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ESTABLISHED AND UP-AND-COMING NORTH SHORE ARTISTS SIGN ON FOR 11th ANNUAL ONE OF A KIND SHOW AND SALE *December 1- 4 at Chicago's Merchandise Mart*

Chicago (October 3, 2011)—The 11th annual One of a Kind Show and Sale has an exciting line up of North Shore artists exhibiting at this premier holiday shopping show, December 1-4, 2011. The juried Show features 600+ artists from around the globe selling hand-made, one-of-a-kind items in a range of categories and price points including accessories, ceramics, fashion, fiber art, furniture, glass, gourmet, holiday, jewelry, kids, metal, mixed media, paintings, photography, sculpture and wood.

The Show is more than just a holiday shopping event; it offers attendees who come in droves from across the Midwest a unique and entertaining shopping experience. In addition to one-of-a-kind shopping, attendees can speak with the artists, individually attend artist demonstrations, join in crafting workshops, and enjoy gourmet treats, fashions shows and live music. Chicago has a strong community of artists and the One of a Kind Show and Sale features more than 40 established and up-and-coming artists from the North Shore area.

Deerfield

SM Artworks

<http://www.sm-artworks.com/Site/Welcome.html>

Bio:

Susan Willis was born and raised in the city of Chicago. She spent her childhood summers vacationing on the shores of Lake Michigan, where she developed a strong love of the outdoors. Susan's artwork is motivated by and is a perfect expression of her deep love and appreciation of the natural world. She favors intense and bold colors found in nature and she uses these vibrant colors in her artwork. Susan's artwork -- originals, giclee prints, posters, coaster sets and notecards -- can be found in various galleries, boutiques and commercial establishments in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. In addition, Susan has donated her artwork to benefit various non-profit organizations and her designs are licensed on a variety of commercial products from personal bank checks to large display banners. Susan welcomes all opportunities to further the reach of her work.



Dal Lars Studio

<http://www.dallarsart.com/>

Bio:

We often mark the significant events of our lives and fail to note the passages that lie in between. In using the Midwest landscapes as a subject of these paintings, Lars Birger-Sponberg is calling attention to the extraordinariness of the commonplace, the in betweens of the celebrated places as well as the in betweens of our lives.



Evanston

Kali Butterfly

<http://www.kalibutterfly.com/>

Bio:

Vanessa Walilko has been making meticulous pieces of jewelry most of her life. At age eight, she took a beaded jewelry class in the summer, and fell in love with putting together little beads in order to make whatever ideas she could dream up. She took a chainmaille class in 2006 and has linked over 100,000 jump rings ever since.

Kali Butterfly offers stylish, handmade aluminum chainmaille jewelry. Aluminum and anodized aluminum are lightweight materials that allow for bold, statement jewelry designs that won't weigh down the wearer. Kali Butterfly jewelry is made using ancient chainmaille techniques. Every piece of jewelry is meticulously made by individually linking aluminum jump rings with just two pairs of pliers.

In a time where eco-consciousness is on the rise, choosing Kali Butterfly aluminum jewelry makes fashion and environmental sense.



Minastudio

<http://www.minastudios.com/home.html>

Bio:

Mina Hsing was born in Shanghai, China. She studied classical Chinese brush painting during her childhood. After Mina came to America, she studied Art at the University of California and later graduated from Mundelein College in Chicago, in 1967. She taught Chinese brush painting and exhibited her work throughout New York, North Carolina and Virginia where she received numerous awards for her work.

Mina specializes in paintings which are done on an individual basis to fit specific rooms. She is expert in realistic and abstract Western styles of art as well as Chinese brush painting. Whatever her medium (oil, acrylic, water color or metallic oil) or her style, Mina's vibrant use of color and elegant design are always evident.

Mina lived in North Carolina for 22 years and during that time was a prolific painter as well as a successful gallery owner. She has recently moved to the Chicago area and is creating her own personal expressions as well as accepting commercial and personal custom projects. Mina is an accomplished framer and sees the frame as the final step of the creative process.



Glencoe

Genuinely Jill

<http://www.genuinelyjill.com/>

Bio:

I love to give. I've always loved giving gifts. It's the quest for the perfect something that I always found daunting. A few years ago, I started making gifts. I found them to be more personal and gratifying. As a graphic designer, typography has always interested me. I love to play with words and create designs using them. I usually start with the person and words and quotes that describe them, and then I just play.



Glenview

Le Bouton

<http://www.leboutonjewelry.com/>

Bio:

Established in 1985 by Beverly Eisenstein, Le Bouton creates one of a kind jewelry using buttons, buckles, game pieces, coins and watch parts. The materials used in the creations date back to the 1700's. Each piece comes with its own history-age, materials involved, country of origin. Le Bouton creates all forms of jewelry including earrings, pins, necklaces and cufflinks.



Highland Park

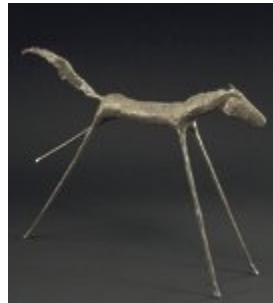
Jim Budish, Sculptor

<http://www.jimbudish.com/home.html>

Bio:

A Colorado native, I studied sculpture at the Art Students League of Denver and the Loveland Academy of Fine Arts, as well as participating in ISC (International Sculpture Center) workshops at the Art Institute of Chicago.

I sculpt in clay on maquette size works and cast in bronze via the lost wax method. On life size and monumental works I prefer to sculpt in low density foam with a hot-knife, applying clay to the surface before casting in bronze via the lost wax method.



Lake Forest

Toffee Traditions

<https://toffeetraditions.com/>

Bio:

Toffee Traditions began four years ago; however, the tradition started decades ago.

As a little girl, Kristen Weisberg made English toffee with her grandfather, "Boppa." When she was older, she used Boppa's recipe and guidance and began making it in the kitchen. Kristen made it for holidays as a teenager, hostess gifts as a newlywed, and teacher gifts as a mom. Over the years, she perfected the original recipe while creating her own variations.

The toffee is made locally in small handmade batches and she never use corn syrup, only the finest ingredients are added. Between the buttery taste, the perfect crunch and the smooth finish, one can really tell the difference in their toffee.



Skokie

Sam and Coop

<http://samandcoop.com/>

Bio:

Founded by Eun Hee Kim, Sam and Coop offer fun and funky clothes for infants and toddlers. As you probably can assume my store is named after my wonderful children Samantha and Cooper. They inspire me everyday!



Seth & Reid Collection

<http://www.sethandreid.com/>

Bio:

The Seth & Reid Collection's founder, Kathryn Saitelbach, created the line to wed style and value. Our fresh, contemporary classics carry a weight and finish that speak of quality, combined with sophisticated, understated design.

Discerning customers will naturally gravitate towards these pieces that not only feel solid in the hand, but are also elegant and easy to wear.

The Seth & Reid goal is to integrate excellent original design, extraordinary value and honest, reliable service.



SHOW INFORMATION:

DATES AND TIMES: Thursday, December 1; noon -9 p.m.
Friday, December 2; 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday, December 3; 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sunday, December 4; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

TICKETS: Tickets are \$12 for adults
A portion of all ticket sales will benefit Children's Memorial Hospital.
Tickets are available online at www.oneofakindshowchicago.com.