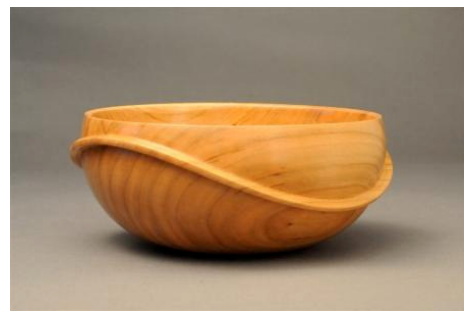


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## CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS MARKET CELEBRATES 50<sup>th</sup> SEASON IN SANTA MONICA

*Artists Present Their Best Original, Functional and Decorative Pieces  
at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium*



### Contemporary Crafts Market

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium

Santa Monica, CA 90401

November 5-7, 2010

10am-6p.m. Daily

Admission: \$8, children 12 and under FREE

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**(SANTA MONICA, Calif.)** – The Contemporary Crafts Market will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> season as the West Coast’s premiere event for one-of-a-kind functional and decorative crafts November 5-7, 2010.

This year’s Market will feature the distinctive works of over 250 of the nation’s finest artists, ranging from intricate jewelry, unique glassware and ceramics to hand-painted textiles, custom furniture, mixed-media creations and much more. All items on display and for sale have been jury-selected for their exceptional quality.

The Contemporary Crafts Market has been a showcase for burgeoning and established talent since its inception. Year after year, the market brings together an eclectic mix of artisans, while also allowing visitors to meet the artists behind some of the nation’s finest crafts.

Roy Helms, Contemporary Crafts Market founder, has continually sought to raise awareness of fine crafts as a serious art form by highlighting talented artists who have created a name for themselves and whose works can be found in national and international museums or galleries.

“Each year, the Contemporary Crafts Market provides shoppers and collectors with some of the finest craft pieces from across the United States,” Helms explains. “This year is a special milestone, as we celebrate the art of craft and all of the artists who have made the show possible.”

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## Featured Artists:



**Yumi Ueno** is a Japanese artist who explores three dimensional geometric abstraction through her jewelry creations. Using memories of childhood fairy tales, Ueno creates whimsical designs that are accessible to the young and old. Ueno uses precious and semiprecious stones as well as gold and silver to create her one-of-a-kind pieces.

**Giselle Shepatin** is known for the distinctive hand-woven clothing she creates using hand-dyed, exotic yarns from all over the world. Using a variety of colors and textures, Shepatin creates unique items in fabrics that include cotton, silk, suede, linen, velvet, and many more. The result of her work is a successful line of “daredevil couture” art-to-wear that has become an unmistakable feature and the Contemporary Crafts Market.



The Contemporary Crafts Market is held at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium in Santa Monica. Show hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 5-7, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and children under 12 are free. For additional information, please call (310) 285-3655 or visit [www.CraftSource.org](http://www.CraftSource.org).

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