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“CERAMICS IN THE ENVIRONMENT” CELEBRATES WORK BY GLASSELL SCHOOL OF ART STUDENTS

at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft December 7, 2024 – March 8, 2025

Ceramics in the Environment

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Craft Garden

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4848 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002

Exhibition Web Page

<https://crafthouston.org/exhibition/ceramics-in-the-environment-2024/>

Hours & Admission

Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 AM – 5 PM. Fall and winter holidays: Closed November 28 for Thanksgiving Day and December 25, 2024 – January 1, 2025. Admission is free.

(HOUSTON, TX) October 22, 2024 – Installed in the Craft Garden at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft (HCCC), *Ceramics in the Environment* features site-specific ceramic sculpture created by students from the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH)'s Glassell School of Art. Led by former HCCC resident artist Jeff Forster, the artists in his Special Topics class are tasked with exploring the narrative potential of the location and creating artwork inspired by the garden's flora and fauna.

The fifth iteration of this exhibition series, this year's show features work by the Fall 2024 student cohort: Julianna Bray, Randy Cecil, Jane Greenberg, Una Kirkpatrick, Karina "Aimee" Kudla, Alicia LeBlanc, Maria Raquel Morales, Nicole O'Bryan, Mara Cavalcanti Reid, Suzette Schutze, Franki Starr, Sabine Triplett, and Gita Vanwoerden. Visitors will see interactive sculptures inspired by avian life, an imagined visual network of a live tree, contemporary "dialogues" within and between natural elements, and thought-provoking installations that challenge perceptions about the environment.

Ceramics in the Environment was developed in partnership between MFAH's Glassell School of Art and Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. The exhibition was curated by HCCC Curatorial Fellow, Zaynab Hilal.

Day of Clay & Opening Reception

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Visitors are invited to celebrate the ceramic arts through a fun day of family-friendly activities, demonstrations, exhibitions, and holiday shopping at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. The day's events are free and open to the public.

Hands-on Houston: Ceramic Ornaments (indoors), 11 AM – 3 PM

Visitors of all ages are invited to embrace the holiday spirit by decorating a bisque-fired clay ornament with watercolor paints.

ClayHouston's Bayou City Clay Crawl (parking lot), 11 AM – 4 PM

This fun event provides the public with a unique opportunity to purchase hundreds of one-of-a-kind ceramic pieces created by more than 40 ClayHouston member artists. Visitors will enjoy demonstrations of various ceramic techniques, and those who purchase items will be eligible for prizes drawn throughout the day.

Ceramics in the Environment Opening Reception (Craft Garden), 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Visitors are invited to enjoy refreshments as they explore site-specific ceramic sculptures created by students from the MFAH's Glassell School of Art and inspired by the Craft Garden's flora and fauna.

About Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

Serving as a treasured resource in the Houston arts community for more than 20 years, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft (HCCC) is a nonprofit visual arts center dedicated to advancing education about the process, product, and history of craft. HCCC showcases emerging and acclaimed artists in exhibitions, introduces visitors of all ages to contemporary craft through hands-on programming, and supports the development of working artists through its artist residency and retail programs.

HCCC is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM – 5 PM. **Fall and winter closures: November 28 (Thanksgiving Day) and December 25, 2024 – January 1, 2025.** Admission is free. HCCC is located in the Museum District at 4848 Main Street, three blocks south of the Wheeler Ave. MetroRail station. Free parking is available directly behind the facility, off Rosedale and Travis Street.

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