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## **CHEONGJU SELECTION ON NOW IN LIBRARY** *Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition*

**MEDICINE HAT, AB** – The Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program (TREX) presents ***Cheongju Selection*** at the Medicine Hat Public Library until Mar. 29, 2010.

The Cheongju International Craft Biennale in South Korea is one of the largest fine craft events in the world. Canada was the 2009 guest country, and work by more than 200 Canadian craft artists was presented in the Canada Pavilion for a 40 day festival that attracted over 500,000 visitors from 50 countries. The Biennale took place from Sept. 23 to Nov. 1, 2009.

Organized for TREX by the Alberta Craft Council, ***Cheongju Selection*** is a touring exhibition of selected work by Alberta craft artists presented at the Biennale. The exhibition features works in a range of media including glass, clay, metal and fibre, and offers a glimpse of how Alberta artists responded to the theme for the 2009 Biennale, *Outside the Box*. The theme proposed that craft be considered or approached as a collective whole, rather than as a series of fragmentary and contending disciplines. To think outside the box, as the phrase goes in the West, is to transcend conditions and boundaries through the human faculty of imagination.

Artists represented in the exhibition include Linda Chow, Charles Lewton-Brain, John Chalke, Scott Hardy, Crys Harse, Mary Holdgrafer, James Lavoie, Darren Petersen, Tyler Rock, Carol & Richard Selfridge, Do-Hee Sung, and Barbara Tipton.

***Cheongju Selection*** is organized by the Alberta Craft Council and produced for TREX by the Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre in Medicine Hat. It is on display in the Medicine Hat Public Library, 414 First St. SE, Medicine Hat, until Mar. 29, 2010.

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