

## HGA's Convergence 2006 Grand Rapids Gallery Guide

HGA's Convergence 2006 welcomes you to visit the following galleries before, during and after Convergence in Grand Rapids. These galleries feature fantastic fiber art shown in conjunction with Convergence 2006, HGA's biennial fiber art conference. Many galleries listed here are open for an Evening Gallery Crawl Friday, June 30th, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm—so mark your calendar now for an event not to be missed.

### Grand Rapids

**Art Beat**, Surface Design, Michigan Surface Design, May 30–July 2, 145 Diamond SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, 616-301-3535, Tues.–Fri. 11:00 am–6:00 pm, Sat. 11:00 am–4:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Calvin College**, Center Art Gallery, *In the Grand Scheme: California Fibers at Convergence*, California Fiber Artists. Charlotte Bird, Christie Dunning, Carol Lang, Valentyna Royenko, Michael Rohde, Anne Abendroth, Peggy Wiedemann, Polly Jacobs Giacchina, Cameron Taylor-Brown, Gail Fraser, Cathey Byrd, Bob Leathers, Doshi, Susan Hart Henegar, Jacy Diggins and Carrie Burckle, June 5–July 1, 3201 Burton SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49456, 616-526-6271, Mon.–Fri. 9:00 am–5:00 pm, Sat. 12:00 pm–4:00 pm, June 30 9:00 am–9:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Calvin College**, 106 South Division Gallery, *I Felt Like It, Nuno Felt*, Mary Burks, June 5–July 1, 106 South Division, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-526-6271, June 5–25 by Appointment, June 26–30 9:00 am–5:00 pm, July 1 9:00 am–9:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Degraaf Fine Art**, Tapestry, Monique Lehman/Jan Friedman, 190 Monroe NW, Ste. 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-774-2121, Tues.–Sat. 11:00 am–7:00 pm

**Destination 1111**, 1111 Godfrey SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-334-3218, Mon.–Sat. 10:00 am–4:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

*Grand Fibers Show*, Michigan League of Handweavers, June 21–July 7

*On Your Remark*, Ten artists from Cranbrook Academy of Arts Fibers Department, June 21–July 7

Works by Andrea Anderson, June 17–July 7

*The Founders Show*, Michael Pavona, Jason Quigno and Geary Jones, June 21–July 7

**DeVos Place Convention Center**, 303 Monroe, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-742-6500, Gallery Hours: Wed., Thurs. 11:45 am–5:00 pm, Fri. 11:45 am–9:00 pm, Sat. 11:45 am–3:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

Convergence 2006 Grand Rapids Exhibits:

*Spin A Grand Strand*, June 28–July 1

*Fiber Art: Cutting Edge Grandeur*, Multimedia Fiber Art Exhibit, June 28–July 1

*Make A Grand Entrance: Wearable Art Fashion Show*, June 29, and Exhibit, June 30–July 1

*Creative Grand Crossings, Multimedia Interlacements*, June 28–July 1

*Grand Inspirations: HGA Leaders Invitational Exhibit*, June 28–July 1

*HGA Certificate of Excellence Exhibit*, June 28–July 1

**Fountain Street Church**, *Celebration!: Spiritual Exhibit*, June 24–August 19, 24 Fountain St., Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-452-0424, Mon.–Fri. 9:00 am–5:00 pm, Sat. 9:00 am–12:00, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park**, *The Grand Welcome*, HGA Multimedia and textile techniques banners, June 14–September 4, 1000 East Beltline, Grand Rapids, MI 49525, 888-957-1580, Mon.–Sat. 9:00 am–5:00 pm, Tues. 9:00 am–9:00 pm, Sun. 12:00 pm–5:00 pm

**Gallery 154**, Doll Art by Jennifer Gould and Weaving by Jochen Ditterich and Jayne Schafer, June 15–July 14, 1456 Lake Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 49056, 616-454-2154, Mon.–Fri. 11:00 am–6:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Gallery 800**, 800 Monroe NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-233-9195, Mon.–Thurs. 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Fri. 10:00 am–7:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am–3:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

*Allergy Tapestries* by Lynn Butler Mayne, Lynn Butler Mayne, June 25–July 2

*Scarves & Jackets* by Pam Arquette, June 25–July 2

**Gerald R. Ford Museum**, 303 Pearl NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, 616-451-9263, daily 9:00 am–5:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

