

John Garrett



John Garrett was raised in southern New Mexico by parents who were both educators. They instilled in him an appreciation for the handmade with their collections of Native American arts and crafts. He moved to Claremont, California, to attend college at 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. He did graduate work at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he studied with Bernard Kester and Vasa. 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. Currently a full time studio artist, he teaches workshops on creativity and experimental basketry at schools nationwide. 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

- 2019 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
- 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
- 2015 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO

Selected Museum Collections

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

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