Dimensions '95

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Every spring, the Saskatchewan Craft Council invites all Saskatchewan craftspeople to submit up to three handmade items each for Dimensions, the only annual, open, juried exhibition of craft in the province. This year 70 craftspeople submitted 163 entries for consideration by the Dimensions jury.

Dimensions '95 was selected by two jurors: Sandra Flood who is currently doing doctoral research in Canadian craft history and museum practise at the University of Manchester, England, and Lloyd E. Herman,

curator and author from Seattle, Washington, USA.

Both Ms. Flood and Mr. Herman have an extensive knowledge of the contemporary craft movement, and they gave detailed attention to every entry in selecting Dimensions '95 and choosing the award-winners. The result is a dynamic, colourful exhibition of 40 works by 36 craftspeople from every craft medium.

The Saskatchewan Craft Council thanks Ms. Flood and Mr. Herman for their invaluable contribution. The ongoing success of Dimensions depends upon the generous support of a number of groups and organizations, including the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture, and Recreation, the

Saskatchewan Arts Board, Saskatchewan Municipal Government, and the Town of Battleford.

The award donors also make a substantial contribution to Dimensions, with each focusing on a different area of craft production. The Town of Battleford, for instance, not only provides facilities for the exhibition but also previews the work each year in order to select a piece to add to their growing permanent collection. The Saskatchewan Craft council acknowledges the contributions of the award donors and greatly appreciates their ongoing commitment to the exhibition. A complete list of donors and awards can be found elsewhere in this catalogue.

Dimensions '95 will travel to five major centres in Saskatchewan this year, which is one more venue than in recent years. The exhibition will appear at the MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina, June 9 to July 2, 1995, with

a public reception planned for Friday, June 16, beginning at 8:00 pm.

The exhibition will then travel to the Alex Dillabough Centre, Town of Battleford, where it will be shown in conjunction with the annual Saskatchewan Handcraft Festival, July 14, 15, and 16, 1995. A gala opening and awards ceremony will be held at the Alex Dillabough Centre on Thursday, July 13, at 7:30 pm, at which time a total of seventeen awards, including the prestigious Premier's Prize for the outstanding entry, will be announced and presented.

Dimensions '95 will appear in the Saskatchewan Craft Gallery in Saskatoon from August 4 to September 19, 1995, with a public reception on Friday, August 4, 7:00 to 9:00 pm. It will then move to the BARR Colony Heritage Centre, Lloydminster, October 18 to November 30, 1995, with a reception on Friday, October 20, 1995. The final venue will be the Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre, Yorkton, December 8, 1995, to January

29, 1996.

—Don Kondra, Exhibitions Chairperson Leslie Potter, Gallery/Exhibitions Coordinator

Introducing the Jurors

Each year the Saskatchewan Craft Council entrusts its Exhibitions Committee with the daunting task of choosing the jurors for Dimensions. The Committee not only looks at a wide range of highly-qualified potential jurors but also attempts to vary the specializations of the jurors each year. This, together with the fact that the exhibition is open to all Saskatchewan craftspeople, means that the look of Dimensions is constantly changing, with new and experienced craftspeople having an equal chance to be included.

The jurors spend two full days selecting the show and choosing the award winners. They are specifically instructed not to concern themselves with selecting an exhibition or taking on a curatorial role; instead, they are simply asked "to choose the best among all eligible entries." They are asked to select works that "transcend technique, have content, and are a unique individual expression," keeping in mind that the Saskatchewan Craft Council encourages "creative and educated use of traditional methods, innovative exploration of materials, technical competence, historical perspective, and integrity." The jurors are also asked to participate in a public critique in which they are encouraged to speak about why specific works have been included or not included in the exhibition and to answer questions from the many craftspeople who attend.

This year, the Saskatchewan Craft Council has been fortunate to have obtained the services of two highly-qualified jurors: Sandra Flood and Lloyd E. Herman.

Sandra Flood has an M.A. in Art Gallery and Museum Studies. She is presently doing doctoral research in Canadian craft history and museum practise through the University of Manchester, U.K. She brings to the position a diverse background in craft and extensive knowledge of the craft movement—both in Canada and the United Kingdom.

The 1994 Saskatchewan Craft Council exhibition, "Made for a Cause," which tours the province until January, 1996, was curated by Ms. Flood. In this capacity, she wrote the essay included in the exhibition catalogue. Her association with the Council extends beyond the curation of this show, however. She is past editor of *The Craft Factor*—from 1986 to 1992. Ms. Flood is also a prolific writer, as evidenced by frequent contributions to *The Craft Factor*, academic papers, and other vehicles of artistic expresssion.

