



From Human Hands: NB Fine Craft Festival

July 16th & 17th



#FromHumanHands: NB Fine Craft Fest, New Brunswick's premier fine craft festival presented by the New Brunswick Crafts Council, is coming back to #SaintJohn for a second year **July 16 & 17** at the Marco Polo Cruise Terminal!

#FromHumanHands will feature contemporary and traditional fine craft from New Brunswick master craftspeople working in ceramics, metal, jewellery, glass, fine art, fibre, leather and more! With 52 booths, this is the largest *From Human Hands* event to date! Participatory demos with the New Brunswick College of Craft & Design, a Handcrafted Fashion Show with NWH Modeling by Normand Hector, stone sculpting demos with Sculpture Saint John, an Interior Design Spotlight with Kim Jakobsen Design, a kids craft corner, and food and drink from Urban Deli and Picaroons Traditional Ales. PLUS live performances from Jane Blanchard, Jake & Hannah, Evan LeBlanc, Shamber's Bluff, and a special Buskers on the Bay Festival hand-pan duo performance, alongside videos from Life's Work: Six Conversations with Makers and studio interviews by Bell Aliant Community One!



All craft vendors are Juried Members of the New Brunswick Crafts Council and their work has been validated by their peers, ensuring high-quality, handcrafted products. Find unique works made in New Brunswick, meet the makers, try your hand at craft processes, and celebrate New Brunswick creative skill. A full list of vendors is available on nbcraftscouncil.ca:ow.ly/dj63300mWEK

Festival Hours

Saturday, July 16: 10am-6pm

Sunday, July 17: 11am-4pm (Handcrafted Fashion Show 1:30pm)

Festival Admission: \$5 (kids under 12 are free; free parking included)

Marco Polo Cruise Terminal
111 Water Street
Saint John, NB

NB Fine Craft Fest Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/133705957042375/>

We're seeking volunteers! We rely on help from volunteers to make this festival a success and we promise this is a fun and energizing experience. If you are interested in volunteering at this event, please email events@nbcraftscouncil.ca or visit our call for volunteers: <http://ow.ly/RmE9300ngm4>

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LIVE MUSIC



SATURDAY, JULY 16

12-1PM
JANE BLANCHARD

2-3PM
EVAN LEBLANC

4-5PM
JAKE & HANNAH

SUNDAY, JULY 17

11AM-1PM
BUSKERS ON THE BAY
HANDPAN DUO

3PM
SHAMPER'S BLUFF

LA MUSIQUE

SAMEDI, 16 JUILLET

12H-13H
JANE BLANCHARD

14H-15H
EVAN LEBLANC

16H-17H
JAKE & HANNAH

SUNDAY, JULY 17

11H-13H
BUSKERS ON THE BAY
HANDPAN DUO

15H
SHAMPER'S BLUFF



NB Fine Craft Gala

Friday, July 15th 6-9PM

The Fine Craft Gala on the evening of **Friday, July 15th** will kick off the 2016 [#FromHumanHands](#): NB Fine Craft Festival at the Marco Polo Cruise Terminal in Saint John. With a theme of Diversity, this event will feature a speaker series with artist and instructor Brigitte Clavette, artist and instructor Judie Acquin-Miksovsky, and artist Philip Savage, recipient of the 2015 Nel Oudemans Award. The presentation of the 2016 Nel Oudemans award by the Sheila Hugh Mackay Foundation will also be a highlight of the evening, as well as NBCC "Best Booth", "Best Body of Work", and "Best New Product" awards. Gala attendees will receive an exclusive "First Look" preview of the NB Fine Craft Festival from 6-7pm to the live music of Nova Scotian fiddler Alycia Putnam. The gala commences at 7pm. Attendees will also enjoy craft beer from Picaroons Traditional Ales and delicious appetizers and spirits from Urban Deli.

Limited tickets are available: \$20 + HST

Tickets are on sale on eventbrite.com: <http://ow.ly/rFbQ300Yil7>

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Below are bios of speakers [Brigitte Clavette](#) and Judie Acquin Miksovsky, who will speak on 'Diversity'.



Judie Acquin-Miksovsky (left) and Brigitte Clavette (right), 2016 gala speakers

Brigitte Clavette: Studio Head and instructor at the [New Brunswick College of Craft and Design's Jewellery/Metal Arts Studio](#) since 1985, Brigitte is the recipient of a number of awards, from the Canada Council for the Arts | Conseil des Arts du Canada, artsnb, the Strathbutler Award and the Award for Excellence in Craft from the Province of New Brunswick. Her work is in private and public collections, most notably the Royal Ontario Museum, Victoria and Albert Museum in London England, MacDonald Stewart Art Center, the New Brunswick Museum and the Province of New Brunswick. She is represented by Gallery 78 in Fredericton, Buckland Merrifield Gallery in Saint John and the Jonathon Bancroft Snell Gallery in London, Ontario. She is a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts since 2000.

[Sgotewisq Judie Acquin-Miksovsky](#) is a multi-media artist, educator, and social activist. She uses her educational background in art and adult education with Wolastoqiyik traditional knowledge to teach about art, culture, knowledge, tradition, diversity, and pride. Judie conducts workshops around the province with adults and children alike, highlighting traditional teachings and quality in craftsmanship. Her workshops include: drum making, wampum, beadwork, and ash basketry. Presently teaching at the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design in the Aboriginal Visual Arts Program, Judie is in her element.



The Nel Oudemans Award recognizes the pursuit of excellence in the fields of fine craft and design by emerging New Brunswick artisans. It is intended to support creative growth of artists in the early stages of their careers. In conjunction with a \$2,000 award, the recipient of the Nel Oudemans Award is eligible to be funded to participate in the SOFA Chicago Educational Mission, sponsored by the Craft Alliance and ACOA through the International Business Development Agreement.



Nel Oudemans

Network with NBCC professional craftspeople, enthusiasts, advocates, administrators, craft champions, and emerging artists within the sector. Get first pick of unique products crafted #FromHumanHands by NBCC Juried Members, who are masters of design and craftsmanship. Be inspired by the stories, heritage skills, aesthetics, and high standard of New Brunswick fine craft. Suggested dress code is semi-formal.



Alycia Putnam, Nova Scotian fiddler will perform from 6-7pm during the Festival First Look.

Presented by the New Brunswick Crafts Council, Canada's oldest crafts council. Proceeds go to the NBCC, a provincial non-profit organization, to support fine craft in the province.

NB Fine Craft Gala Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1752061765064160/>

For more information on the Sheila Hugh Mackay Foundation and the Nel Oudemans Award, please visit:
<http://sheilahughmackay.ca/shmf/awards/nel-oudemans-award>

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