

C. William Gilchrist Museum of the Arts

FIBERS FINEST

The C. William Gilchrist Museum of the Arts in Cumberland, Maryland will host an exhibit by the Fiber Art Study Group of Washington, DC from September 10 through October 8. The show will be displayed at the Museum on 104 Washington Street as well as the Culinaire Café at the Gateway Center on Baltimore Street. The FASG is a member guild in the Creative Arts Council, CCC, which is a fifty year-old organization of ten fine craft guilds in the DC area representing work in glass, jewelry, pottery, enameling, goldsmith and polymer, as well as, aspects of fiber.

The show promises to be exciting and unusual. Fiber art is defined as anything made for the sake of creative expression from some sort of fiber. The members of the guild work in many mediums including art quilts, altered and art books, bead work, crochet, dolls, embellishments, felting, collage, knitting, silk painting, soft sculpture, surface design, wearables, weaving, and woven wire. Many are skilled in a variety of techniques and cannot be classified as only weavers, knitters, collagers or quilters. Their work combines to make a unique form.



The rich foundation of skills of traditional fiber work is the basis on which contemporary fiber art was built and this region is particularly strong in the traditional fiber skills — quilting, weaving, crocheting, embroidering, spinning. With this exhibit traditional artisans will be able to see innovative uses for familiar materials and hopefully gain artistic inspiration. The path from sustaining a tradition to exploring the possibilities of a medium can begin with one step of artistic inspiration according to Lauren Kingsland, member of FASG.

Kathleen Moran, Arts Administrator for the City of Rockville, Maryland, juried the artists who are exhibiting in this show. Some of these artists have exhibited all over the world and are in major corporate and private collections.

The opening reception will be held on September 10 from 1-4 at the Gilchrist Museum and the Culinaire Café. There will be refreshments and musical entertainment and some of the artists will be present to discuss their work. Thereafter the exhibit will be open from 1-4 Thursday through Sunday at both locations through October 8. ♻️

