DIMENSIONS GROWTH 2008



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A Message from His Honour The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

It is my sincere pleasure to extend greetings on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, to all of the participants in Dimensions: Growth.

The exceptional caliber of this touring exhibit is indicative of the abundance of outstanding artists in Saskatchewan. The quality and creativity displayed in this exciting collection are most impressive. I congratulate all of the artisans whose works were selected by the jurors for this prestigious exhibition. The Saskatchewan Craft Council deserves tremendous credit for organizing this annual tour and for promoting our talented craftspeople in Saskatchewan and beyond.

Please accept my best wishes for a highly successful exhibit. Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart Lieutenant Governor Province of Saskatchewan

Dimensions Growth 2008

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Every spring the Saskatchewan Craft Council invites all Saskatchewan craftspeople to submit up to two hand crafted items for Dimensions, the only open, juried, touring exhibition of Fine Craft in the province. This year the jurors selected an exhibition of 35 works by 36 craftspeople based on the theme, "Growth". 93 craftspeople submitted 147 entries for consideration.

The ongoing success of Dimensions depends upon the generous support of a number of organizations including Saskatchewan Lotteries; the Saskatchewan Arts Board; the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture, and Sport; and the Town of Battleford.

The award donors also make a substantial contribution to Dimensions, each focusing on a different area of craft creation. The Saskatchewan Craft Council acknowledges the contributions of the award donors and greatly appreciates their ongoing commitment.

Dimensions Growth 2008 Jurors

Dimensions Growth 2008 was selected by Jamie Russell and Dr. Sandra Alfoldy.

Jamie Russell is an internationally respected wood carver from Vanscoy, Saskatchewan. He has been working in wood since 1972, more specifically as a Fine Craft artisan since the early 1980's. Jamie has been involved in numerous workshops and seminars, both as a participant and as a teacher, and this experience has shaped his exploration with wood, a process he defines as "self directed learning". His work has been accepted into Dimensions 15 times since 1980, receiving the Premier's Prize in 1996. As well, his work has received wide acclaim in the Saskatchewan Wildlife Art Association's annual show, "Reflections of Nature", juried by some of the best carvers on the continent. Jamie's work can be found throughout Western Canada and in the USA from Washington and California to Philadelphia.

Sandra Alfoldy is Professor of Craft History at Nova Scotia College of Art & Design University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She received her Ph.D in Art and Design History from Concordia University in Montreal in 2001. She has written numerous books and articles on all aspects of craft and craft history and has been a keynote speaker at several conferences every year. As well, she has been a diligent reviewer of craft writers, publishers and exhibitions, and has contributed to numerous exhibition catalogues and other publications.

The Saskatchewan Craft Council thanks Jamie and Sandra for their valuable contributions and the detailed attention they gave to every entry.

Charge to the Jurors

The Saskatchewan Craft Council entrusts highly qualified jurors with extensive knowledge of Fine Craft and different specializations to select the Dimensions exhibition. They were charged this year as follows: "We would like to clarify your roles and responsibilities regarding your Dimensions Growth jury duties. In the Juror Contract there is a requirement that you select approximately 35 items. It is your responsibility to select these works based on the SCC Standards & Jurying Criteria that we provided. Please note that the information on the various media is to assist you if you are unfamiliar with a particular craft and / or as a general reference."

"We ask that you not concern yourselves with taking on a curatorial role. It is your job to choose the best among all eligible entries. For our Dimensions exhibition, the SCC looks for works with unique, individual expression that transcend technique. They should have content as well as achieving technical and creative excellence. The SCC defines craft as follows: Fine Craft is an artistic endeavour characterized by the creation, with skill and by hand, of three dimensional work that is rooted in, and may transform, transcend, or maintain the traditions, techniques, and materials of the utilitarian object."

"For 2008, we have decided that Dimensions will also have a theme of "Growth". Entrants must interpret this literally, figuratively, spiritually, above all with creativity and innovation in Fine Craft. Each entry must have a short statement about the artist's interpretation of the theme. You will judge the entries on the basis of interpreting the theme, as well as achieving craft excellence."

"It is also your responsibility to designate items to receive the awards for this exhibition. The awards are to be chosen after the exhibition has been selected; therefore if there is no item that qualifies for a specific award, then there is no award given. It is of the utmost importance that the 'best' of craft be assembled in this exhibition; the SCC does not approve of 'token' awards...."

