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Contemporary Fiber: Botanicals

May 17 – September 28, 2025



Inspired by the natural world, *Contemporary Fiber: Botanicals* features artworks that have literal or abstract botanical themes. The artworks are made with a wide range of fiber techniques, including sewing, weaving, embroidery, felting, twining, applique, quilting and knitting. Some use unconventional fiber materials like reed grasses, moss, lichen and recycled livestock feed bags. This international juried exhibition is on view in the Gardens' Freyer – Newman Center May 17 – September 28, 2025 and is included with Gardens' admission.

Contemporary Fiber is created in partnership with Fiber Art Now magazine who selected and published 40 artworks in their magazine, from which Denver Botanic Gardens selected artworks for the exhibition. Nearly all 23 featured artists are based in the United States, including three from Colorado: Joel Allen, Deborah Davis and Karen Eberle-Smith. One artist is based in Canada and one in the United Kingdom.

ABOUT FIBER ART NOW

Fiber Art Now fosters support and opportunities for artists and professionals worldwide in the fields of fiber art, textiles, mixed media and fine craft. A quarterly print and digital publication, Fiber Art Now actively seeks artists who are exploring innovative directions in their fields.

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Join us for a stroll through current art exhibitions in our state-of-the-art Freyer – Newman Center galleries with a curatorial staff member.

Images: (L) Lanny Bergner, *Gaia's Crown* (detail), stainless steel mesh, copper wire, brass wire, silicone and acrylic medium, 2024. (M) Karen Eberle-Smith, *Exploring Fragility*, handmade paper, cheesecloth, wheat spikes and gold paint, 2023. (R) Kathie Kerler, *P is for Poppies and Periwinkle* (detail), cotton fabric, polyester fabric, metallic fabric, cotton and polyester batting, dyes and ink pencils, 2020.

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About Denver Botanic Gardens: Green inside and out, Denver Botanic Gardens was founded in 1951 and is considered one of the top botanical gardens in the United States and a pioneer in water conservation. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Gardens has a robust living plant collection, natural history collection and art collection along with temporary art exhibitions. The Gardens is a dynamic, 24-acre urban oasis in the heart of the city, offering unforgettable opportunities to flourish with unique garden experiences for the whole family – as well as world-class art exhibitions and education programs in the Freyer – Newman Center; plant conservation efforts and horticultural research. Additional sites extend this experience throughout the Front Range. Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025, is a 700-acre native plant refuge with an active farm in Jefferson County; Mount Goliath is a high-altitude trail and interpretive site on the Mount Blue Sky Scenic Byway. The Gardens also manages programming at Plains Conservation Center in Aurora. For more information, visit us online at www.botanicgardens.org.