The most recent of the many awards Ms. Flood has to her credit are a Saskatchewan Arts Board Grant and a University of Manchester Research Scholarship. She is currently fulfilling the requirements of the latter.

Lloyd E. Herman is known internationally as founding Director of the National Craft Museum of the United States—the Smithsonian Institution's Renwick Gallery—from 1971 until 1986, during which time his name became synonymous with the Gallery, its exhibitions, and public programs. He personally curated several of the 113 national and international travelling exhibitions he directed at the Renwick Gallery.

Mr. Herman has lectured on American crafts throughout the world, and has juried numerous art competitions in the United States and abroad. He is an honorary member of various advisory boards, alliances and societies, and councils. And he has been decorated by the monarchs of Denmark and Belgium for exhibitions that he organized on the crafts of their countries.

As director of the Cartwright Gallery in Vancouver, British Columbia, from 1988 to 1990, Mr. Herman planned a new building for the Gallery and supervised its evolution into the Canadian Craft Museum. He continues to curate exhibitions that travel throughout North America and abroad.

His book, Art That Works, which documents the travelling exhibition by the same name, was published in 1990. He has hosted television programs on contemporary craft for the "Arts Edge" series on the Knowledge Network in Canada. As a consultant to the Oregon State University, he planned a craft museum as part of the expanded jewelry and metalsmithing instruction in Oregon.

Lloyd E. Herman lives and works in Seattle, Washington.

Many of the works exhibited in this catalogue are for sale. Please contact the artist to make arrangements for purchase.

All measurement are in centimetres; height precedes width precedes length/diameter.

I. Don Kondra

Front Cover RR #2, Site I, Box 73, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 3J5, 382-7385 Mr. Peanut Display cabinet. Curly maple, Saskatchewan birch, lacquers, European hardware, glass. 152 x 70 x 48 \$3,500

2. Donovan T. Chester 2025 Elphinstone St. Regina SK S4T 3N5, 352-4247

Square Tray

Square plate/bowl supported by wooden frame. Clay, wood. Raku fired earthenware. Ebonized walnut with antique oil finish. 13.5 x 40.5 x 40.5 \$259

3. Muriel Carlson

406 Spruce Dr., Saskatoon SK S7N 2N4, 249-3562 With These Hands: A Salute to Native Potters Miniature pot. Turtle River clay, sand temper, brown ochre, twigs, pebbles, bull rushes. Coiled, paddled, burnished pot, open pit fired. 10 x 11 x 9

4. Shelley Ross
Box 152, Milestone SK SOG 3L0

\$100

436-4416 **Saskatchewan Rosehips** Lamp. Paper/antique jar/rosehips. Painted and pierced lampshade. 40 × 28 × 28 \$75

5. Deborah Behm

2815 Quinn Dr., Regina S4P 2W2 757-5847 Rug: On Opposites Handspun, natural dyed wool, mohair weft, cotton wrap

Handspinning, weaving 148 x 96 \$500



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6. Helene Tremblay 1530 College Ave., Regina SK S4P 185 569-3371 Let's Trade Clay vessel. Clay - low-fire earthenware. iade pebbles, engobe. Coil construction, burnished. carved.

35 x 45

\$1.600

NFS 7. Lee Brady PO Box 9136, Saskatoon SK S7K 7E8 382-0199 Truth Or Consequence Vessel. Glass, clay, brass Kiln formed. fused glass. sandblasted, carved clay. brass, metal leaf. 9.5 x 49 x 48

8. Bob Holowaty/ Sheldon Dingwall

3435 Arnhem St, Saskatoon, SK S7M 3P9 683-0220 Moon Dance A collaboration of fun between two old guitar players. Curly maple, wood dye. polyesters. Turned by Holowaty. Traditional rock guitar finish by Dingwall Designer Guitars. 10 x 30 \$650

9. Zelma Hurd 1542 Vickies Ave, Saskatoon, SK S7N 2R9 249-0513 Aquarelle II: Lattice-Work Quilted wallhanging. Cottons & blends. Machine piecing & quilting. cotton batt. 107.5 x 107.5 x .4 \$600

10. Kaija Sanelma Harris 814-14th St E. Saskatoon, SK 57N 0P8 652-5337 Patchworks, For Jacob

Woven quilt. Wool & silk, handwoven, wool fabrics, new & used for stuffing. 8-harness doubleweave, felting, 134 x 110.5 \$1,500

II. Dave Fotheringham 266 Verbeke Cres, Saskatoon, SK S7K 6G9 242-7245 Nantucket Series No. 21 Fruit Bowl. Honduras Rosewood, holly, oak, cane, brass. Cane woven on oak staves in the Nantucket tradition. 7 × 22 × 22 NFS

