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Handmade Holiday at CRAFTBOSTON!

*Presented by The Society of Arts and Crafts at the Cyclorama in the
Boston Center for the Arts December 10-12, 2010*

You like the idea of making gifts for your family and friends but, let's face it, we are all not as skilled as we want to be to make something truly professional and creative. At Craftboston Holiday all that you will see is professional, unique and absolutely beautiful contemporary crafts. This is not your typical craft show. Craftboston Holiday features 90 of the most innovative craft artists of our time, showcasing one-of-a-kind and limited-edition pieces in baskets, ceramics, decorative fiber, art-to-wear, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, paper and wood. It's an amazing opportunity for creative shoppers, collectors and those who are looking for the perfect gift to complete their holiday shopping!

Below is a selection of some of the amazing artists that you will see and have the opportunity to meet and buy their works at Craftboston Holiday 2010.



James Guggina makes pottery that celebrates the rituals of everyday life like drinking your morning cup of coffee or eating a sandwich at lunchtime. James started as a painter in school and found ceramics filled the need to add another dimension to his work. He enjoyed the tactile quality of the clay and it made his drawings and patterns come to life.



Carolyn Morris Bach has developed her jewelry representing the powers of sun, moon, wind, rain, stones, plants and a selection of animals over the past 25 years. Carolyn uses traditional materials like gold, silver and copper as well as more unique ones like bone, ivory and goat hairs.



Selma Karaca was born in Turkey where she studied painting and started her career in fashion with a successful unique hat company. She moved to New York in 1999 to start her own clothing line. Each garment is hand stitched, painted and pleated in her studio to create a distinctive design embedded with her emotional energy.



JM Syron and Bonnie Bishoff have been collaborating on furniture since 1987. They are primarily known for their wood carving and intricate polymer clay veneers. Their imagery is bright, colorful and reminiscent of design structures found in nature.



Robert Mathews grew up in a shoemaking family and learned the basics of his craft at an early age. He is an expert pattern maker and dedicated problem solver who listens to his clients needs. Barbara has a talent for color and design and together they have built a business that creates work with high quality and excellent design and style.



Borrowing from science fiction and fact, Mike Libby customizes real insect specimens with antique watch parts and other technological components. From ladybugs to grasshoppers, each is individually hand adorned and original - a unique celebration of the contradictions and confluences between nature and technology.

Craftboston Holiday details:
Friday, December 11, 10am-8pm
Saturday, December 12, 10am-7pm
Sunday, December 13, 11am-5pm

Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts
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