

John Garrett



John Garrett was raised in southern New Mexico by two educators before attending Claremont Men's College (now Claremont McKenna College.) Following his desire to make things by hand, he enrolled in a weaving class taught by Marion Stewart at Scripps College in 1970. His intrigue with the tools, systems and materials involved in weaving and other textile constructions led him to take other courses with Neda Al-Hilali a year later, also at Scripps.

Garrett has exhibited throughout the United States for over thirty years in hundreds of exhibitions, as well as in Europe, Africa and Asia. Garrett has worked simultaneously with two and three-dimensional formats to create his textile forms with a variety of materials. Visually unpredictable, his work may be woven, wrapped, plaited, riveted, painted, rusted, twined, nailed, stitched or tied. With an expansive repertoire of materials, each work of art is meticulously crafted, while achieving an energetic complexity; he moves gracefully from constructing wall pieces to baskets, breathing new life into discarded objects. He was awarded a National Endowment for the Arts fellowships in 1983 and 1995 as well as elected a Fellow of the American Craft Council in 2010.

Education

- 1976 MA, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
- 1972 BA, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA

Selected Exhibitions

- 2024 Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2023 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI
- 2021 browngrotta arts, Wilton, CT
- 2020 Intersect Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
Schack Art Center, Everett, WA
- 2019 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
Las Cruces Museum of Art, Las Cruces, NM
Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA
- 2018 CONTEXT Miami, Duane Reed Gallery
SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2017 Context Miami, Duane Reed Gallery
SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
Art Aspen, Duane Reed Gallery
Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery
Art Palm Beach, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2016 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
Art Aspen, Duane Reed Gallery
Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery
Palm Springs Fine Art Fair, Duane Reed Gallery



Selected Museum Collections

- Albuquerque Museum, Albuquerque, NM
- Arkansas Museum of Art, Little Rock, AR
- Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
- Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
- Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit, MI
- Erie Museum, Erie, PA
- Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, CA
- Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA
- High Museum, Atlanta, GA
- Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN
- Mint Museum of Craft and Design, Charlotte, NC
- Museum of Art and Design, New York, NY
- Museum of New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM
- Museum of California, Oakland, CA
- Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, NM
- Philbrook Museum, Tulsa, OK
- Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI
- Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art

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