

Craft Retailers' Association For Tomorrow



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CRAFT ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP CHANGES New Officers & Directors Elected

At the July 22, 2006 CRAFT General Membership Meeting held during the Buyers Market & American Craft (BMAC) Show in Philadelphia, PA, members of the Craft Retailer's Association for Tomorrow (CRAFT) elected officers to serve new terms or .

The new Directors elected to a three year term are Karen Hohler of Whipporwill, MA; Aaron Maxwell of Harmony Ridge Gallery, WV; Sandra Randolph of Good Goods, MI; Janet Francoeur of Carolina Creations, NC; and Mary Kesler of Davin & Kesler, Inc. RI. Mary Kesler is the first Associate/Artist member to serve as a Director. Completing a one year term is Ann Pifer of The Grand Hand Gallery, MI; and Joanne Sterlacci of Simple Pleasures Gallery, PA.

Following the meeting, the Directors elected a slate of Officers for 2006-2007. Elected as Chairman of the Board is David Brooks of Appalachian Spring in Falls Church VA; Gloria Brooke of Brooke Pottery in Lakeland FL, as President; Aaron Maxwell of Harmony Ridge Gallery in Lewisburg, WV, as Vice President; Deb Kneale of Show of Hands in Denver CO, as Secretary; Karen Hohler of Whipporwill Crafts in Boston MA, as Treasurer; Donna Milstein of Hanson Galleries in Houston, TX, as Vice President of Education Projects; and Don Gorenberg of Seldom Seen Gallery in Ft. Lauderdale FL, as Secretary for Communications.

Founded in 2002, the Craft Retailers' Association for Tomorrow (CRAFT) is a not-for-profit, professionally managed association, of storefront retailers of American craft. Retailer members inventory generally consists of ceramics; blown, fused or stained glass; fine woodworking; furniture; jewelry; metal work; sculpture; textiles; wearable art and a myriad of other items – folk to funk, traditional to avant-garde, decorative or functional. The common thread is that an individual or small groups of artisans generally make the items in the United States. Vendors of products and services to retailers as well as craftsman can also belong to the association as Associate members.

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