

TENNESSEE CRAFT

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50th Annual Spring Tennessee Craft Fair Awards Best of Show and Merit Awards Presented to Artists

Nashville, TN (May 13, 2021) Tennessee Craft announces the [50th Annual Spring Tennessee Craft Fair Awards](#), presented Saturday, May 8. Every spring, Tennessee Craft presents awards to select exhibitors in recognition of their fine work. These awards fulfill the mission of Tennessee Craft to create opportunities for independent craft artists to thrive through talent growth, professional development and unique exhibition events.

Guest Juror Curtis Benzle of Huntsville, AL awarded top honors (below) and says, "After the 'COVID art festival void,' I had no idea what to expect from the Tennessee Craft Spring Fair. There could have easily have been twice the number of awards based on the quality of artwork on display. Congratulations and thanks to Tennessee Craft for overcoming the challenges and delighting us all, once again, with wonderful art and artists."

Lisa Mote – BEST OF SHOW (Glass) – Newborn, GA
Larry Allen – BEST NEW EXHIBITOR (Clay) – Leeds, AL
Colleen Williams – MERIT (Jewelry) – Chattanooga
Jonathan Rose – MERIT (Metal) – Thompson's Station
James Ryan Davis – MERIT (Wood) – Cave City, KY
Randy McCurdy – MERIT (Glass) – Wartrace
Don Tran – MERIT (Fiber/Textile) – St. Louis, MO
Chris Armstrong – MERIT (Fiber/Textile) – Nashville
Jenn Cole – MERIT (Clay) – Cookeville

Emerging Makers Tent **Juror Keavy Murphree** of Nashville chose to honor:

Monya Nikahd – BEST EMERGING MAKER (Fiber/Textile) – Cookeville
Susan Lawless – MERIT (Clay) – Clarksville
Amanda Kohr – BEST DISPLAY (Clay) – Memphis
Colleen Kay – BEST FRESH IDEA (Fiber/Textile) – Monteagle
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The Tennessee Craft Fairs offer fair goers and patrons unique fine art and craft worth collecting, directly from juried, award-winning craft artists worth supporting. The

exhibitions provide the public numerous opportunities to meet the artists, admire their creativity and learn what inspires them.

Learn more about Tennessee Craft Fairs at tennesseecraft.org/events/craft-fairs.

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About Tennessee Craft: Tennessee Craft, formerly The Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA), works 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, networking, mentorship and other educational programs. Visit tennesseecraft.org to learn more.