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## ***20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Annual Outdoor Crafts Festival of the Bruce Museum***

**11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, 2005**

**Bruce Museum of Arts and Science  
1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT**



Irene Reed  
Crocheted Sculptural Handbag

The ***20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Annual Outdoor Crafts Festival*** of the Bruce Museum, which takes place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, 2005, is a nationally recognized event that draws thousands of visitors each year. The Festival is held on the grounds of the Bruce Museum of Arts and Science in Greenwich, Connecticut, and features more than 80 exhibitors, who specialize in ceramics, jewelry, wood, wearable and decorative fiber, metalwork, leather, paper arts and glass, all available for purchase. The Festival also includes live music both days and many fun, educational craft activities for children and families throughout the day related to techniques used by the exhibitors. Food vendors will be offering international cuisine. Admission to the Outdoor Crafts Festival is free to members, \$5 per person for non-members, and includes all Festival activities plus admission to the Bruce Museum galleries, which are open to the public during Festival hours.

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***The Annual Outdoor Crafts Festival*** of the Bruce Museum ranks among the top ten in the Northeast, according to the Harris List of craft shows. Selected by a jury of experts from among more than 300 applicants, the fine craft artisans come from all areas of the country. “Strong competition among the invited participants delivers a showcase of the finest in American crafts,” said Sue Brown Gordon, who returns for her 12th year as Festival Director. “I am always surprised and enlightened by the creative energy and enthusiasm that exists here for both the artists and public.”

This 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year is especially strong in the ceramic category with clay creations ranging from woven functional pottery vessels to decorative teapots and elaborate raku-fired wall pieces. There will be jewelry art to wear as well as stunning hand-painted silk garments. Turned wood, metal furniture and brightly colored blown glass provide a full range of unique items that may satisfy every taste. As an added bonus, Bruce Museum members can enjoy a 10% discount from participating artists for purchases of their works. Members also get free admission to the Festival and are encouraged to bring membership IDs to take advantage of this program.

The live music schedule on Saturday, May 21, from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m., features the live reggae sounds of Kronic on the main stage and acoustic guitar performances by Ed Wright, with an 11:30 a.m. recital by SoNo Guitar School in the Lecture Gallery. On Sunday, May 22, dance performances by Jazzart take place at 1 and 3 p.m.

Hands-on children’s craft activities and storytelling are available on both days for no additional fee. And food vendors offer international variety with Thai cuisine, fresh fruit smoothies, traditional American hot dogs and hamburgers, and old-fashioned kettle corn.

The ***Bruce Museum Outdoor Crafts Festival*** is held rain or shine on the Museum grounds at 1 Museum Drive in Greenwich, Connecticut. Visitors are asked to park on Museum Drive and Steamboat Road or in the Island Beach Parking lot near exit 3 off I-95. The Museum is a short walk from MetroNorth’s Greenwich railroad station. For information visit the Bruce Museum website at [www.brucemuseum.org](http://www.brucemuseum.org) or call (203) 869-0376.