

# Basketry; Traditional & Contemporary Woven Art

*Exhibition featuring eight traditional to contemporary basket weavers opens  
September 11 at the Pickens County Museum*

The Pickens County Museum of Art & History will be presenting new exhibitions from **September 11 through November 11, 2010**. Please join us from **6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on September 11** as we host a reception to meet some of the artists featured in **“Basketry; Traditional & Contemporary Woven Art”**. Also showing during this time will be **“Cherokee Carvers: Tradition Renewed”**. Both exhibitions will continue through November 11, 2010.

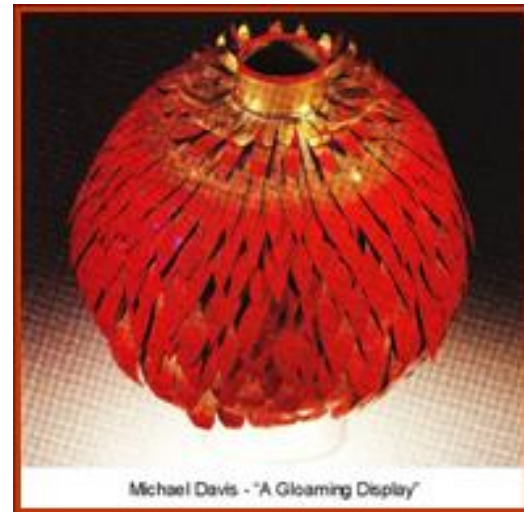


Curated by well known weaver **Pati English**, this collection of works from some of the most influential Southern artisans working in various aspects of traditional and contemporary basketry includes, in addition to Pati English are **Michael Davis, Barbara McCormick, Gale McKinley, Tika Tucker, Dolores von Rosen, Laura Lee Zanger and Pamela Zimmerman**.

About the show, and her role as Guest Curator, Pati English said, “It was my privilege to invite artisans from South Carolina and neighboring states of North Carolina and Georgia to participate in this basketry exhibition. It is my vision that visitors will be amazed and engaged by the scope of artistry and history in hand woven fiber art. Basket making from ancient beginnings has survived our changing culture and is one of the time honored art forms of today.”

beauty and function. With time, skill, care, hands, and natural materials, these artisans enjoy the simple tools in creating their unique connection with nature. Being a slow and meditative process, basket weaving opens a world of possibilities to intersect and manipulate intricate designs. From simple, functional lines, to contemporary sculptural vessels, weaving satisfies our need for enduring beauty in our surroundings.”

She continued, “The unique display of three-dimensional art is a celebration of Preserving and perpetuating this ancient art form maintains a connection to the land and a bridge to the future. These eight artisans will keep the art of basketry alive and ensure this tradition a place in the 21st Century.



The public is encouraged to visit and enjoy this exceptional collection of woven art featuring eight serious and thoughtful weavers who collectively create the

pulse of contemporary basketry. The Pickens County Museum of Art & History is funded in part by **Pickens County, members and friends of the museum** and a grant from the **South Carolina Arts Commission**, which receives support from the **National Endowment for the Arts**.



Located at the corner of Hwy. 178 at **307 Johnson Street in Pickens SC**, the museum is open **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.** Admission is free but donations are welcomed. For more information please contact the museum at (864) 898-5963.