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SPECIAL TRAVELING EXHIBITION: "SMALL EXPRESSIONS" Runs July 2nd - August 6th Public Reception: July 14th 2-4pm

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum will feature *Small Expressions*, an exhibition showcasing contemporary small-scale works using fiber techniques in any media. Produced by the Handweavers Guild of America (HGA), *Small Expressions* features work addressing the intricacy of expression, intimacy of design, thoughtful communication, and visual complexity.

Juried works exhibited in *Small Expressions* do not exceed 15 inches in any direction and have been created within the last two years. Artworks have consisted of diverse fiber techniques such as weaving, interlacing, basket making, bead weaving, embroidery, felting, and mixed media. The *Small Expressions* exhibition provides wide audience appeal as viewing the show gains a greater appreciation to what fiber art can represent; art enthusiasts who appreciate sculpture and contemporary art; and individuals with an interest in the sciences and mathematics are drawn to this type of artwork due to the repetition of pattern.

The Museum will host a free Public Reception celebrating the exhibition on Sunday, July 14th 2:00-4:00pm. Tours of the exhibit and a family activity is part of the afternoon's program.

This exhibition was produced by the <u>Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA)</u>. All works courtesy of the artists. This exhibition is made possible with support from the Fiber Trust.

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum is one of America's leading local history museums and accredited by the American Alliance of Museum since 1972. It has served the community since 1939 and since 1980 has occupied Wichita's original 1890 City Hall building featuring dozens of exhibits on all four floors.

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Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

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OUR VISION: To provide a world class museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.