *Squirrel!* are created using glass, ceramic tiles, pieces of vintage plates, and animals such as a squirrel, a dog and other found items. They are put together with charcoal grout and ready to hang on the wall.

Metalsmith and enamelist, **Diana Hirschhorn**, creates contemporary jewelry. Her sterling silver, 24 K gold, titanium and copper jewelry often have accents of vitreous enamel, pearls or stones. Her *Golden Ginkgo Fan Earrings* are made from enamel fired on copper with acid etching.

The exhibition will be judged by **Jennifer O. Rominiecki**, President and CEO of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens since 2015. She possesses twenty years of experience at major New York City cultural institutions and served The New York Botanical Garden for 15 years. Earlier in her career, Rominiecki held key positions at The Metropolitan Opera and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum.

The show runs through April 19, when the People's Choice Award will be presented. People can vote for their favorite work of art in the Florida CraftArt Exhibition Gallery and on Facebook. Docent tours are available upon request.

Florida CraftArt is located at 501 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.FloridaCraftArt.org](http://www.FloridaCraftArt.org) or call (727) 821-7391. Florida CraftArt is a nonprofit organization founded in 1951 and headquartered in St. Petersburg. Its mission is to grow the statewide creative economy by engaging the community and advancing Florida's fine craft artists and their work. Fine craft art is presented in its 2,500-square-foot retail gallery and curated exhibitions are featured in its adjacent exhibition gallery. Florida CraftArt is the *only* statewide organization offering artists a platform to show and sell their work.

#### **Mark your calendar**

**Wednesday, March 9, 6 p.m.** Virtual tour of the exhibit and awards presentation with judge Jennifer O. Rominiecki, President and CEO of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. (Zoom link on FloridaCraftArt.org)

**Saturday, March 12, 5-9 p.m.** Second Saturday ArtWalk and visit ArtLofts on the second floor.

**Wednesday, March 16, 6 p.m.** Discover the beauty of Florida native plants with garden expert Marquette McManus of Wilcox Nursery.

**Sunday, March 27, 2 p.m.** Enjoy a garden-inspired poetry reading with Helen Pruitt Wallace and other poets.

**Saturday, April 2, 11 a.m.** Learn about Ikebana - the art of Japanese flower arranging.

**Saturday, April 9, 5-9 p.m.** Second Saturday ArtWalk and visit ArtLofts on the second floor.

**Sunday, April 10, 1-3 p.m.** Workshop: Make a macramé plant hanger with artist Elizabeth Neily. \$35 fee includes all materials and a handcrafted pot by a Florida CraftArt artist. Space is limited; call FCA to register.

**CUTLINES (More images of work available on request.)**

**FCA Jennifer Rominiecki 2020-2-Cropped.jpg**

Jennifer O. Rominiecki, President and CEO of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, will be the judge for the *Art of the Garden Show*.

**FCA Cummings\_Kimberli\_Let It Bee-Sangria Pitcher and two cups.jpg**

**FCA Ceramic artist, Kimberli Cummings** of Tampa created *Let it Bee*, a sangria set with a pitcher and two cups. It is made of hand-thrown red clay with majolica glazes that were fired three times.

**FCA Hirshhorn Golden Ginkgo Earrings.jpg**

Bradenton-based artist Diane Hirschhorn's *Golden Ginkgo* earrings are made from vitreous enamel fired on copper with acid etched sterling silver. They sell for \$125.

**FCA Landry Squirrel! Mosaic.jpg**

Mosaic artist Laurie Landry, of St. Petersburg, started with a simple thrift store find to create her mosaic *Squirrel!* She used glass, ceramic tiles, pieces of vintage plates, along with a china dog and squirrel. It sells for \$300.

**FCA McClellan, Duncan Dragonfly vase.jpg**

Duncan McClellan works from his state-of-the-art glass studio and gallery in St. Petersburg's Warehouse Arts District. His stunning *Dragonfly* vase uses a sand-carving process that enables him to place imagery on the inside and outside of blown glass. It is \$7,200.

**FCA Neily, Elizabeth-My GardenDress.jpg**

*My Garden Dress* was created by Gulfport fiber artist **Elizabeth Neily** who uses various kinds of fabric manipulation to create her free-standing, cotton fabric sculpture. It incorporates both machine-stitching and hand-stitching, slash and folds to reveal surfaces below, and simple yo-yos to quilt the flower garden. It is \$2,395.

**FCA Robenalt, Taylor-In A Graceful Hand.jpg**

Sarasota ceramicist **Taylor Robenalt** sculpted *In a Graceful Hand* from porcelain and hand-decorated it with glazed decals. Her imagery creates a narrative using flowers to represent the cycle of life and rebirth. It sells for \$1,500.

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