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Quest for the World’s Best Baskets
June 8 – September 9, 2012
Reception June 8 6-8pm
HGA Gallery, Rapson Hall, Minneapolis Campus

Many GMD exhibitions provide a fresh look at objects that visitors think they already know about. Quest for the World’s Best Baskets showcases over 200 baskets from around the world that may test visitors’ preconceptions about what baskets can look like, what materials they can be made from, their uses, and their importance to a culture’s sense of identity and its livelihood.

The baskets in this exhibition represent about one-fourth of the riches that resulted from collector Nancy Schermer’s 40 years of world travels. The title reflects the sense of purpose that propelled her trips: to find the most beautiful and most interesting baskets on the planet. An educator, Schermer inspired exhibition curator Susan McArdle with the baskets’ unique stories, which connect the baskets to the lives and circumstances of their makers.

GMD’s marketing partner for the exhibition is Grand Hand Gallery in St. Paul. The shop will present a collaborative exhibition, American Baskets: from Traditional to Contemporary, from Coast to Coast, June 2–July 8, 2012. thegrandhand.com

Exhibition Guest Curators
Susan McArdle
General Information
The Goldstein Museum of Design (GMD), part of the University of Minnesota’s College of Design, supports teaching and research in design through exhibitions, publications, programs, and community partnerships. GMD celebrates diverse cultures through its collections and programs by promoting the appreciation and interpretation of design within social, cultural, aesthetic, and historic contexts.

Location
GMD Gallery is on the second floor of:
McNeal Hall
1985 Buford Ave.
St. Paul, MN  55108

GMD Gallery Hours
Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm
Weekend 1:30am-4:30pm
FREE admission. Closed Mondays and all University holidays.

Parking
Parking is in Gortner Ramp at 1395 Gortner Avenue. The ramp and McNeal Hall are both handicapped accessible.

Public Transit
For bus information, call (612) 373-3333

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