

TENNESSEE CRAFT

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51st Annual Spring Tennessee Craft Fair Awards Best of Show and Merit Awards Presented to Artists

Nashville, TN (May 12, 2022) Tennessee Craft announces the [51st Annual Spring Tennessee Craft Fair Awards](#), presented Saturday, May 7. 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 David J. Reyes, the Curator of Exhibitions and Collections at the Huntsville Museum of Art (AL), awarded top prizes (below) and says, "It was an honor and a privilege to be the awards juror for the 2022 Spring Tennessee Craft Fair. This event has a well-deserved reputation for excellence in the region and this year's fair was no exception. Selecting the award winners out of the outstanding examples of craft that I experienced was not easy. There were so many artists with work that reflected a reverence for the traditions of the past while also propelling craft forward—keeping it relevant in the modern era."

Larry Allen – BEST OF SHOW (Clay) – Leeds, AL
Kelsey Smith – BEST NEW EXHIBITOR (Clay) – Murfreesboro
Olivier & Nathalie Boutaud – MERIT (Leather) – Nashville
Todd Herzberg – MERIT (Printmaking) – Madison
Wiwat Kamolpornwijit – MERIT (Jewelry) – Alexandria, VA
Ansley Larsson – MERIT (Jewelry) – Memphis
Allison Norfleet Bruenger – MERIT (Jewelry) – Saint Louis, MO
Roger & Renae Poer – MERIT (Jewelry) – Sylvan Springs, AL
Vickie Vipperman – MERIT (Fiber/Textile) – Kingston Springs

Emerging Makers Tent **Juror Camilla Spadafino** of Nashville chose to honor:
Wayne Edwards – BEST EMERGING MAKER (Mixed Media/Other) – Pleasant Hill
Kathleen Janke – MERIT (Basketry, Painting) – Townsend
Camille Cohen – BEST DISPLAY (Clay) – Nashville
Brian Melton – BEST FRESH IDEA (Wood) – Knoxville
Tennessee Craft–Midstate (Mentor: Eva Bascompte-Moragas) – BEST COLLABORATION

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.