*Small Expressions 2006*, 35 small scale works from 6 countries, June 23–August 13

*Great Lengths: Yardage*, June 23–August 13

*ABATAKA*, Mary Fisher, June 23–August 13

*Starting From One: A Progressive Collaboration*, June 23–August 13

The Ford Museum's permanent collection includes several of First Lady Betty Ford's ball gowns, a Pennsylvania Commemorative Quilt produced by Central Pennsylvania Village Crafts for America's Bicentennial, and a quilt featuring the official logo for America's Bicentennial celebration hand appliquéd and quilted by Betty Boyink of Grand Haven, Michigan. Woven Flag tapestry handwoven by Cara Manica of Haverford, Pennsylvania, for America's Bicentennial, consists of strips representing the color schemes of the fifty different state flags.

**Grand Gallery**, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-458-1776, Mon. 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Tues.–Thurs. 10:00 am–7:00 pm, Fri. 10:00 am–8:00 pm, Sat. 11:00 am–3:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

*Fiber Art*, Urban Jupena, June 16–July 8

*Fusion: Weaving & Shibori*, Catharine Ellis and Vita Plume, June 16–July 8

*Wedge Weave*, Connie Lippert, June 16–July 8

*Magenta, Madder, Scarlet & Red*, Deb Menz, Kathryn Alexander, Sara Lamb and Sarah Swett, June 16–July 8

*Sculptural Forms Using Pleating*, Jacy Diggins, June 16–July 8

*Contemporary Basketry in Hand Carved Paper*, Jennifer Flack Linssen, June 16–July 8

*Little Boxes Series*, Lily Marsh, June 16–July 8

An exhibition of works by Alice Brinkman and Cindy Allen, June 16–July 8

**Grand Rapids Art Museum**, *Banishing Boundaries: Weaving Digitally*, Jane Eisenstein, Nina Jacobs, Janice Lessman-Moss, Sheila O'Hara, Sigrid Piroch, Vita Plume, Alice Schlein, Christine Spangler, Carol Westfall, Patricia Williams, and Bhakti Ziek, June 1–August 27, 155 Division N., Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-831-1000, Mon.–Thurs. 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Fri. 10:00 am–8:30 pm, Sat. 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Sun. 12:00 pm–5:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Grand Rapids Children's Museum**, 22 Sheldon Ave., NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-235-4726, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

Display of Banners created by children of Grand Rapids, on display on light poles around the DeVos Place Convention Center.

*Fun with Fiber: Weavings by Crossroads Middle School Students*, June 17–July 1

**Grand Valley State University Art Gallery**, *Sources & Resources: Works in Textile & Metals*, Ann Braddley Keister, Anne McKenzie Nicholson, Margaret Jo Morasco, Patricia Nelson, June 5–September 22, 1121 Performing Arts Center, 1 Campus Dr., Allendale, MI 49401, 616-331-2564, Mon.–Fri. 10:00 am–4:00 pm, Sat. July 1, 10:00 am–4:00 pm

**Imagerie Gallery**, *A Sense of Place*, Tapestry Weavers South, June 1–July 1, 910 Cherry SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-458-4226, Tue.–Fri. 8:00 am–6:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am–4:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Kendall College of Art and Design**, 17 Fountain NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-451-2787, Mon.–Fri. 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

*GRAND IDEAS* small format tapestry, American Tapestry Alliance, June 18–July 28

*The Schacht Student Showcase*, June 26–June 30

*A Grand Tablet woven Exhibition—TWISTED Inspirations, June 26–June 30*  
*Mixed Fiber Arts, Designing Weavers Guild, June 26–June 30*  
*Tapestry, The Wednesday Group, June 26–June 30*

