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## **American Craft Council Announces Recipients of Prestigious 2014 American Craft Council Awards**



Betty Woodman (American, b. 1930), *Aztec Vase and Carpet #4*, 2013; glazed earthenware, epoxy resin, lacquer, acrylic paint, canvas; 36.5 x 84.5 x 35 in.; courtesy of the artist.

Minneapolis, MN - April 2014 - The American Craft Council is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2014 American Craft Council Awards, including the induction of seven individuals into its College of Fellows: William Carlson, John Gill, Michael Hurwitz, Jane Lackey, Bruce Metcalf, Judith Schaechter, and Tina Oldknow (Honorary Fellow); the selection of Fleur Bresler for the Aileen Osborn Webb Award for Philanthropy; the selection of The Clay Studio for the Award of Distinction; and the presentation of the 2014 Gold Medal for Consummate Craftsmanship to ceramicist Betty Woodman (COF 1993).

The prestigious American Craft Council Awards are presented biennially to honor those who have demonstrated outstanding artistic achievement, leadership, and service in the field of craft.

Since 1975, the Council has bestowed the title of Fellow to artists and individuals nominated and elected by their peers. Those elected have demonstrated extraordinary artistic ability and must have worked for 25 years or more in the discipline or career in which they are recognized.

The Aileen Osborn Webb Award for Philanthropy recognizes exceptional contributions to and support of the field of craft, and the Award of Distinction recognizes an organization, institution, corporation, or individual who has made significant contributions to the field over a minimum of 25 years of service.

The Gold Medal for Consummate Craftsmanship, the highest recognition given by the Council, recognizes outstanding artistry while honoring the humanistic and philosophical values exemplified in the career of a previously elected Fellow.

The 2014 American Craft Council Awards will be celebrated in New York, NY, on November 15 at the Museum of Arts and Design (MAD) on Columbus Circle. Recipients of this year's awards will be featured

in the October/November issue of *American Craft* magazine and in a series of public educational programming that will be held in conjunction with the awards celebration.

#### **2014 AMERICAN CRAFT COUNCIL AWARDS RECIPIENTS:**

##### **GOLD MEDAL FOR CONSUMMATE CRAFTSMANSHIP**

Betty Woodman (New York, NY), Ceramics

##### **FELLOWS**

William Carlson (Monterey, MA), Glass

John Gill (Alfred, NY), Ceramics

Michael Hurwitz (Philadelphia, PA), Wood

Jane Lackey (Santa Fe, NM), Fiber

Bruce Metcalf (Bala Cynwyd, PA), Metals

Judith Schaechter (Philadelphia, PA), Glass

Tina Oldknow (Corning, NY), Honorary Fellow

##### **AILEEN OSBORN WEBB AWARD FOR PHILANTHROPY**

Fleur Bresler (Rockville, MD)

##### **AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

The Clay Studio (Philadelphia, PA)

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The American Craft Council is a national, nonprofit public educational organization founded in 1943 by Aileen Osborn Webb. The mission of the Council is to champion craft. Programs include:

- the bimonthly, national award winning magazine *American Craft*,
- annual juried shows presenting artists and their work in Baltimore, Atlanta, St. Paul and San Francisco,
- leadership conferences on craft and educational workshops and seminars held online and in communities across the country
- the American Craft Council Awards honoring excellence
- and a nationally recognized research library in Northeast Minneapolis

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