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## HANDMADE HAVEN: AMERICAN CRAFT COUNCIL SHOW IN SAN FRANCISCO FEATURES ONE-OF-A-KIND AND GREEN DESIGNS, EMERGING ARTISTS AND LIVE CRAFTING

*NEW IN 2009: '5 AFTER 5' EVENT OFFERS A CHANCE TO SHOP EXTENDED SHOW HOURS, SAMPLE WINE AND MEET FILMMAKER AND AUTHOR FAYTHE LEVINE FOR \$5; SCREENING OF 'HANDMADE NATION' FOLLOWS ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 14*

[AMERICAN CRAFT COUNCIL](#) SHOW TAKES PLACE AT FORT MASON CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO  
AUGUST 14 - 16

**SAN FRANCISCO (JUNE 25, 2009)** – The [2009 American Craft Council Show in San Francisco](#) arrives at [Fort Mason Center](#), August 14 -16, with a first-ever '5 After 5' Friday night event that offers visitors a chance to shop, sample wines and meet the award-winning filmmaker and author Faythe Levine for only \$5. Levine will screen her 2009 film '[HandMade Nation: The Rise of DIY, Art, Craft and Design](#)' at the show. The largest juried craft show in the West, the 2009 American Craft Council Show in San Francisco celebrates the spirit of making and owning handmade objects and also will feature an expanded selection of 'AltCraft' created by indie artists, green craft and live demonstrations.

"The event is a rare opportunity to discover one-of-a-kind, handmade pieces in home décor, furniture, jewelry, fashion, children's accessories and other objects created by 250 local and visiting artists," said Bernadette Boyle, senior marketing manager for the American Craft Council. Visitors can shop a diverse array of limited edition work created from clay, fiber, glass, metal, wood, mixed media, found objects and sustainable materials in two pavilions, while enjoying fine wines and viewing artists in action during live craft demonstrations throughout the weekend. "The American Craft Council Show in San Francisco has become a destination event in the Bay Area because the variety, ingenuity and quality of craft showcased is unparalleled on the West Coast," continued Boyle. "Exciting new elements in 2009 create a dynamic show experience that celebrates the Bay Area's thriving culture of making."

Some of this year's exhibiting Bay Area artists include:

- **HOME DÉCOR** – [Michael Szabo](#) of San Francisco, CA utilizes industrial materials such as steel and cement in exploratory ways to create striking vases and sculptural objects.
- **HOME DÉCOR** – [Warren Warren](#) of Berkeley, CA crafts hand-carved glass portraits and sculptures. Warren's 'green' sculptures are created from recycled optical lenses.
- **BASKETRY** – [Lesley Cantor](#) of Walnut Creek, CA creates distinctive woven vessels.

- **JEWELRY** – [Carol Windsor](#) of **Burlingame, CA** fashions delicate earrings, necklaces and brooches by laminating oxidized sterling silver between layers of very thin acid-free paper. The oxidized metal shows through the translucent paper like veins in a petal or leaf.
- **CERAMICS** – [Liz Burkhouse](#) of **San Jose, CA** crafts whimsical ceramic sculptures. Her collection of humorous, anthropomorphic “Chikins” are inspired by chicken-related puns.
- **FASHION** – [Arlene Wohl](#) of **Larkspur, CA** designs handwoven clothing, outerwear and accessories with intricate detail and rich color.
- **GREEN FURNITURE** – [Chanin Cook and Jonathan Edie](#) of **Napa, CA** (Chajo Fine Art Furnishings) combine modern forms and sustainable woods and metals in their limited-edition furniture pieces.
- **FINE ART PRINTS AND SCULPTURE** – [Leo Poscillico](#) of **Santa Rosa, CA** creates mixed-media paintings, prints and sculptures, which feature his signature brush stroke characters and depict the experience of visiting a gallery or museum.
- **WOOD TURNING** – [Souphom Manikhong](#) of **Sacramento, CA** turns wood to form hand-carved vases, bowls and vessels with unique curved edges and natural detail.
- **FUNCTIONAL AND DECORATIVE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS** – [Ron Cook](#) of **Santa Cruz, CA** uses recycled, salvaged and urban forest woods to create functional medieval and Early American musical instruments that can also be hung on the wall or displayed on a tabletop.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR:**

**‘5 AFTER 5’ EVENT** – New in 2009, the Council hosts a Friday evening event on August 14, from 5 - 8 p.m. ‘5 after 5’ offers a chance to shop the show, sample wines and meet ‘HandMade Nation’ filmmaker, author and artist Faythe Levine for only \$5. Radio personality Jayn of Alice 93.7 FM will emcee the event.

