

# CRAFT IN AMERICA

## SCIENCE ARTIST AND INSTITUTION BIOS

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### **Erik & Martin Demaine (Cambridge, MA)**

We begin at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where Erik and Martin Demaine combine math with art. Erik is an MIT professor of computer science and the father-son team takes inspiration from their research to create unique curved-crease origami sculptures from folded paper.



### **Joan Takayama-Ogawa (Los Angeles, CA)**

We find ceramic artist Joan Takayama-Ogawa at the Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles, California. Joan is a passionate artist and educator who uses her work in clay to respond to the ongoing climate emergency.



### **Chris Maynard (Olympia, WA)**

We travel to Olympia, Washington, to meet Chris Maynard, who creates intricate art entirely from bird feathers. Inspired by his love of the natural world and his background as a biologist, Chris hopes to give people a new perspective on nature through his art.



### **John Leubtow (Los Angeles, CA)**

Back in Los Angeles, we meet John Luebtow, a glass sculptor and teacher. He introduces us to the founder of the modern kindergarten, Friedrich Froebel, and how Froebel's geometric "gifts" inspired John and generations of other artists.



### **Joseph & Sergio Youngblood Lugo (Santa Clara Pueblo, NM)**

The Santa Clara Pueblo in New Mexico has been home to a long tradition of Native potters, including brothers Joseph and Sergio Youngblood Lugo. Joseph and Sergio demonstrate the ancestral firing technique that produces their unique polished pottery.



### **Karen Nyberg (Salt Lake City, UT)**

We end the episode with retired NASA astronaut and quilter Karen Nyberg. Karen brought quilting to the International Space Station and inspired the international quilting challenge that connected makers from all over the world. Karen continues to create art inspired by space and science.

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#### **OUR MISSION**

To promote and advance original handcrafted work through programs in all media

#### **OUR GOALS**

To document the importance of handmade objects and the artists who make them  
To provide a gateway to discover, explore and experience craft  
To celebrate our nation's cultures through craft

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