"Your last responsibilities are to provide education about the process of judging Fine Craft and your decisions about works entered for Dimensions Growth. We need a written statement regarding your selections, and we hold a critique session open to the public...."

Jurors' Statement





Jamie Russell

Dr. Sandra Alfoldy

When we met for the first time in the SCC gallery, it became clear that our different backgrounds in the crafts would work well as jurors for Dimensions. We taught each other a lot about how to look at particular works. We began with individual walks through to generate a starting point for our discussions, and by the end of the first day we had agreed on two-thirds of the selections. That left us with the difficult task of cutting a pool of thirty pieces roughly in half.

Our initial selection was composed of pieces that resonated with us instantly. Upon closer inspection, we determined whether the technical skill, concept or relation to the theme of "Growth" reinforced our reaction. Our individual strengths were complementary in helping us narrow down from the uniformly high quality of work before us.

While many of the makers in the show carefully considered the theme of growth as it related to nature, or personal and artistic development, it was obvious that for others it was an afterthought. We were a little disappointed in the number and quality of entries from some of our senior craftspeople, however, this was more than compensated for by the strong representation from emerging artists.

The diversity of approaches within each medium reflects the vitality of this community. We were surprised and pleased by the strength and diversity of submissions from stone carvers; however, blacksmiths were under-represented and there were very few glass pieces. Not a single stained glass object was submitted.

There were very few entries that we would not enjoy living with ourselves. We found a lot to get excited about, and the challenge was not deciding what had to be in, but what had to go out.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Premier's Prize Award for the Outstanding Entry Award for Excellence in Wood



NICOLA D'AGNONE Rouleau Lattice Reading Chair, 2007 white oak, fabric, foam, lacquer steambending, mortise and tenon joinery 78 x 85 x 66cm \$2,500.00 NFS

The design of the Lattice Reading Chair interprets growth literally through its shape. It branches out in a simple curve, similar to the natural form of the branches of an oak tree.

I have always enjoyed creating in almost any medium. In creating furniture, I am able to combine this passion with craftsmanship in creating functional art pieces.

The Lattice Reading Chair was designed for curling up with a good book. It is constructed using steam bent white oak and mortise and tenon joinery. My mother, Mary D'Agnone, is responsible for the upholstery.

All measurements are in centimetres, height precedes width, precedes depth/diameter.

Jane Turnbull Evans Award for Innovation in Craft



MICHAEL HOSALUK Saskatoon Future Species, 2008 rawhide, linen thread waxed, arbutus turned, wrapped with wet rawhide, tied with thread 8 x 55 x 10cm each \$2,200 / pair

These forms were imagined as cocoons. Emerging from them is imagined growth of new species of life.

Corinne McKay Merit Award for SCC Members



SCC Member Merit Award



ROD & DENYSE SIMAIR Prince Albert Eden, 2007 porcelain, chemicals wheel thrown and altered, crystalline glazing 57 x 27 x 27cm \$15,000

This piece marks a significant development in ceramic history. From the unfurling of its petals to the growth rings of the crystals, and even the gradation from dark to light, *Eden* signifies a dynamic rebirth and growth in the new Crystalline Renaissance.

Eden is a delicate crystalline porcelain vase which is hand thrown and sculpturally formed. The brilliant crystals have captured great clarity against the depth of tonal changes of the background. Our inspiration for creating is a spiritual journey drawn through prayer.

CINDY LEA HOPPE Biggar Season of Growth, 2008

recycled, overdyed wool patchwork, machine embroidery, hand embroidery fabric crayon 129 x 46cm \$600

After Pentecost in the Christian calendar, the season is all about growth. To me, that's all about the changes I see in the landscape around me from spring planting to harvest.

Award for Excellence in Craft



JANE A. EVANS

Stream in a Forest/Forest in a Stream, 2007 textile paint; cotton, polyester, rayon threads warp thread painting, weaving, machine and hand embroidery 46 x 36 x 3.5cm framed \$2.880

This stream fosters two forests. One is firmly rooted along the banks and is the essence of growth, simultaneously maturing, decaying, and regenerating. A shimmering second forest emerges where the water and the real forest combine visually.

The dual-version scene encouraged my skills to grow through exploring more painting and less stitching than I usually do in a piece.

Award for Excellence in Glass



LEE BRADY

Saskatoon Forest Blind, 2008 glass, aluminium silver stain fused glass, kiln textured and kiln formed 47 x 58.5 x 9.5cm \$1.900

Through time, birds have engaged the dense, rich, random confusion of the forest growth as a camouflage for their future offspring. As the light filters through and around foliage, new colours and shadows emerge to engulf the precious new generation.

