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Chris Treadway: El Cerrito enamel painter will be featured at major craft show

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The upcoming American Craft Council Show in San Francisco will bring together a select group of more than 230 creative types from around the region -- and nation -- to the Fort Mason Center, at the intersection of Marina Boulevard and Buchanan Street, in the Marina District of San Francisco on Aug. 1 to 3.

The show is promoted as "pure craft at its absolute finest," and one of its featured participants is Judy Stone of El Cerrito, who is in the rather exclusive group of artists known as enamellers.

Stone, a 40-year practitioner of the craft, is one of about 3,000 enamel artists worldwide.

She first encountered the art form while studying in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar in 1968 and taught herself the art form. She has been enameling professionally since 1972, creating everything from light switch covers to one-of-a-kind smaller vessels to large wall pieces.

One of her largest projects was restoring an art installation, "The Way Home" by influential enamel artist Fred Uhl Ball, on the side of a Macy's parking garage in Sacramento. The installation includes more than 1,000

1-foot-by-1-foot enameled copper tiles.

Stone is a member of the Northern California Enamel Guild, The Enamelist Society and the American Craft Council, and teaches her specialty at The Crucible in Oakland.

The American Craft Council Show will feature home décor, fashion and jewelry at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco, under categories

such as Bride-To-Be, Foodieware, Men's Department, Blue Chip and Local.

The event will also honor Style Makers, area personalities known for a dedication to handmade crafts. They include Channel 5 meteorologist Roberta Gonzales, San Francisco Chronicle columnist Leah Garchik and KRON TV host Jan Wahl.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 4 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 5 and admission is \$14 for a one-day pass or \$20 for a two-day pass, with a \$2 advance purchase discount online at www.craftcouncil.org/sf.

There is also a special "\$5 After 5" admission for the Friday night event, when entry is \$5 admission after 5 p.m.

Admission is free for American Craft Council members and children under 12.

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