12. Gerald Johnston PO Box 222, Pennant, SK SON IXO 626-3545 Celestial Celebration Kaleidoscope Spotted maple, cherry, imbuia maple. 34 x 38 x 15 NFS

13. Sheila Hansen 1561-93rd St., North Battleford, SK, S9A 0C3 445-3941 Prairie Vase Soapstone. 100% handcrafted with rasps and knives/wax finish. 23 x 11 x 10 \$275

14. Lee Brady PO Box 9136, Saskatoon, SK S7K 7E8 382-0199 **Primal Aquanaut** Vessel, Glass, brass Fused, kiln formed glass, sandblasted, metal leaf, carved brass. 11.5 x 54 x 37.5 NFS













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15. Doug Taylor Box 179, Livelong SK SOM 110, 248-3941 Brightsand Cabinet M.D.F., poplar, acrylic enamels, epoxy, putty, commercial hardware. Turned, carved. painted, assembled. 135 x 57 x 44

\$1200

16. Rena Sosulski 2308 Haultain Ave, Saskatoon SK S7I IRI, 652-2178/343-0406 Chromatrope Bargello cushion.

Cotton floss on cotton and rayon backing. Bargello needlepoint. 41 x 39 x 15 NFS

17. Gary Greer 114 Phillips Cres, Saskatoon SK S7H 3N1, 373-7136 Western Tanto

Tanto style, mirror polished, knife. 440-C stainless steel, composite turquoise, brass and ivorycorian. Hand hardened and tempered blade, fileworked blade and brass bolsters, composite turquoise panels held in place by internal pins, carved "twisted bead" - corian handle, with black tang liners. $24 \times 3 \times 2$ \$410

18. Barbara Goretzky PO Box 670, Duck Lake SK SOK 1JO, 467-2268 The Ritual Wall piece. Clay, raku glazes, wire. Handbuilt slab, raku-fired. 31 x 46 x 3 \$175

19. Pat Adams 313 8th St. E., Saskatoon, SK S7H 0P4, 665-0001 Untitled Tea Cozy. Wool. Felting, Dyeing. 25 x 35 x 4 \$35

20. Anne McLellan 2249 Robinson St, Saskatoon SK S4F 2R1, 352-7363 Fish Dish Red Earthenware. Wheelthrown, majolica glaze. 25 x 65 \$80

21. Wendy Black-Kostuk

2608 Paul Cres, Saskatoon SK S7I 2T6, 374-6621 Feathered Friends Vest Leather appliqued vest. Snakeskin, recycled kid leather, printed lambsuede, salmon fishskin, pig suede (calf skin & recycled man's ultrasuede suit iacket). Machine applique, handstitching. Model: Wanda Lee 65 x 51 x 3

22. Russell Smith

\$350

722 Avenue K S., Saskatoon SK S7M 2E7, 668-4713 Bella Coula Style Pendant Silver and abalone inlay eyes and teeth. Designed, repousse worked copper, casted from mould, finished. 3" × 3" × 1/2" \$1200

23. Mel Bolen

PO Box 2052. Humboldt SK SOK 2A0, 682-3223 Tea For Six Porcelain clay, glaze, stains, oxides, gold lustre. Thrown, altered, gas reduction fired to 2400F -Aux. firing in electric for gold fluxing. 21 x 20

24. Jack Sures

\$250

2237 Rae St., Saskatoon SK S4T 2G1, 352-7931 Untitled Bowl. Porcelain, glaze, oxide. Thrown. 8 x 50 x 50 \$500

PO Box 142, Livelong SK

25. Paul Bec

SOM IJO, 845-3047 Carving Knife Ladder pattern damascus blade. A203-E nickel, 1084 carbon steel, abalone shell. Hand forge welded blade (550 layers), hardened. tempered, sanded, acid etched, cold blue. 34 x 1.5 x 4 \$1,500

26. Michael Hosaluk RR #2. Saskatoon SK

S7K 315, 382-2380 Bird House

Cabinet. Wood: birch, birdseye maple, aluminum, brass, paint.Traditional joinery, painting, wood burning. 87 x 41 x 23 NFS











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27. Jack Sures 2237 Rae St., Saskatoon SK S4T 2GI 352-7931 Untitled Plate. Porcelain, glaze, oxide Thrown $6 \times 57 \times 57$ \$500

28. Melvyn Malkin 601 - 730 Spadina Cres E, Saskatoon, SK S7K 4H7 244-6264 Night Visitors (1.24.9.94) Ceramic plate. Clay, glaze. Raku fired, reduced $31 \times 31 \times 7$ \$150

29. Sheila Carnegie PO Box 1713, North Battleford, SK S9A 3W2 445-5934 Streetlights In The Rain Silk Ensemble. (3 pieces: vest, tunic, pants) Silk fabric, dyes, silk and metallic threads, glass beads.