Award for Excellence in Quilting Award for Excellence in Surface Design



ANNA HERGERT

Moose Jaw The City - Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, 2007 hand-dyed and discharged cottons, commercial cotton, acetate, polyester sheer, paint

machine and hand appliqué, stamping, printing, machine and hand stitching 150 x 270 x 5cm \$8.100

Award for Excellence in Textiles



Growth of urban centres occurs on the periphery first and the result is a neglected inner city - a true challenge for architects and urban planners. Today we witness a transition focusing on rejuvenating downtown areas. As for tomorrow: Look toward European cities where we witness the preservation and renovation of old buildings, painted in cheerful colours with trees and vines growing from rooftops and balconies — Utopia? Maybe not!

ALISON PHILIPS

Saskatoon Dogwood Shawl, 2007 silk, tea dye handwoven, dyed in tea 202 x 76cm \$400

This shawl represents personal growth for my weaving as I have never attempted a piece of this size in silk before.

Award for Excellence in Metal



MEGAN J. HAZEL Regina Brooch, 2008 14K gold, sterling silver, copper rollerprinting, forging, engraving 2.5 x 8.5 x 1 cm \$339 This brooch started out from a few design drawings, then smoothly took a direction of its own. Copper, sterling silver and 14K yellow gold were soldered and formed together to construct this brooch. Rollerprinting and engraving bring the leaf texture to the surface.

Award for Excellence in Clay Town of Battleford Purchase Award



PAULA COOLEY Saskatoon Creeper, 2008 stoneware, underglazes hand-built, carved, fired in oxidation 14 x 25 x 10cm \$375

I consider Creeper a 'growth form': a form that suggests germination and fecundity without being tied to a recognizable species. Creeper celebrates the natural world's innate capacity for growth and survival.

Award for Excellence in Functional & Production Ware



ROSE ANNE WATIER / JUDE MARSHALL Big River Hand dipped beeswax candles, 2008 beeswax, cotton wick hand dipped 65 x 7 x 7cm (large) 63 x 4 x 4cm (small) \$289.30 for both NFS

mwCandles.com creates unique sculptures as practical art. Environmentally green natural beeswax was the original air freshener. Our candles are individually and completely hand dipped. Oxygen, trapped in the 20 to 75 layers, increases the burn rate.

Award for Best Interpretation of the Theme Growth



LAURA KINZEL

Saskatoon Whirligirls: The Spinsterhood, 2008 buttons, beads, fabric, metallic and plastic wire, thread, wool, metal stand needle felting, beading, crochet, sewing 61 x 35 x 45cm \$1,500 NFS

This piece is like a cotton candy tornado, whirling with the growing strength of women who have found their power though life's experiences. It is part of my "stretchmarks" series, about my life as a middle-aged female.

Award for Excellence in Craft by an Emerging Artist



SHELLY WESTBERG

Saltcoats Willow Basket, 2008 red dogwood weavers, natural willow frame freehand basket weaving 27.5 x 60 x 24cm \$100 NFS

As a basket maker I depend on the new growth of the willow to weave my baskets. With the growth theme I intentionally looked for willow that I would not alter after cutting. Both the new and old growth is intact and visible. For me this was also a personal growth experience as a basket maker. I did not have the usual control over the end product. In a way the basket 'grew' as I wove taking on its own shape and beauty.



LINDA BILLO

MEL BOLEN

Octopus Love, 2007

glazed, salt vapour fired 28 x 38 x 33cm \$1,800 NFS

stoneware clay, glaze, terra sigillata

wheel thrown, altered, impressed, slipped,

Humboldt

Saskatoon Creation, 2008 glass, iridized glass, pattern bars fusing, sandblasting, slumping 5 x 37 x 37cm \$700



SELECTED PARTICIPANTS



MELODY ARMSTRONG

Reging Propagation, 2008 sterling silver, patina, hessonite garnet fold forming, patina, stone setting 29 x 4 x 1.7cm \$400



NICOLA D'AGNONE

Rouleau Untitled Display Cabinet, 2007 mahogany, ash, bronze rods, lacquer, stain wood joinery, veneering 110 x 51 x 31cm \$2,700



BARBARA DAWSON

Saskatoon Kaleidoscope Collection, 2007 cotton fabrics; rayon, metallic, and alitter threads machine pieced, machine quilted 121 x 138 x 1cm \$1,200 NFS



