

**PHILADELPHIA CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS FEATURED IN GALLERY EXHIBITION
CROSSING THE BRIDGE TO SHOW IN *OVER THE BRIDGE***

MILLVILLE, NJ (May 26, 2016) – Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center will host a new exhibition, *Over the Bridge*, in the Gallery of Fine Craft from May 28 to June 26, 2016. The show features contemporary works made by fifteen artists living and working in the Philadelphia region. Participating artists are: Philippa Beardsley, Christine Belton, Justin Joseph Bursk, Danielle Bursk, Zbigniew Chojnacki, Meagan Corrado, Denise Fike, Marguerita C. Hagan, Rebecca Jacoby, Amy Lemaire, Jim Loewer, Abby Elizabeth Schmidt, Katie VanVliet, Kathleen Vaccaro, and Marie Weaver.

Inspired by the 2016 special exhibitions in the Museum of American Glass **From the Ground Up: Archaeology, Artisans, and Everyday Life** and **Mine Moonlight: Artists Working in Philadelphia's River Wards**, the *Over the Bridge* show in the Gallery features a variety of mixed media works. The artwork includes wide-ranging two-dimensional work, glass art, sculpture showcasing different materials, ceramics, mosaic work, and other techniques and materials. All of the work on display is available for purchase.

“A Philadelphia-focused show is new and different for the Gallery at WheatonArts,” said Gallery Manager Noele Alampi. “Many of the *Over the Bridge* artists are new to WheatonArts, but with connections to Philadelphia because of the current special exhibitions in the Museum of American Glass, it made sense. With all three exhibits, we’re really bridging the gap between the New Jersey and Philadelphia contemporary arts scene.”

An opening reception will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Gallery of Fine Craft at WheatonArts. Several of the participating artists will be in attendance. From the May 28 opening to June 26 closing, the show can be experienced by WheatonArts visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. For more information about WheatonArts, call 1-800-998-4552 or 856-825-6800, or visit online at wheatonarts.org. Please submit requests for press images to wheatonartsnews@wheatonarts.org.

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