

Join art lovers and artists for

Spring Craft Weekend

The James Renwick Alliance Annual Gala Weekend
Celebrate American Contemporary Craft Art

Thur 22 thru **Sun 25**
APRIL **APRIL**

EXPERIENCE four intriguing days
and evenings of art events.

JOIN US in honoring
three Distinguished Educators.

SAVOR an exquisite dinner
created by celebrity chef Carla Hall.

PARTICIPATE in auctions offering
unique craft art and personal experiences.

ENJOY dinner at the home of one of our
distinguished collectors.



Weekend proceeds help support the
Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum.



Spring Craft Weekend

Attire: Fun, funky and artful

**Thur 22
APRIL
6:30–8:30pm**

Private Reception at Embassy of Ireland

2234 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

**Fri 23
APRIL
9am–3pm**

Craft Leaders Caucus Day

A Touch of Ireland in Washington, DC

- Visit to private collections.
- Lunch with an Emerald Isle theme.

6:30–9pm

At the Circus, Patrons Dinner

Long View Gallery,

1234 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC

- Dinner in festive circus atmosphere with strolling entertainers.
- Special menu with craft theme created by Top Chef finalist Carla Hall.

9–11pm

At the Circus, Après Dinner Reception and Silent Auction

Long View Gallery,

1234 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC

- Grand finale is a dessert buffet by chef Carla Hall.
- Silent auction of an eclectic mix of contemporary art created by regional and national artists.

Spring Craft Weekend Schedule – Continued

**Sat 24
APRIL
10:30am–
12:30pm**

2010 Spring Craft Weekend Symposium
Panel: How Craft Makes its Way into the World
*Nan Tucker McEvoy Auditorium,
Smithsonian American Art Museum,
8th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC*

6–8pm

Gala Cocktails and Live Auction
The Ballroom, 5221 Landy Lane, Bethesda, MD

- Gala cocktails at the elegant Ballroom.
- Live auction including work by this year's JRA honorees.

8:30–11pm

Gala Dinners

- Dinner parties hosted at private homes of JRA members.
- Fabulous contemporary art collections.

Kindly return separate card with dinner party selection.

**Sun 25
APRIL
10:30am–1pm**

Distinguished Educators Awards Brunch
The St. Regis, 923 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC

- Brunch honoring James Renwick Alliance Distinguished Educators for 2010:
Randy Johnston, Mark Sfirri, and Yoshiko Wada.
- Presentation of awards followed by remarks by awardees.

At the Circus

Patrons Dinner & Auction

Friday, April 23, 2010

Join us as a Weekend Patron

At the Circus—Hors d'oeuvres

Truffled Popcorn | Lobster Corn Dogs | Cotton Candy Foie Gras
Haute Dogs | Iced Cream Cones

Specialty Cocktails

Vodka lemonade snow cones | Gingered lime daiquiri slurpees

Dinner

Amuse-Bouche ➤ Clay 🍷

Edible antiqued porcelain “egg cup” filled with cauliflower mousse topped with smoked wild trout roe.

Fish Course ➤ Glass 🍷

Fresh Yukon salmon on a pool of lemon-pepper foam topped with baby spring asparagus and presented under sheets of onion glass with a mosaic of tomato, parsley and fennel gelee.

Entrée ➤ Wood 🍷

Locally-sourced spring lamb shanks braised “on the wood” and served with white oak-smoked lamb loin skewered on rosemary branches, sautéed morels, naturally sculpted hen-of-the-woods mushrooms, baby spring peas, fresh pea shoots and carved polenta towers.

Local Artisanal Breads

Salad Course ➤ Fiber 🍷

Quilted red and green radicchio topped with frisee yarn and huckleberry ribbons, drizzled with yuzu vinaigrette and presented with a woven Parmesan nest filled with goat cheese buttons.

Dessert ➤ Metal* 🍷

A buffet of desserts, presented with edible metal elements.

French press coffee

*The dessert course, dessert wines and coffee will be served during the Après Dinner Reception and Silent Auction.



The 2010 Spring Craft Weekend Symposium

Sat 24
APRIL
10:30am–
12:30pm

Nan Tucker McEvoy Auditorium
Smithsonian American Art Museum

Panel Discussion: *How Craft Makes its Way into the World*

Exploration of the role of the educator and educational models, such as studio atelier, apprenticeships, and large studios, in helping craft make the transition to the marketplace without losing the inspiration and integrity of the hand-made.