MICHAEL HOSALUK & LAURA HOSALUK

Saskatoon Strange Growth on Platter X, 2008 curly maple acrylic colours turning, drawing, colouring 4.5 x 51 x 51cm \$1,600





Meacham Running Amuck, 2008 wool, silk, cotton and silk threads, metal stickpins, glass beads hand dyeing, hand felting, wrapping, beading 25 x 25 x 57cm \$585





JUDY HARALDSON

Saskatoon Diagonal Top, 2006 Tencel rayon, polyester sewing thread handwoven, bias folded, machine and hand sewn women's medium size \$350



SUSAN KARGUT Saskatoon Kimono for the Planting Moon, 2008 wool, silk, cotton, mohair, synthetic yarns intarsia handknitting 104 x 133 x 1cm \$525

JUNE J. JACOBS



SHELLEY KASZEFSKI Saskatoon Body Language, 2007 soapstone, oil, wax handcarved 28 x 20 x 17cm \$1,000



CATHRYN MILLER

Grasswood Tower of Babel (2/5),2008 acid-free cardstock and paper, davey board, block printing ink, PVA box construction, block printing, giclée printing, handcutting 8 x 6.25 x 6.25cm (closed) \$500

G.R. MISKOLCZI Saskatoon Showboat, 2007 bronze, wood base lost wax casting, patina 53 x 53 x 23cm \$3.900





ROWAN PANTEL Saskatoon

Fort á la Corne, Trail 2 (state II), 2007 waterless lithography inks, Mulberry natural and Lennox papers waterless lithography, rice paper chine-colle to Lennox 133 x 79.5 x 4.5cm \$900

LEON LACOURSIERE Delmas Jarrah, 2008 wood hand turned 11 x 16 x 16cm \$850





MONIQUE MARTIN

Saskatoon Dangling Carrots - Fame, Fortune, Happiness, 2008 ink, rice paper, thread linocut, hand printed 90 x 32 x 3cm \$250



ARTHUR PERLETT

DON PELL

Bellevue Spring, 2008 blown glass and forged steel traditional blacksmithing and glass blowing 71 x 15 x 14cm (vertical hanging) \$1,300



ANITA ROCAMORA

Meacham Sprout I, 2006 porcelain, oxides handbuilt, wood fired 42 x 11 x 12cm \$350

Asquith Ripple, 2008 quilted western maple, cherry, oil and lacquer finish traditional woodworking techniques, bent lamination 42 x 74 x 47cm \$950





MARK PORCINA Regina

Untitled, 2007 stoneware clay wheel thrown, hand decorated 70 x 25 x 17cm \$1,000





LARRY TRASK Nipawin Weed Play, 2008 Brazilian soapstone, oil finish carved 43 x 31 x 25cm





SASKATCHEWAN CRAFT COUNCIL gallery

EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

CONTAINED

Exhibition of textile, metal, wood and ceramic works which probe the meaning of the container in Newfoundland and Labrador. June 13 - August 3, 2008 Reception: Friday, June 20, 7 - 9pm

KAIJA SANELMA HARRIS - WEAVER

New Works representing the culmination of her remarkable career as one of Canada's finest textile artists. Curated by Cathryn Miller. August 8 - September 28, 2008 Reception: Friday, August 8, 7 - 9pm

SASKATCHEWAN FLAME

Contemporary wood fired ceramics demonstrating the use of wood for klins and the effects that flame and ash leave on pots. Curated by Charley Farrero. October 3 - November 23, 2008 Reception: Friday, October 3, 7 - 9pm

DIMENSIONS - GROWTH

SCC's open, Juried, touring exhibition of Saskatchewan Fine Craft with a theme of "growth." November 28, 2008 - January 11, 2009 Reception: Friday, November 28, 7 - 9pm

ELEMENTAL CONNECTIONS

An exploration of the relationship between craft and sustainability, addressing vital Issues such as environmental Impact and going green. Curated by Arlene Gehring and organized by the Ontario Crafts Council. January 16 - February 22, 2009 (tentative)

Please check the SCC website for updated listings at www.saskcraftcouncil.org



Dimensions - Growth 2008

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Chapel Gallery North Battleford, SK June 1 - July 20, 2009

Barr Colony Heritage Cultural Centre Lloydminster, SK August 1 - September 30, 2009

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Other venues to be announced. Dates may be subject to change.

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