



The Humboldt Arts Council
in the Morris Graves Museum of Art

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Exhibition Headline: 12th Annual Junque Arte Exhibition and Competition, Awards Announced

Exhibition Dates: October 7 through December 3, 2006

Museum Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**12th Annual Junque Arte Exhibition Opens at the Morris Graves Museum of Art;
Winners Announced**

The Humboldt Arts Council is pleased to announce the 12th annual Junque Arte Exhibition and Competition at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. The juried exhibit runs through December 3rd in the William Thonson Gallery. This year's Best of Show goes to Aaron Hassler, for *Samuari*. First place goes to Scott M. Birk, Second place to Diane Caudillo, and Third Place to Linda Wise. Two honorable mention awards went to Steven Regalo and Eric Mueller.

Designed to celebrate artistic creativity on the Northcoast and heighten the awareness to renewable resources in the artmaking process, each artwork in the show is made from 100% recycled materials. This year's Juror was Charlotte Kruk 'n Kempken. Her artwork incorporates genuinely purchased, meticulously unwrapped, consumed and conscientiously collated consumer product packaging. Each element of "trash" is carefully stitched together side by side to create new textiles, which beg to be evaluated...scrutinized. These wearable sculptures are designed to "slyly wink" at a culture that often compares women, particularly well-dressed women, to decorations, consumables... "eye candy". Whimsically initiating a dialogue on packaging, brand association, and power structure, these sculptures also direct a commentary on the gluttony and wastefulness of a disposable, packaged society. Charlotte's artwork has been exhibited at Copia in Napa, The Kohler Arts Center in Wisconsin and The Legion of Honor in San Francisco.

This year's exhibition was sponsored by City Garbage Company of Eureka, Eureka Community Recycling Center, Humboldt Waste Management Authority and Ramone's Bakery and Café.

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public noon-5p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Museum admission is by donation: \$4 for adults, \$1 for seniors age 55 and older; HAC Members and children age 12 and under are admitted free. Admission is always free for everyone during each First Saturday Arts Alive!, 6-9 p.m.

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