

Chie Hitchner
Textile Artist

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Artist Statement:

My art seeks to explore the outer boundaries of textile design when using only very simple and conventional tools of the textile craft: Natural fiber (usually silk), a floor loom, pencil, paper, electric light, heat. Nothing more – and absolutely no computer aided design or production. I dye the fiber in small batches in my studio, using locally available natural materials from my neighborhood in Montgomery whenever possible. I extensively use warp and weft ikat, and supplemental weft, to expand the design possibility on each textile canvas I create. I exhibit my work at juried art exhibitions and juried craft shows in the United States and Japan.

Education:

Tama Art University
Tokyo, JAPAN
1984 MA in Design

Indian National Tagore University
Santiniketan, INDIA
Special 1-year study of Indian textile arts, 1979-80

Joshibi University of Art and Design
Tokyo, JAPAN
1979 BA in Arts with concentration in textile design

Awards:

Southern Art and Makers Collective Award
Montgomery Art Guild Museum Exhibition 2021
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

Director's Award 2019
American Craft Exposition
Chicago, IL

Rare Craft Award of Excellence
American Craft Show 2018
Atlanta GA
<https://craftcouncil.org/shows/acc/american-craft-show-atlanta>

Award of Excellence
American Craft Show 2017
San Francisco CA
<https://craftcouncil.org/artists/85860>

Best in Show
CraftBoston Holiday 2017
Boston MA
<https://www.societyofcrafts.org/craftboston>

Noble Seay Jones Best in Show Award
Montgomery Art Guild Museum Exhibition 2015
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts
Montgomery AL

Cleveland Award
Montgomery Art Guild Museum Exhibition 2013
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts
Montgomery AL

New Artist Award
Kokuten Exhibition 2010
Tokyo JAPAN

First Place Category VI (Mixed Media)
Regions Bank Art Exhibit 2007
Montgomery AL

Other Exhibitions:

Chie Hitchner: Handwoven Textiles
Johnson Center for the Arts
Troy, AL
November 2021-February 2022

47th Annual Fine Crafts Show (2019)
Alabama Designer Craftsmen
Birmingham, AL

International Fiber Arts IX
Sebastopol Center for the Arts
Sebastopol, CA

<https://sebarts.org/gallery/fiber-arts-ix/>

Smithsonian Craft Show 2020, 2018, 2017, 2015

National Building Museum

Washington DC

<https://smithsoniancraftshow.org/>

Kokuten Exhibition

1981~1987, 2002~2021

Tokyo JAPAN

<https://kokuten.com/4690>

Chie Hitchner in Exhibition

LUX Center for the Arts

Lincoln NE

<https://www.luxcenter.org/>

Philadelphia Museum of Art Contemporary Craft Show 2016

Philadelphia PA

<https://www.pmacraftshow.org/>

Memberships:

Alabama Designer Craftsmen

Textile Society of America

Kokugakai Art Guild (Associate Member)

American Craft Council

Surface Design Association