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SOLO EXHIBITION

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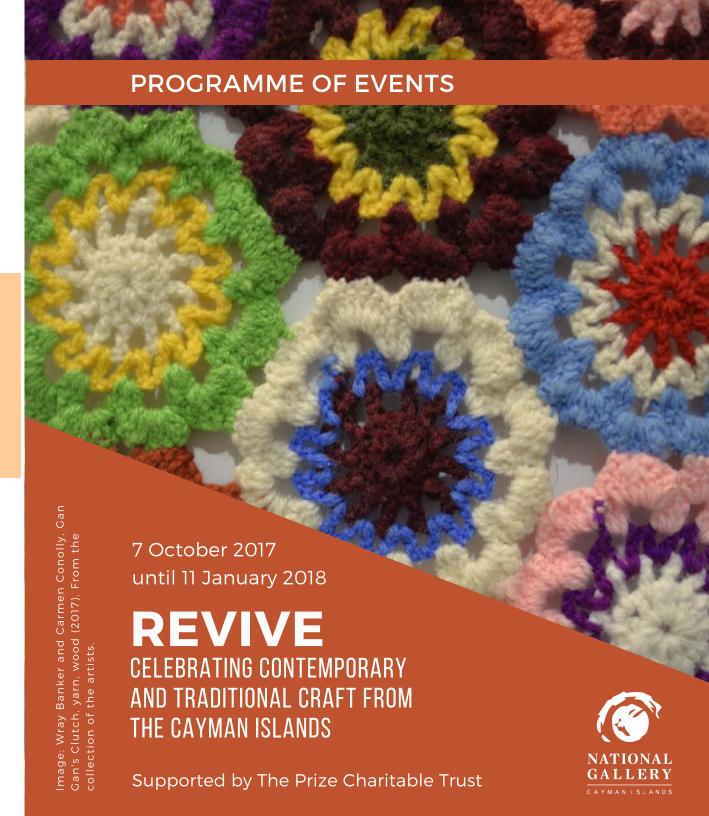


Image: Walking on Water (whistling duck) by Horacio Esteban, 2017. From the collection of the National Gallery

ABOUT

Craft has a long tradition in the Cayman Islands. Initially born out of necessity, functional crafts soon became highly decorative, evolving into our earliest tangible forms of creative expression. Today, the boundaries between craft and art continue to dissolve. Where thatch baskets were once purely functional, Caymanian artisans have begun to experiment with forms and decoration.

This exhibition features a diverse range of contemporary craft objects, by makers from all six districts, who are using traditional and cutting-edge techniques across diverse practices including: basketry, ceramics, textiles, fibre, paper, glass, metal, and wood craft. Some of the featured artists seek to maintain and revive longstanding traditional forms, while others combine age-old techniques with modern materials. The connecting thread is that all of the featured work involves the hands of a maker - at their very root they are about process, technique and material.

Through REVIVE we seek to open up the conversation about the role that craft plays in our society and to engage visitors in the creative process; to illustrate the ways in which our historical traditions continue to evolve in the 21st century; and to contextualize craft within the wider history of Caymanian art.

Natalie Urguhart, Curator

ARTISTS

Featured artists (grouped by district): Marlena Anglin, Wray Banker, Sue Brooks, Carlene Carter, Deal Ebanks, Effie Ebanks, Erna Jane Ebanks, Rose May Ebanks, Kaitlyn Elphinstone, Horacio Esteban, Marcie Ann Hydes, Len Layman, Maryke Nieuwoudt, Lizzie Powell, Joan Christian Bonner, Nasaria Suckoo Chollette, Cecilia Urdaneta (West Bay); 3 Girls and a Kiln, Geetha Alagirisamy; John Bird, Rachel Christ, Danswell Davidson, Davin Ebanks, Kathryn Elphinstone, Jose Inga, Keith Neale, Karoly Szucs (George Town); Alan Darvill, Virginia Foster, Francine Gardner, Maureen Lazarus, Agnes McCoy, Eileen McLaughlin, Janice "Nurse Josie" Solomon, Stalin Webster, Doreen Small, Simon Tatum, Twyla Vargas (Bodden Town); Iva Adene Chisholm Panton, Cynthia Whittaker (North Side); Vernett Bodden, Carmen Connolly, Darney Edney McLean, Bridget McPartland, John McPartland, Grashala Solomon (East End); Vernell Brown, Annelee Ebanks, Annie Joy Ebanks, Coleen Gibson, Norma Scott, and Debbi Truchan (Sister Islands).