Panel Moderator

Paul Greenhalgh, President and Director,
Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design

Panel Members

Randy J. Johnston*, Professor, Ceramics
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Mark S. Sfirri*, Professor, Bucks County Community College
and Coordinator of the Fine Woodworking Program

Yoshiko I. Wada*, Visiting Scholar at the Center for Japanese Studies
University of California at Berkeley

David Yurman, Designer
Founder of David Yurman Design

Robert Devers, Coordinator of Ceramics
Corcoran College of Art + Design

Tamara Laird, Associate Faculty
Corcoran College of Art + Design

**James Renwick Alliance Distinguished Educator for 2010.*

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APRIL**

9am–3pm

Craft Leaders Caucus Day

A Touch of Ireland in Washington, DC

Weekend Patrons and Craft Leaders Caucus members.

Tickets: \$90 per person for Caucus members.

Buses depart Mayflower Hotel, DeSales Street NW,
Washington, DC at 9am and return no later than 3pm.

6:30–9pm

At the Circus, Patrons Dinner

Long View Gallery,

1234 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC

Weekend Patrons

Attire: Fun and funky.

Valet: No charge. On-street parking available.

9–11 pm

**At the Circus, Après Dinner Reception
and Silent Auction**

Long View Gallery,

1234 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC

Weekend Patrons and ticket-holders.

Tickets: \$50 per person.

Attire: Fun and funky.

Valet: \$10. On-street parking available.

Access Information – Continued

**Sat 24
APRIL**

10:30am–12:30pm

2010 Spring Craft Weekend Symposium

Nan Tucker McEvoy Auditorium,
Smithsonian American Art Museum
8th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC
Enter on 8th and G Streets.

No charge. Open to the public.

On-street parking available.

6–8pm

Gala Cocktails and Live Auction

The Ballroom, 5221 Landy Lane, Bethesda, MD

Weekend Patrons and ticket-holders.

Tickets: \$295 per person; \$240 under age 40; \$195 Artists.

Attire: Artful

Valet at The Ballroom: No charge.

8:30–11pm

Gala Dinners

Dinner party location and directions will be emailed
the week prior to Spring Craft Weekend.

**Sun 25
APRIL**

10:30am–1pm

Distinguished Educators Awards Brunch

The St. Regis, 923 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC

Weekend Patrons and ticket-holders.

Tickets: \$95 per person.

Valet: \$25 at hotel. On-street parking available.

Thank You

*The James Renwick Alliance thanks
the individuals and organizations listed below
for their support of Spring Craft Weekend*

Weekend Hosts:

Elizabeth Broun,
*The Margaret and
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Nicholas Bell, *Curator*,
Renwick Gallery
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Art Museum

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Gala Dinner Hosts:

Carolyn Alper
Marilyn and John Barrett
Barbara and Arnold Berlin
Fleur and Charles Bresler
Diane and Marc Grainer
Reba and Mark Immergut
Shirley Jacobs
Leslie and Bruce Lane
Anne Mehringer and
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Sandy and Norman Mitchell
Gwen and Jerome Paulson

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Tamara Laird
Jan Maddox
Rebecca Stevens



Gala Dinner Parties

Cocktails & Live Auction

Sat 24
APRIL
6pm–11pm

Begin the evening at The Ballroom with cocktails and a live auction of contemporary craft art by nationally recognized artists, including work by this year's JRA honorees.

After the auction ends at 8pm, drive to the home of one of eleven JRA host members for a delicious dinner and lively conversation, surrounded by a unique collection of art.

The hosts and the art that can be seen are:

- 🎨 **Carolyn Alper**, *Washington, DC* – An eclectic collection of contemporary art, craft and studio furniture.
- 🎨 **Marilyn and Jack Barrett**, *Bethesda, MD* – A collection of contemporary ceramics, studio furniture and other craft media.
- 🎨 **Barbara and Arnold Berlin**, *Potomac, MD* – An eclectic collection of craft and antiques.
- 🎨 **Fleur and Charles Bresler**, *Rockville, MD* – A contemporary craft art collection with a focus on turned wood.
- 🎨 **Diane and Marc Grainer**, *Potomac, MD* – A collection covering all craft media with a special emphasis on contemporary British material.
- 🎨 **Reba and Mark Immergut**, *Potomac, MD* – An eclectic collection of contemporary craft art.
- 🎨 **Shirley Jacobs**, *Chevy Chase, MD* – A collection of African primitive and contemporary fiber and ceramic craft art.
- 🎨 **Leslie and Bruce Lane**, *Bethesda, MD* – An eclectic collection of contemporary art, craft and studio furniture.
- 🎨 **Anne Mehringer and Terry Beaty**, *Bethesda, MD* – An eclectic collection of contemporary ceramics and other craft art media.
- 🎨 **Sandy and Norman Mitchell**, *Potomac, MD* – An eclectic collection of contemporary art with focus on paintings, glass and ceramics.
- 🎨 **Gwen and Jerome Paulson**, *Alexandria, VA* – A collection of contemporary glass from around the world, turned wood, fiber and studio furniture.

