

Introduction

This invitational exhibition brings together thirty-five creative artists from the amazing world of Northern California fine art metal-smithing. It features a wide variety of stylistic work by some of the region's premiere metalsmiths as well as rising new talents. Pieces on display range from delicately wrought jewelry and fabricated sculptures to more massive hand-forged creations. These art forms descend from a rich lineage that includes centuries of silver and goldsmith techniques, the lavish sculptural Fabergé eggs, a century of modern art design, and the folk art ingenuity of the historic village blacksmith.

In Northern California we are fortunate to have many well-respected metal arts instructional programs such as those at Humbolt State University in Arcata, the California College

of the Arts in Oakland, and at our own Mendocino Art Center. Many of the artists in this show have taught classes there as well as at other regional educational institutions. This continuing strength of instruction and resulting network of quality graduates has created a renaissance of metalsmithing production and experimentation. We applaud these artists and their commitment to craftsmanship while forging new traditions of metalsmithing in both vision and materials.

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Guest Curator and Metalsmith

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Grace Hudson Museum Curator



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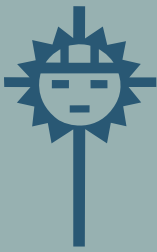
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3) *In Vent Ion* by Adam Clark
4) *Tamagosya* by Marilyn da Silva
5) *Cage Ring* by Christine Dhein
6) *Tambourine Bracelet* by Dana Driver
7) *Kelp Door Study* by Toby Hickman
8) *Instruction Manual for the Moon II* by Judith Hoffman
9) *Tagetes Target* by Kimberly Keyworth
10) *Tree Bed* by Shawn Lovell
11) *Warming Trends* by René Roberts
12) *Burnt Offering XIII* by Judy Stone
13) *Patch* by Canute Sweeney
14) *Copa d´ Oro* by Linda Weiss



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