**LaFontsee Galleries**, *Korean Fiber Art*, Chunghie Lee and Ji Young Chung, June 28–July 28, 820 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-451-9820, Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 am–5:30 pm; Tues., Fri. 9:00 am–7:00 pm; Sun. 10:00 am–4:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Park Church**, Main Corridor Art Gallery, *Art Quilts @ Park Church*, Studio Art Quilt Association, June 26–July 6, 10 East Park Place, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-459-3203, Mon.–Fri. 9:00 am–3:00 pm, Sat.–Sun. 10:00 am–2:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Paul Collins Fine Art Gallery**, Basketry, Weaving & Sculptures by various artists, June 25–July 1, main floor, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 220 Lyon, Suite 101, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-742-2000, Tues.–Fri. 9:30 am–5:30 pm, Sat. 10:00 am–4:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Pepper Moon Gallery**, *Wish You Were in Australia*, Australian Quilt Artists, June 26–July 1, 1502 Wealthy SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, 616-458-6925, Tues.–Fri. 11:00 am–6:00 pm, Sat. 11:00 am–4:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Public Museum of Grand Rapids**, *Q is for Quilt*, a display of a quilt (changes seasonally) and an explanation of quilting and various types, a permanent exhibit, 272 Pearl St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, 616-456-3977, Mon.–Sat. 9:00 am–5:00 pm, Sun. 12:00 pm–5:00 pm

**Studio Z**, *Waste Challenge Exhibit*, Marjie Benson, Loretta Oliver, Nancy Peck, Sue Walton, Renee Kash, Jill Ault, Rod Klingelhofer, Kelly Campbell, Laura Slater and Anna Zaharakos, June 26–July 1, 820 Monroe NW, Ste. 433, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-235-1439, Mon.–Sat. 12:00 pm–5:00 pm

**Urban Institute for Contemporary Art**, 41 Sheldon SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 616-454-7000, Tues.–Sat. 12:00 pm–10:00 pm, Sun. 12:00 pm–7:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes  
*New Fibers 2006*, Organized by Fiber Arts Network (FAN), June 9–July 24  
*American Tapestry Alliance Biennial 6*, June 9–July 31  
*The Red Thread Project*, June 30, on the Pedestrian Bridge

**Yours Truly and YT Galleria**, Mary K. Walker and Gail Walborn, Handwoven and Hand-Dyed Textiles and Clothing, June 25–July 9, 973-959 Cherry St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 616-451-8817, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

## Outlying Areas

**Creative Spirit Arts Center**, *FiberPlay: A Celebration of Fiber Arts*, June 3–August 31, 1517 Bayliss Street, Midland MI 48641, (989) 837-1885, 9:00 am–5:00 pm daily

**Degraaf Fine Art**, Tapestry, Monique Lehman/Jan Friedman, 403 Water St., Saugatuck, MI 49453, 269-857-1882

**Elaine Jacobs Gallery**, *Back to the Floor Rug Exhibit*, Juror: Rebecca Stevens, May 26–July 21, 480 Hancock, Detroit, MI 48202, 313-577-2423, Tues.–Thurs. 10:00 am–6:00 pm, Fri. 10:00 am–7:00 pm

**Good Goods**, *Textile Show 2006*, Anne Flora and Sandra Adams; “Costume” Wall Art, Anne Abendroth, 106 Mason, Saugatuck, MI 49453, 269-857-1557, Sun.–Sat. 10:00 am–10:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Mackerel Sky**, 217 Ann St. Plaza, East Lansing, MI 48823, 517-351-2211, Mon.–Wed. 10:00 am–7:00 pm, Thurs.–Fri. 10:00 am–8:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am–6:00 pm, Sun. 12:00 pm–5:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes  
“*Snapshots*” in *Tapestry* by Nancy Crampton, June 4–July 24  
“*Snapshots*” in *Handpainted Silk Quilts* by Sally Dillon, June 4–July 24,  
Trunk Show of handpainted silk jackets, June 4–June 11

**Muskegon Museum of Art**, *African Voices: Textiles From The Continent*, African Textile Show, June 8–July 2, 296 W Webster, Muskegon, MI 49440, 616-720-2570, Tues., Wed., Fri. and Sat. 10:00 am–4:30 pm, Thurs. 10:00 am–6:00 pm, Sun. 12:00 pm–4:30 pm

**Plymouth Community Art Center**, *Work of the Hand*, Clay and Fiber, Cross Borders Guild and Carolyn Duin, June 5–July 7, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, MI 48170, 734-416-4278, Sun.–Sat. 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Wed. 10:00 am–8:00 pm

