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FRUITLANDS MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

THE NOBILITY OF THINGS

JUNE 29 – NOVEMBER 3, 2013

High resolution images available on request.

(Harvard, Mass. – June 3, 2013) Fruitlands Museum, which opened its 99th main season this spring, presents **The Nobility of Things**, an exhibition by artist-in-residence Jodi Colella. The exhibition opens June 29 and runs through Nov. 3, 2013. The Museum is open Monday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.— 4 p.m., weekends and holidays 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and students, \$5 for children 5 – 13, and free for members and children under 5. Fruitlands Museum is located at 102 Prospect Hill Road in Harvard, Mass. For more information please visit www.fruitlands.org or call 978-456-3924.

Mixed-media sculptor Jodi Colella investigates the inherent qualities in both found and manufactured materials and celebrates the intersection of science and art. Her sculptures are conduits for concepts and ideas, for revelations of memory, science, and social history. *The Nobility of Things* explores the confluence of space, time, and emotion—the rhythms of breath and body.

Says Colella, “I’ve been making art with found materials and traditional handwork techniques for as long as I can remember. Working with my hands was a valued skill in my family, with birthdays and holidays being an excuse for my parents to shower us with art supplies. One of my earliest bodies of work in middle school included a collection of flattened soda cans found in the debris of an abandoned building behind my house. I would paint them to illustrate the figures I saw in the rusty shapes - everything from people to fire engines.”

Colella lives in Somerville, Mass. and grew up in Dorchester, Mass. For more information about the artist, visit www.jodicolella.com.

Museum goers are invited to an opening reception on Saturday, June 29 at 1 p.m. Free with admission. As part of her goal to engage the community on a variety of scales, indoors and out, she will be working on a project called HIVE, a community assembly project that will evolve throughout the season. Visitors are encouraged to drop in and take part in creating this work of art on special workshop days. No experience necessary! Colella's residency runs from April 15 - November 3, 2013. For a complete schedule, visit www.fruitlandsmuseum.org

Current Exhibitions at Fruitlands Museum

Jodi Colella, Artist-in-Residence
Through Nov. 3, 2013

Art-in-Nature Sculpture Competition
Through November 3, 2013

Coming Soon to Fruitlands Museum

Summer Concert Series
Thursdays, June 13 – August 8

The Nobility of Things
June 28 – Nov. 3, 2013

Andrews Shaker Show
Sept. 7, 2013 – Feb. 1, 2014

Craft Festival co-sponsored with the Worcester Center for Crafts
Sept. 28 & 29

About Fruitlands Museum

Fruitlands Museum, founded in 1914 by [Clara Endicott Sears](#), takes its name from an experimental utopian community led by Bronson Alcott and Charles Lane which existed on this site in 1843. The Fruitlands campus includes: The Fruitlands Farmhouse, the site of an experiment in communal living led by Alcott and Lane in 1843; The Shaker Museum, home to the largest archive of Harvard Shaker documents in the world; The Native American Gallery, which houses a significant collection of artifacts that honor the spiritual presence and cultural history of the first Americans; The Art Gallery, featuring a significant display of our extensive collection of Hudson River School landscape paintings, and a partial display of our over 230 nineteenth century vernacular portraits, the second largest collection in the country. The grounds feature 210 acres with panoramic views of the Nashua River Valley, including

three miles of walking trails. The Fruitlands Museum Store sells fine crafts by local artists, including pottery, glass, jewelry, clothing and home furnishings. The Museum Café, open during the main season (April 15 through November 3) focuses on locally-sourced, sustainable cuisine reflective of the heritage of New England. For more information, visit www.fruitlands.org or call 978-456-3924.

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