Plangi brush dying, immerse dyeing, fabric sueding, garment design and construction, embroidery, beading. Model: Wanda Lee vest 61 x 56 x 2.5 tunic 79 x 51 x 2.5 pants 104 x 51 x 2.5 NFS

30. Myrna Harris Landis, SK SOK 2KO 658-4532 This Land Is My Land Pre-dyed, felted wool landscape. Saskatchewan grown merino wool - commercial yarns. Dyeing, felting, stitchery. 90 x 124 x 5 \$600

31. Lynn Underwood 1102A 5th St E, Saskatoon SK S7H IH5 343-6494 Autumn Ties Quilt wallhanging. 100% cotton fabric, batting, and thread. Machine pieced, machine and hand quilted. 140 x 140 x 1 32. Judy Tryon 1813 - 37th St. W., Saskatoon SK

S7L 4E2 931-9600/382-3807 Artifact II Clay, slip-glaze, oxides. Wheel-thrown and assembled with handbuilt additions, oxidation fired. 36 x 21.5

NFS

\$125

33. Jane A. Evans PO Box 129 Grandora, SK SOK IVO 668-4548 Summer Harmonies An intimate lanscape in a series called "Places of Peace". Cotton, viscose, polyester, metallic threads, fabric paint. Handwoven using a hand-painted warp; machine and hand

was developed by the maker. 41 x 36.5 x 5 \$495 34. Gail Carlson 45 - 13th St. E. Prince Albert,

embroidered; weaving technique

SK, S6V 1C7 763-3638 Carved Bowl Stoneware, carved. Clay and glaze. Wheel thrown. 20 x 25 x 25 \$300

35. Myrna Harris Landis, SK SOK 2K0 658-4532 Winter Lude Pre-dyed felted wool landscape. Saskatchewan grown merino wool - commercial yarns. Dyeing, felting, stitchery. 88 x 39 x 5 \$450









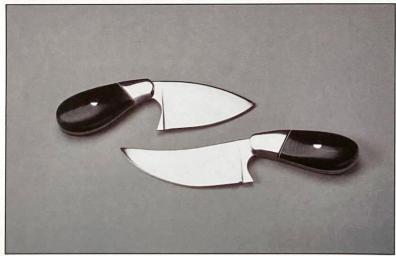
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36. Leon Lacoursiere

Boy 40 Delmas SK SOM OPO 445-5450 Untitled Nesting boxes (set of 4).

Wood and ivory (ebony). Turned 6.5 x 3.5 x 6.5

\$350

37. lack Sures

2237 Rae St. Saskatoon SK S4T 2GI 352-7931

See No Evil. Hear No Evil. Speak No Evil

Three covered iars. Porcelain oxide. Thrown. $90 \times 90 \times 40$ \$900

38. David Goldsmith

PO Box 618, Lumsden SK SOG 3C0 731-3332

Return North for the Summer

Scrimshaw. 10.000 year old woolly mammoth tusk. Sanded, polished, etched. inked, repolished. 35 x 66 x 5 NES

39. Grant Irons

3330 Dieppe St. Sasktoon SK S7M 3S7 384-1996

Two Three Fingers

Set of three finger skinning knives. 440C stainless steel, 416 stainless, black linen micarta, vulcanized paper.

Hand hacksawed, hand filed, hand sanded, hand peened bolster pins, hardened and tempered, polished. 13 x 4 x 2

16 x 4 x 2 \$350

40. Lynne Bowland

(Back Cover) PO Box 120, Bradwell SK SOK OPO 257-4259

Agony In Three Parts

Three panel folding screen. Glass, lead, solder, bevels, zinc, wood, paint, glue, steel rod Leaded glass panels, lead overlay. Woodwork, painting and assembly by Gordon Phillips. 173 x 130 x 2 \$2,000

Jurors' Statement

Encountering a room filled with tables supporting objects, and surrounded by walls covered by more works of art, a competition jury might be initially bewildered. Perhaps because this year's Dimensions competition attracted 163 entries—as opposed to 182 in the previous competition—there was plenty of space to enable us to examine each work without too much visual interference.

