

american craft

Celebrating
America's
Handmade
History



YEARS OF
MAKING



Sneak
Preview
The
San Francisco
Show



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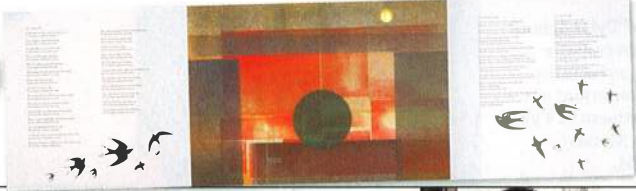
1990s



▲ 1991
Anne Wilson's *Hair Work* (detail) in the collection of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, extends the provocative possibilities of human hair in art.



◀ 1992
Computerized Jacquard loom technology becomes available to the individual weaver, leading to significant innovations by Cynthia Schira and Ed Rossbach protégé **Lia Cook**.



1994
Mitsubishi Materials Corp. patents **precious metal clay** in the U.S. The moldable material, made of ultra-fine metal particles and an organic binder, can be shaped by hand. When fired, the binder burns away, leaving pure metal.

1995
Scholar, dealer, and collector Helen Williams Drutt co-authors ***Jewelry of Our Time***, a significant international overview.



▲ 1991
Jim Trissel at The Press at Colorado College publishes ***The Cycle of the Day: A Book of Hours***, one of the first artist's books with much of its text and imagery laid out on a computer and relief-printed from polymer plates. It sparks a revival in letterpress printing that continues today.



◀ 1994
Peter Verheyen starts **Book_Arts-L** listserv, connecting book artists throughout the world.

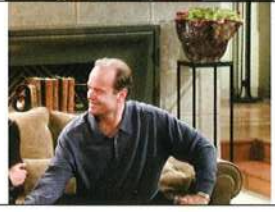
▶ 1995
Marjorie Schick, reinterpreting the art of **body-draping sculptural jewelry** by Arline Fisch and others in the '70s and '80s, shapes papier-mâché into dramatic forms.



1996
The Furniture Society is founded to advance the art of furniture making, in part by sponsoring conferences and scholarships for aspiring makers.



▲ 1994
SOFA (Sculpture Objects and Functional Art) takes over the dates previously held by the New Art Forms Exposition in Chicago. The show goes well, and in 1998 SOFA adds a spring-time New York show.



1990
The American Craft Museum becomes independent of the ACC, with new staff and director **Janet Kardon**.



▼ 1990
Martha Stewart Living launches as a quarterly; a TV show follows in two years. For the growing audience of perfectionist hostesses, it's a good thing.



▲ 1990
Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze share passion at the potter's wheel in ***Ghost***, a scene spoofed by Leslie Nielsen and Priscilla Presley in ***Naked Gun 2½: The Smell of Fear***.



◀ 1991
Nirvana's *Nevermind* takes the music world by storm, bringing grunge aesthetics into the mainstream. **The rejection of refinement and perfection** continues to influence indie crafters, scholars, and others.

1992
Whitney Otto's sewing-circle novel ***How to Make an American Quilt*** is published; it goes on to become a bestseller and a film starring Winona Ryder.

▼ 1993
President and Mrs. Clinton mark the **Year of American Craft** by decorating their Christmas tree with hand-made ornaments and assembling the **White House Collection of Contemporary Crafts**.

▲ 1993
NBC's ***Frasier***, set in Seattle, features a large **Chihuly** work in the apartment of the lead character.