GUIDED TOURS & ADDITIONAL INFO

Book a Tour

National Gallery guided tours will enhance your experience by offering memorable moments with behindthe-scenes insights and through telling the stories of the works of art and the artists who created them. Custom tours and packages are also available. By booking a tour and supporting the National Gallery, you are investing in Cayman's creative community and cultural heritage, both of which play a vital role in the health of our community.

30 minute tours start at CI \$10 per person.

Visit

Exhibition halls, the NGCI Store and the Art Cafe are open Monday to Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM. Admission is free. Donations welcome.

Keep in Touch!

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KIDS & FAMILIES

Made in Cayman Family Day

Saturday, 18 November 10 AM-3 PM
The Cayman Islands Traditional Arts
Council has partnered with NGCI to
host a family day celebrating the best
of traditional Caymanian culture
through games, demonstrations and
craft activities. Thatch plaiting lessons
at 10 AM, 11 AM and 12 PM are done
on a first come, first serve basis with a
class size of 20 students. Food and
beverages will be available for
purchase. Admission is free.

Family Fun at the Artisans Fair

Friday, 15 December 3 PM-6 PM Shop for locally handmade gift items at the National Gallery's annual artisans fair while the kiddos glaze Christmas ceramics in the in the Susan A. Olde Art Studio. Ceramic items between CI \$5-\$15.

Pajama Craft Night

Saturday, 6 January 4 PM-6 PM Girls ages 11-17 are invited for a fun evening of crafting, pizza and PJs at NGCI! Teens will learn basic macramé – a form of textile produced using knotting—and create their own unique macramé jewelry. CI \$20.00 includes pizza, soft drinks and materials.









WORKSHOPS & FILM SCREENINGS

Curated Craft Shorts Film Screening

Thursday, 19 October 5-8 PM
Enjoy an after-hours viewing of the temporary exhibition REVIVE and a series of short stylised documentaries showcasing the rich variety of local products made right here in the Cayman Islands. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

Beginners Ceramics with Cecilia Urdaneta

Saturday, 28 October, 2-4:30 PM & Sunday, 5 November, 2-4:30 PM In this two-part workshop for beginners, instructor Cecilia will lead you in the art of hand building vessels using traditional techniques. CI \$150 all materials included. 10% discount for NGCI members.

Wine Tasting & Textiles with Sarah McDougall

Saturday, 25 November 5-8 PM
In this unique textile workshop,
crafters will sample wines as they
embroider Christmas-themed wall
decorations right in time for the
holidays! CI \$100 all materials and
refreshments included. 10% discount
for NGCI members. Age 18+









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DISCUSSIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Craft Discussion with CITAC & CTA

Thursday, 2 November 6-7:30 PM Join us as we delve into the art of craft with members from the Cayman Islands Traditional Art Council and Cayman Traditional Arts.

Is Knitting Dead? Young Patrons Circle Discussion

Friday, 27 October 6-7:30 PM
The Young Patrons Circle presents a special after-hours discussion.
Tackling hard questions about the art of knitting.

Special Lecture with Horacio Esteban

Wednesday, 22 November 6-7:30 PM Meet one of Cayman's premiere sculptures. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

Artisans Fair

Friday, 15 December 3 PM-9 PM Shop for locally handmade gift items at the National Gallery's annual artisans fair.

Members Christmas Party

Friday, 15 December 6-9 PM Come and celebrate the holiday season!









SCHOOL & TEACHERS

Teach Days Traditional Caymanian Plaiting

2, 8 & 16 November 9 AM-1 PM
Learn about the traditional Caymanian art of plaiting (weaving) Silver Thatch from skilled artisans as they demonstrate a variety of plaiting techniques and uses. Artisans will be at NGCI from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM to offer scheduled presentations to school groups. To book a tour of the exhibition and a thatch demonstration, email education@nationalgallery.org.ky

Educators Happy Hour

Friday, 17 November 4-8 PM
Inviting educators for a special
evening featuring guided tours,
crafting, and socializing. Participants
can connect with their creativity in a
guided studio craft session, enjoy
refreshments, and take an after-hours
tour with NGCI staff. Educators will be
given teachers' packs featuring
information about local artists, art
styles, and example NGCI tour
options. Open to teachers from all
subjects and grade levels.









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