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## MODERN BASKETRY WITHOUT LIMITS ON EXHIBIT AT THE TTU MUSEUM

The Museum of Texas Tech University is pleased to announce the opening of the exhibition ***No Boundaries: Contemporary Basketry*** on **Sunday, March 26**, and running through June 18, in the Special Exhibitions Gallery of the Museum located at 3301 4<sup>th</sup> Street (SE corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Indiana Avenue), where ample free parking is available in the north and west lots.

Basketry is often described as the oldest known form of craft. Since ancient times, people have constructed baskets to fill specific needs: to collect, carry, display, or store. For the past quarter century, artists have been taking the simple basket form and pushing it in new and exciting directions. The artists in *No Boundaries: Contemporary Basketry* have invented new methods of construction, often using highly unconventional materials, and have transformed the everyday into the exotic.

Even in contemporary western society, nothing has yet replaced the wastebasket, the picnic basket, and the shopping basket: low-tech but essential articles. The 12 artists in *No Boundaries*—most from the United States and one from Japan—have turned the familiar form of the basket into 30 mixed-media objects infused with content and meaning, creating both utilitarian and non-utilitarian vessels, even abstract sculptures.

*No Boundaries* is curated by Beth Ann Gerstein, executive director of The Society of Arts and Crafts in Boston, Massachusetts. The exhibition is organized by The Society of Arts and Crafts, the oldest non-profit crafts organization in the country and a leader in the American crafts movement. The exhibition is circulated by *ExhibitsUSA*, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance, a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1972.

For more information or to request special assistance, call the Museum Education office at 806.742.2432, or email to [museum.education@ttu.edu](mailto:museum.education@ttu.edu). Stay current with Museum exhibitions and events at [www.museum.ttu.edu](http://www.museum.ttu.edu).

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*“There’s something for everyone at the Museum.”*

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**For quotes or phone interviews with artists or about the exhibition, speak to Nicole Forster, Beth Harris, or Emily Seaton at *ExhibitsUSA*, 1-800-473-3872.**