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## **July is a Hot Month for Artist Opportunities!**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (June 21, 2016) – Tennessee Craft has three big deadlines coming up in July for artists! The Best of Tennessee Craft, Tennessee Craft Week and the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Tennessee Craft Fair are great opportunities for artists to show and sell their work while connecting with the community.

Don't miss the chance to be considered for the **Best of Tennessee Craft Exhibition**, this fall's exclusive statewide exhibition! Cash awards including a **\$1,000 Best of Show**. Guest juror Annie Carlano, senior curator of craft, design and fashion at the Mint Museum in Charlotte, North Carolina, says of the submissions, "I look for sensitivity to materials, skillfulness and originality. Objects that have the 'WOW' factor can be large and colorful or small and subtle, displaying a quiet beauty."

The indoor juried exhibit will be held at the Reece Museum, from **August 22 through December 02, 2016**, located on the campus of East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee. If you're a craft artist living in Tennessee, there's still time to put the finishing touches on your latest masterpiece and show us what you've got – just be sure to enter by the midnight **July 5 deadline!** **Apply online at <http://bit.ly/BestOfTNCraft>**

**Tennessee Craft Week, October 7-16, 2016**, is a collection of craft events and happenings across the state each October. The purpose is to connect and celebrate craft artists, the work they create, and the businesses that support them. By focusing attention on many craft events in a short time, we shine a spotlight on the collective impact that *Made in Tennessee* craft has on our culture, community and economy. Send Tennessee Craft your event details and photos. We will help boost media attention and draw people to your event. **Visit <http://bit.ly/TNCraftWeek> to learn how to get involved and submit your event! Deadline is July 15!**

It's time to get ready for the **38th Annual Fall Tennessee Craft Fair on September 23-25** in Centennial Park, Nashville. Tennessee Craft is now accepting artist applications! 45,000+ attendees, 24-hour security, complimentary artist breakfast & parking, load-in & out behind booth, new jury panel every fair plus professional advertising & promotion. **Deadline for entry is July 15. For more info and to apply online, go to <http://bit.ly/2016FallFairApp>.**

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### *About Tennessee Craft*

The Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA) is now Tennessee Craft. Since 1965, the organization has worked to continue and create Tennessee's fine craft tradition. With more than 500 members throughout the state, Tennessee Craft serves as the premier connecting point for local, independent makers and their audiences through Craft Fairs, exhibitions, professional development and educational programs.

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