**Tri-Cities Historical Museum**, *Fascination with Fiber: Michigan's Handweaving Heritage*, April 23–July 5, 200 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417, 616-842-0700, Tues.–Fri. 9:30 am–7:30 pm, Sat.–Sun. 12:30 pm–7:30 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**Wayne State University**, *Highlights of the Fiber Department*, Urban Jupena, Community Arts Gallery, June 23–July 21, 150 Gullen Mall, Detroit, MI 48202, Tues.–Thurs. 10:00 am–6:00 pm, Fri. 10:00 am–7:00 pm; *Back to the Floor Rug Exhibit*, Elaine Jacobs Gallery, Juror: Rebecca Stevens, May 26–July 21, 480 Hancock, Detroit, MI 48202, 313-577-2423, Tues.–Thurs. 10:00 am–6:00 pm, Fri. 10:00 am–7:00 pm

**Woven Art**, *Reflections of War, Threads of Peace*, Michigan Fiber Artists, May 5–June 30, 325B Grove St., East Lansing, MI 48823, 517-203-4467, Tues.–Fri. 11:00 am–6:00 pm, Sat.–Sun. 12:00 pm–4:00 pm, Open for Gallery Crawl: yes

**White Oak Gallery**, *Plants to Paper: The Art of Handmade Paper*, twenty-five Midwest artists in this boutique-style gallery with papermaker/owner Donna Allgaier-Lamberti, May 3–July 30, 907 52nd St., Pullman, MI 49450, 269-236-0325, Thurs.–Sun. 11:00 am–5:00 pm; week of July 4, Tues.–Sun. Michigan

## Tours During Convergence

See many of the area's fiber exhibits and interests, as well as some spectacular Michigan sights. All Tours depart from and return to the DeVos Place Convention Center in Grand Rapids. Days and times of Convergence Studio classes on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, and Seminars on Friday, June 30, 2006, overlap Tour times. For complete tour information, see Convergence at <[www.weavespindye.org](http://www.weavespindye.org)> and click on "Tours."

Wednesday, June 28

**The Art Coast of Michigan**, T01, tour travels to Saugatuck and Douglas, harbor villages that contain many world-class galleries. Explore all that these galleries have to offer. Lunch is "on your own;" cost: \$80; see <[www.saugatuck.com](http://www.saugatuck.com)>; <[www.douglasmichigan.com](http://www.douglasmichigan.com)>; from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

**The Alden B. Dow Home and Studio and the Dow Gardens**, T02. Tour the home of Alden B. Dow, son of the founder of Dow Chemical Company, a designer who built his home and studio in 1934 after working with Frank Lloyd Wright. Then see the Dow Gardens with over 1,700 varieties of plants on 110 acres. Lunch included; cost: \$100. See <[www.abdow.org](http://www.abdow.org)>; <[www.dowgardens.org](http://www.dowgardens.org)>; from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**MSU Museum Textile Conservation & Storage Facility**, T03 Tour the Clothing and Textile Collections at the Michigan State University Museum in Lansing, then enjoy lunch at the MSU Horticultural Demonstrations Gardens on the Michigan State University Campus. See various gardens there and the W. J. Beal Botanical Garden, the oldest continuously operated university botanical garden in the U.S. Box Lunch included; cost: \$100; see <[www.museum.msu.edu/ResearchandCollections/Collections/Cultural/clothing.html](http://www.museum.msu.edu/ResearchandCollections/Collections/Cultural/clothing.html)>; <[www.hrt.msu.edu/gardens/Index.htm](http://www.hrt.msu.edu/gardens/Index.htm)>; from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Scott Group Custom Carpets and Studio Z Textiles**, T05. Scott Group designs and produces carpeting for commercial interiors. Visit with the design departments and then observe the creation of gorgeous commercial carpeting. Then visit Studio Z where Anna and her staff design custom textile work for customers around the world.

Tour the Lafontsee Galleries exhibit for work by artists Chunghie Lee and Jiyoung Chung. Lunch included; cost: \$80; see <[http://www.scott-group.com/flash\\_index.htm](http://www.scott-group.com/flash_index.htm)>; Studio Z <[www.studioztextiles.com](http://www.studioztextiles.com)>; from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park**, T06, is the largest tropical conservatory in the state of Michigan with a world-class sculpture park containing over eighty sculptures by renowned artists. See the HGA-sponsored Grand Welcome Convergence juried banner exhibit that lines the outdoor paths. View plants from around the world, waterfalls, an arid garden, a Victorian garden, gift shops, and a café, with a tram tour and voucher for lunch in the Garden's café. Cost: \$80. See <<http://www.meijergardens.org/>>; from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, June 30

