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Ornament Magazine extends our deepest concern and sympathy to our fellow citizens and to all who share the gift of life on Mother Earth.

Dear Friend of Ornament,

We know this is a challenging moment. Ornament has family that is at risk from this virus, and our hearts are truly with you in this time of need as we support each other. Our thoughts also go out to all the artists we know, and to those whom we have not yet met. We are aware of how stressful this situation is, and the impact it has on our shared health and livelihood. Uncertainty is an unkind companion, one that is only abolished by courage and resilience.

We believe that we can rise to meet this moment, with smart precautions, and an abundance of compassion and kindness for our fellow human beings. We urge those of you who are fortunate enough to be blessed with good health and a stable income to remember the struggles our artists are going through, and to consider reaching out for a piece or commission that might brighten your day, and theirs. And for everyone, we offer this wish; stay safe, stay strong, stay healthy.

Ornament Magazine's current production schedule of an April release is delayed

as we adapt to this new situation. We continue to produce the thoughtful, quality, beautiful publication you know and love, and we will provide updates as we proceed.

The COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak is deeply distressing and it is hard to make sense of it all. In a very short period, this virus has touched each of our lives. Ornament wishes to extend our heartfelt desire to our friends, readers, artists, and fellow colleagues that you remain safe and healthy during this difficult time. To that end, we have created [this page on our website](#) to provide basic information on safety tips, as well as serve as a bulletin on art and craft-related events that have closed due to coronavirus concerns, and to provide resources for artists who may be in need.

With Our Warmest Regards,
Carolyn, Robert and Patrick



Coronavirus Safety Information

- **Symptoms: Fever and a dry cough. Shortness of breath as a severe symptom.**
- Wash your hands frequently. Soap or 60%+ alcohol-based hand sanitizer is sufficient.
- Try to stay at least six feet away from other people. The reason is that coughs and sneezes can travel roughly six feet, which is the primary vehicle for infection.
- While in public, avoid touching surfaces, and wash your hands afterwards. The virus can remain active on some surfaces for up to 3 days.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. The soft tissue here is particularly vulnerable to infection.
- Cover your cough with your elbow or with a tissue. Dispose of tissues immediately.
- Older people are particularly vulnerable. If you are showing symptoms, especially difficulty breathing, seek medical assistance.

The COVID-19 coronavirus has an up-to-fourteen day incubation period, meaning you may be sick for up to two weeks before showing symptoms. This makes it possible to be infectious without appearing sick, and is why you should self-isolate as much as is reasonably possible.



ARTIST EMERGENCY RESOURCES

- [CERF+](#) is the Craft Emergency Relief Fund, a nonprofit that assists artists with natural disasters that effect their livelihood. Currently, because of the anticipated volume of requests, CERF+ is only assisting artists who have been infected with the virus and require intensive medical care.
- The [Society of North American Goldsmiths](#) has compiled a page listing artist relief resources.
- [COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources](#) is a website listing various resources for independent artists who are in need. The website has been set up as a community effort by several artists.
- The [Seattle Metals Guild](#) is offering members up to \$500 for an emergency relief grant, taken out of their Emerging Artist Grant which totals \$2,500. These emergency grants will be awarded according to need. You can apply for the grant [here](#). They are also [accepting donations](#).
- The [City of Boston](#) has established an [Artist Relief Fund](#) in response to the

coronavirus.



SOME EVENTS AFFECTED BY COVID-19

1. The [Smithsonian Craft Show](#) has been postponed to October 21 - 25, 2020.
2. The [American Craft Show, St. Paul](#) has been postponed to October 8 - 11, 2020. For more information on ACC events, follow their [website](#).
3. [2020 NCECA Conference](#) has been canceled.
4. [2020 SNAG Conference](#) has been canceled. You can find more [information here](#).
5. [Handmade Business](#) has put up on their partner website, Sunshine Artist, a list of canceled and rescheduled craft shows and events.
6. The [International Folk Art Market](#) is still on for July 10 - 12, 2020.
7. [Craft in America](#) is still showing on PBS, and can be seen on [PBS's website](#).

GALLERY AND MUSEUM CLOSURES

1. [Freehand Gallery](#), Los Angeles, California. You can check their website for updates.
2. [Taboo Studio](#), San Diego, California is currently closed, except by appointment. Contact information is on their website.
3. [Patina Gallery](#), Santa Fe, New Mexico, will still operate online, but the physical location is temporarily closed.
4. [Mobilia Gallery](#), Boston, Massachusetts. Work is still available for purchase through their online store.
5. [Gallery Loupe](#), Montclair, New Jersey, will be physically closed until further notice, and available only by appointment.
6. The [Renwick Gallery](#), Washington, D.C., as well as all other Smithsonian museums, are closed temporarily through June 1, 2020.
7. [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), New York, New York, is currently closed, with [all programs and events](#) canceled through May 15.
8. The [Museum of Fine Arts, Boston](#), Massachusetts.
9. [Los Angeles County Museum of Art](#), California.
10. The [Metal Museum](#), Memphis, Tennessee, is currently closed, however, there are virtual tours online for "[Tributaries: Sophie Glenn](#)" and the permanent exhibition "[Beauty in the Boundary](#)".
11. [Racine Art Museum](#), Racine, Wisconsin. Their [RAM 11th Annual International PEEPS Art Exhibition](#) has been postponed, with new dates of May 10 - 24, 2020.
12. The [Museum of International Folk Art](#), the [Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian](#), and the [Museum of Indian Arts & Culture](#), Santa Fe, New Mexico. Additionally, any [Department of Cultural Affairs](#) museums and historic sites throughout the state are closed until further notice.
13. [Museum of Arts and Design](#), New York, New York, and the exhibition opening for "Brian Clarke: The Art of Light" postponed.
14. The [Art Institute of Chicago](#), Chicago, Illinois. They have put up an [Interactive Features](#) section on their website, where you can see pieces from the collection, as well as accompanying information.
15. [Fuller Craft Museum](#), Brockton, Massachusetts.
16. The [Fowler Museum at UCLA](#), Los Angeles, California.
17. [Bellevue Arts Museum](#), Bellevue, Washington.

This list is not exhaustive; please visit the show or event's website for the most current information. Unfortunately, it is safe to assume that most museums, galleries and events are closed at this time.



We invite artists and gallerists to [contact us](#) with your stories, and with useful information and resources for the art and craft community.



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