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Small Expressions 2007

An international juried exhibit featuring small-scale fiber art works

April 23-June 22, 2007

The Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery at the University of Nebraska

The Handweavers Guild of America, Inc., (HGA) is pleased to announce that *Small Expressions 2007* will be exhibited at the Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery at the University of Nebraska April 23-June 22, 2007. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on the weekend by special request. Call (402) 472-2911 to request weekend opening. It is closed University holidays and between shows. For more information on gallery hours and location, visit their Web site at <http://textilegallery.unl.edu/>. The exhibit will be held in conjunction with the 2007 Midwest Weavers Conference and is hosted by Spinners & Weavers of Indiana Fiber and Textiles (SWIFT).

Small Expressions is an international juried exhibit featuring high quality, contemporary small-scale fiber art works. The exhibit is sponsored by HGA to showcase fiber art of a small scale not to exceed 15 inches (38 cm) in any direction. Juror Wendy Weiss is a professor of Textiles, Clothing and Design at the University of Nebraska and director of the Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery. She regularly exhibits her collaborative installation work nationally and internationally. As director of the Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery, she has curated shows of internationally recognized artists. Some of the artists featured in *Small Expressions 2007* include JoAnn Kelly Catsos of Massachusetts, Wtodek Cygan of Poland, Urban Jupena of Michigan, and Merja Markkula of Finland.

A closing reception will take place June 20, 2007, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery. At this event Sandra Bowles will present a lecture on *History Revealed in Small Forms*. Sandra Bowles is the Executive Director of HGA and Editor-in-Chief of HGA's award winning publication, *Shuttle Spindle & DyePot*. Bowles received her MFA from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro and has been with HGA for over 17 years.

Small Expressions 2007 will also be on exhibit at the Indianapolis Art Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 27-September 9, 2007. For hours and location visit www.indplsartcenter.org.

HGA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging excellence, inspiring creativity, and preserving fiber traditions through education. For additional information visit our Web site at www.weavespindye.org.