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FIBERWORKS 2026

On View: June 5 – July 25, 2026
Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 12:00 - 5:00 pm
First Fridays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Opening: First Friday, June 5, 2026 6:00 – 9:00 pm

For Immediate Release-

Tulsa, Okla. - 108 | Contemporary is thrilled to present **FIBERWORKS 2026**, Fiber Artists of Oklahoma's member juried exhibition. On view June 5 – July 25, 2026 this exhibition provides Oklahoma fiber artists an opportunity to showcase their work from traditional crafts to innovative art. This eclectic show honors quality workmanship and original design. The exhibit also educates the public about the many facets of fiber artistry by presenting a wide range of media, techniques and traditions. This year's exhibition is juried by Astrid Bennett.

Trained as a printmaker, Astrid Bennett's interest in fiber art and "making things" began in childhood. Born in Germany and emigrating to Canada and then the US as a preschooler, she has a family heritage in music, printmaking, and business. Bennett received her BFA in printmaking from Indiana University and has exhibited and taught at various locations throughout the country. As a cultural and small business advocate, Bennett has served as longtime manager, marketing director & co-owner of **Iowa Artisans Gallery** in Iowa City. Bennett also currently serves as Board Co-Chair of the international contemporary textile nonprofit, **Surface Design Association**.

Fiber Artists of Oklahoma is made up of individuals interested in sharing knowledge and promoting appreciation of all aspects of fiber art, including weaving, spinning, embroidery, knitting, crochet, knotting, basketry, felting, quilting, papermaking, dyeing, rug hooking, lace-making, and mixed media collage. Members' skill levels range from novice to expert, with some members experimenting as hobbyists, and others working as professionals.

Programming for FIBERWORKS 2026 includes free artist-led demonstrations held every Wednesday night during the run of the exhibition from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. In addition to live demonstrations, there will be paid workshops where visitors can learn a variety of fiber art techniques in a hands-on class environment. For a list of demonstrations and workshops, please visit the exhibit webpage at <https://108contemporary.org/event/fiberworks2026/>



Vibrant Conversation by Rachel Janssen



Astrid Bennett



108| Contemporary is a participating organization in **Craft in America's *Handwork: Celebrating American Craft 2026***, a nationwide initiative showcasing the importance of the handmade both throughout our history and in contemporary life. FIBERWORKS 2026 is a highlighted exhibition for its dedication to elevating fiber and textile arts in the state of Oklahoma. *Handwork 2026* is a year-long collaboration among organizations, educators, and makers to celebrate the diversity of the crafts that define America, bringing compelling stories and underrepresented art and artists into the spotlight through the following programs. More information can be found at <https://www.handwork2026.org/>

This exhibition is made possible by our Presenting Sponsor, The Cecil and Virgie Burton Foundation

108| Contemporary is a nonprofit community arts organization dedicated to exhibiting the finest in contemporary craft and supporting the artists who create it. Our vision is a community where world-class craft and design inspire and educate audiences of all ages, where diverse cultural traditions flourish, and local artists thrive. All participants are welcome. If you need disability-related accommodations, please call +1 (918) 895-6302 or email info@108contemporary.org.