**Detroit's Cranbrook Art Museum and Wayne State University Art Gallery**, TF07. See the Cranbrook Art Museum, of Cranbrook Educational Community, which also includes Cranbrook Academy of Art, where many noted national and international fiber artists began their careers earning M.F.A.'s. Visit Saarinen House and Garden, the home and studio designed by Eliel Saarinen, the Finnish-American architect and Cranbrook resident architect from 1925 to 1950, for himself and his wife, textile designer Loja Saarinen. For more than eighty years, Wayne State University's Department of Art and Art History has provided artistic and scholarly leadership for Detroit and Michigan, as well as the nation. Visit the Back to the Floor rug exhibit at Elaine Jacobs Gallery. Visit Pewabic Pottery, founded in 1903, known for its uniquely glazed tile and pottery. Visit the museum, a gallery of contemporary pottery, a learning center, and a gift shop. Lunch included; cost: \$150; see <<http://www.cranbrook.edu/art/museum/index.html>>; <<http://www.art>

### **The Red Thread Project**

“An invisible red thread connects those who are destined to meet regardless of time, place, or circumstance. The thread may stretch or tangle, but it will never break.”

—Traditional Chinese Proverb

A strong community is like a knitted garment—each loop is connected and dependent upon all the others. The Red Thread Project is a community endeavor involving hundreds of people in creating art while performing a community service. This project, originated by fiber artist Lindsay Obermeyer of Chicago, celebrates community connections. It involves making hundreds of knitted and crocheted hats, attaching the hats to a knitted red thread, wearing the connected hats during a simple performance, then donating the hats to local organizations for distribution to people with cancer.

Lindsay Obermeyer's interest in large scale performances incorporating knitted garments reflects her concern for others outside her personal sphere. Everyone has a direct impact on one another even when this connection may seem intangible. Obermeyer has developed both academic and artistic interests in the connections between textile practices and relationships.

The joined hats will be worn by participants for an outdoor performance in downtown Grand Rapids June 30th, coinciding with Convergence 2006, HGA's international fiber arts conference at the DeVos Place Convention Center. Participants will be led through a sequence of simple movements done in unison at the performance. There are no rehearsals—just come and have fun! The Red Thread Project is organized by ArtWorks and the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA) in Grand Rapids. For more information, see <[www.lbostudio.com](http://www.lbostudio.com)>. Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park

The Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park is a year-round treasure of over one hundred acres of natural wetlands, woodlands, meadows and botanical gardens, as well as indoor tropical, arid, carnivorous, Victorian and seasonal gardens. The changing sculpture gallery features shows by international artists, and outdoor acreage is comprised of a world-class sculpture park, a children's garden, an historic Michigan's farm garden, nature trails, board walks, and an amphitheater for summer concert events. Horticulture and sculpture uniquely blends art and nature for a magnificent experience.

## **Grand Welcome at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park**

HGA's Convergence 2006 Grand Welcome multimedia and textile techniques banner exhibit will be displayed outdoors at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park June 14 through September 4, 2006. Tom Otterness, considered one of the premier public artists in the United States, will install exhibitions in Grand Rapids and at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. Tom Otterness in Grand Rapids is a cultural-based activity for audiences of all ages and experience and features a city-wide, family-friendly presentation of thirty-five major works installed in the downtown area, with seven sculptures that have never before been exhibited. Otterness's stylized bronze figures combine sculptural elements that explore the range of human experience with themes from popular culture, social structure, and myth, subtly transforming them into humorous commentary. Additional works will be installed in the galleries and across the grounds of the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in a supporting exhibition, Tom Otterness: From Start to Finish, allowing visitors to follow the artist's process as a public sculptor from sketches and ideas to model and maquettes and highlighting the significance of Otterness's achievements and his ability to engage a broad and diverse audience through his imaginative imagery. The Meijer Gardens' presentation represents the artist's largest public art exhibition in the United States to date. The exhibitions are on view from June 1 through September 10, 2006. Since the arrival of Alexander Calder's La Grande Vitesse thirty-five years ago, Grand Rapids, Michigan, has earned a national reputation for public art and sculpture projects. This exhibition underscores the history and significance of Grand Rapids to public art by installing thirty-five of Otterness's major works in the downtown area. For more information, contact Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, 1000 East Beltline, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525; (888) 957-1580; <[www.meijergardens.org](http://www.meijergardens.org)>.