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Shelter: Crafting a Safe Home

September 8, 2017 through February 17, 2018

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OVERVIEW

The United Nations reports, 65.3 million people were uprooted worldwide in 2016.

Shelter is universally identified as a basic human right, yet refuge and protection are out of reach for millions and the number increases every year. Across the US, real estate development and growth bring increasing concerns about the effects of gentrification on housing equity.

Shelter: Crafting a Safe Home - Contemporary Craft's (CC) latest **socially engaged art experience** - focuses public attention on the basic human need for safe housing through the lens of contemporary craft. The exhibition explores the impact that housing insecurity is having on society and how the arts can guide meaningful conversations within the community.

Following the significant impact of the 2016 exhibition *Mindful: Exploring Mental Health Through Art*, CC once again provides a forum for artists to convey personal stories and experiences. Highlighting the local and worldwide impact housing inequity has on individuals and society, the *Shelter* exhibition aims to **challenge the preconception of displacement and encourage everyone to become part of the solution.**

ART + ARTISTS

- *Shelter* features 14 artists from the US and abroad.
- There are more than 40 works of art in the exhibition.
- The show highlights a variety of techniques and forms including innovative art expressions rooted in traditional craft materials such as glass, wood, fiber, and clay, as well as art that incorporates found objects to explore the relationships between craft and the inherited history within objects, and installation art.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- CC is partnering with a range of social service groups and schools to develop programming for *Shelter*. For CC's **Saturday Information Sessions**, representatives from our partnering organizations will present in the gallery on the first Saturday of every month throughout the duration of *Shelter* as a resource for the visitors.
- **The Space Between**, a salon-style speaker series invites local thought-leaders representing different viewpoints and backgrounds to discuss the role of creativity within their respective fields. Each event is a fascinating and buzz-worthy local cultural evening of inspiring and revealing conversation.
- A **free, family-friendly, hands-on art activity** created by an exhibiting artist is available in CC's Drop-In Studio.
- A calendar of **Shelter related events and programs** - including studio workshops, Saturday Information Sessions, and lectures can be found at www.exploremindfulart.com
- CC is engaging **local partner schools** in related programming and with a **free, online Teacher's Curriculum Guide** for both educators and families.
- **Complementary exhibition** - *Vantage Point: Maggy Rozycki Hiltner* reveals the impact of industry and human consumption on environment. This complimentary exhibiton can be seen in CC's BNY Mellon Satellite Gallery throughout the run of *Shelter*.
- A series of **Shelter studio workshop experiences** are planned throughout the run of the exhibition. Details are available at www.contemporarycraft.org.

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<u>ARTIST</u>	<u>MEDIA</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Kathryn Clark	Fiber	San Francisco, CA
Seth Clark	Wood, Fiber, Found Objects	Pittsburgh, PA
Motoko Furuhashi	Jewelry, Found Objects	Las Cruces, NM
Holly Grace	Glass	Melbourne, Australia
Clara Grace Hoag	Ceramic	Houston, TX
Chris Ivey	Mixed Media	Pittsburgh, PA
Gregory Kloehn	Found Objects	Oakland, CA
Robert Lach	Found Objects	West Orange, NJ
ROY	Found Objects, Metals	Pittsburgh, PA
Demitra Thomloudis	Jewelry, Found Objects	Athens, GA
Consuelo Underwood	Fiber	Cupertino, CA
Tali Weinberg	Fiber	Berkeley, CA
Charity White	Ceramic, Video	Gainesville, FL
Soonran Youn	Mixed Media	Seoul, South Korea

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This is a small sampling of available *Shelter* images. Visit www.exploremindfulart.com/shelterimages and use the password **SHELTERimages** to view all of the exhibition artwork.

Email Stephanie Sun at ssun@contemporarycraft.org for high res files and photo credits.

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