**‘HANDMADE NATION’ SCREENING** – A film screening of ‘Handmade Nation: The Rise of DIY, Art, Craft and Design’ follows the ‘5 after 5’ event on Friday, August 14 at 8:30 p.m. in the Golden Gate Room at Fort Mason. The feature film documents the burgeoning community of indie crafters that blend historic technique, punk culture and the DIY ethos. Tickets to the screening are \$12, or \$5 with proof of paid admission to the show or the ‘5 after 5’ event. Capacity is limited to 250 guests, with tickets sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Doors open at 8 p.m.

**GREEN CRAFT** – Introduced in 2008, the green craft category spotlights craft created with eco-friendly materials and sustainable processes. Designated ‘green craft’ booths help visitors shop for style and for the environment.

**ALTCRAFT** – Up-and-coming indie crafters display work in the ‘AltCraft’ category, which is expanded in 2009 to feature 15 artists that utilize DIY (do-it-yourself) techniques and creative repurposing of materials. Selected through a special jury process, AltCraft artists will present their work in a loft space in Herbst Pavillion.

## LIVE CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS

Live craft demonstrations will be presented throughout the show, including:

- Japanese-inspired clay throwing by exhibitor Cheryl Costantini of Nichibei Potters
- Hand-built ceramics and surface texturing by exhibitor Lynn Wood
- Enameling and kiln firing by the Northern California Enamel Guild
- A mosaic craft demonstration by Laura True of the Mosaics Arts Institute
- Metal-working or fabric demonstrations by The Craft Gym

**WINE TASTINGS IN TWO PAVILIONS** – Wine tastings in both pavilions marry craft and fine wines from featured vineyards.

**AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE** – The American Craft Council presents Awards of Excellence to four artists whose body of exhibited work demonstrates an understanding of the elements of art and design, mastery of materials and techniques, imagination, inventiveness and individuality, as well as aesthetic consistency. Winners will be announced on Friday, August 14 at 2 p.m. by Jennifer McCabe, director of the San Francisco Museum of Craft and Folk Art.

## SHOW DATES, TIMES, ADMISSION AND LOCATION

**WHERE:** Fort Mason Center, The Herbst and Festival Pavilions.

Located between Fisherman's Wharf and the Golden Gate Bridge on San Francisco Bay; entrance is at the intersection of Marina Boulevard and Buchanan Street, in the Marina district.

**PARKING:** Paid valet parking is available or visitors may park offsite at the Marina Green and take the complimentary shuttle bus to Fort Mason.

**WHEN:** Friday, August 14 (10 a.m. – 8 p.m.)  
Saturday, August 15 (10 a.m. – 6 p.m.)  
Sunday, August 16 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

**TICKET INFO:** \$12 one day pass – \$5 show admission after 5 p.m. on Friday, August 14 only  
\$18 for a two day pass  
**\$2 advance purchase discount online: \$10 one-day passes and \$16 two-day passes available at [www.craftcouncil.org/sf](http://www.craftcouncil.org/sf)**

Children 12 and under admitted free  
American Craft Council members admitted free

Introductory annual membership in the American Craft Council is \$25 and includes free access to all Council shows and a year-long subscription to AMERICAN CRAFT magazine.

For more information or to purchase advance tickets online, visit [www.craftcouncil.org/sf](http://www.craftcouncil.org/sf) or contact the American Craft Council at 1-800-836-3470.

**SPECIAL EVENT ADMISSION** '5 after 5'  
Friday, August 14  
Discounted admission of \$5 from 5 to 8 p.m.

**Handmade Nation screening**  
Friday, August 14 in the Golden Gate Room  
8:30 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m.  
\$12 admission; \$5 with proof of paid admission to the craft show or '5 after 5' event

**MEDIA, PLEASE NOTE:** For interviews with artists from the American Craft Council Show in San Francisco, b-roll footage, high-resolution images; or to attend/cover the show, please contact Jessica Lee at 415-359-2312 or [jessica@landispr.com](mailto:jessica@landispr.com), or Heather Platisha at 415-359-2306 or [heather@landispr.com](mailto:heather@landispr.com).

**About the American Craft Council**

The American Craft Council is a national, nonprofit public educational organization founded in 1943 by Aileen Osborn Webb. The mission of the Council is to promote understanding and appreciation of contemporary American craft. Programs include the bimonthly magazine AMERICAN CRAFT, annual juried shows presenting artists and their work, a leadership conference, the Aileen Osborn Webb Awards honoring excellence, workshops, seminars and a research library. For additional information about the American Craft Council, call 1-800-836-3470 or visit: [www.craftcouncil.org](http://www.craftcouncil.org).

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