We were reminded by SCC staff that our job was to choose "35 to 40 pieces...of the best among all eligible entries...that transcend technique, that have content and that have a unique, individual expression." Our first broad choices, based on our shared preferences, reflected our respective histories in evaluating handmade objects. It became considerably more difficult to reduce the selection of objects to the maximum number permitted.

We noted both strengths and weaknesses in the body of work from which we made our selections—in metal. the nearly total absence of jewelry and forged steel work, and the total absence of metal holloware and enamelling. However, we were pleased by the superb artistry and workmanship of knifemakers, but regretted that constraints on the numbers of objects that could be exhibited prevented us from including all of the works they presented to us.

In fibre, we found some strong work in a variety of techniques—felting, quilting, weaving (both functional and purely expressive), and embroidered and beaded embellishment—even leather applique (though it reminded us that there might have been entries from native artists as in past competitions). But there was only one basket submitted, no woven table linens, no knitting, crochet or other fabric constructions.

In a province known for its high level of activity in clay, work entered was disappointing, and our selection seemed dominated by a few masterfully thrown functional forms. Several immediately appealing pieces were ultimately rejected because of flawed craftsmanship. There were no artistically successful entries that attempted purely sculptural ceramic work, and there were few examples of production pottery to review.

Glass was a surprisingly small category. From the two artists who offered work for our review, we selected work that transcended mere reliance on easy solutions. They opted for combinations with other materials for compositional harmony and visual pleasure.

Furniture showed interesting use of color and pattern. Sculptural treatment of such non-traditional materials for fine furniture as MDF (multiple density fibreboard) resulted in objects both functional and artistically original. If only the same could be said for turned wood entries; there seemed no new ground broken here, the exception being an elegantly lacquered bowl turned with assurance and with subtle details.

And, finally, we lamented the absence of work related to the book arts except for a single example of calligraphy on deerhide vellum that did not survive our reduction to the final forty examples shown.

We both wish to acknowledge, and thank, donors of award monies that help to encourage creativity and excellent craftsmanship in SCC's Dimensions competition, and the diligence and personal consideration that SCC Gallery/Exhibitions Coordinator Leslie Potter, and his assistant, Myrna Tyson, gave to this important provincial competition.

-Sandra Flood & Lloyd E. Herman

Dimensions '95 Award Donors

Premier's Prize

\$2000 donated by Saskatchewan Municipal Government for the outstanding entry

Merit Awards

4 awards totalling \$1200 donated by the Saskatchewan Craft Council

Tree Award for Excellence in Clay

\$300 worth of supplies donated by Tree, Saskatoon

Saskatchewan Woodworkers' Guild Award for Excellence in Wood

\$300 donated by the Saskatchewan Woodworkers' Guild

The Frontier Mall Award for Excellence in Fibre \$200 donated by The Frontier Mall Merchants Association, North Battleford

Prairie Lily Award for Excellence in Hand-Weaving
\$150 worth of supplies donated by Prairie Lily Knitting and Weaving Shop, Saskatoon

Elizabeth Swift Award for Excellence in Glass

\$150 donated by Daley and Associates, Regina

Wood 'n Works Merit Award \$200 worth of supplies donated by Wood 'n Works, Saskatoon

Clara Baldwin Award for Excellence in Functional and Production Ware

\$150 donated by Daley and Associates, Regina

Battleford Environmental Awareness Movement Award

\$100 donated by the Battleford Environmental Awareness Movement to the work most appropriate to their concerns.

People's Choice Award

\$400 shared donation by The Battleford Quilters (\$200) and Beaver Brook Lodge Motel, Battleford (\$200). This award is determined by votes of exhibition viewers.

Wild Blue Yonder Art Gallery Award for Excellence in Metal

\$200 donated by the Wild Blue Yonder Art Gallery, Arcola

Purchase Awards

The Town of Battleford, Battlefords Allied Arts Council

Note: The winners of the awards will be announced at the opening at the Saskatchewan Handcraft Festival, Alex Dillabough Centre, Battleford, SK. A second version of the Dimensions '95 catalogue will be available at that time with a four-page insert profiling the award winners.

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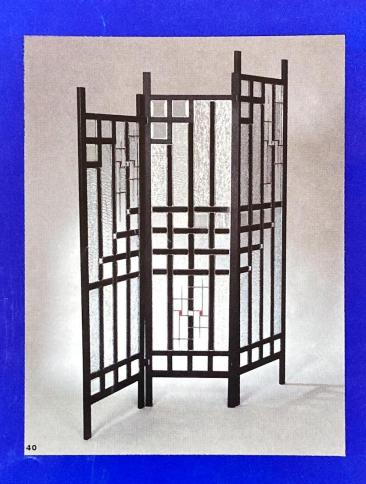
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