

# BEATRICE WOOD

## Biography

1893 Born San Francisco, CA  
1998 Died Ojai, CA

## Education

1940 Ceramics classes with Gertrud and Otto Natzler, Los Angeles, CA  
1938 Ceramics classes with Glen Lukens, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA  
1933 Ceramics class, Adult Education Program, Hollywood High School, Los Angeles, CA  
1911 Finch School, New York, NY  
1910 Académie Julian, Paris, France  
1910 Comédie-Française, Paris, France

## Solo Exhibitions

2022 *BEATRICE WOOD: Drawings, Prints, Ceramics*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 21 September - 29 October 2022 (catalogue)

2020 *Beatrice Wood: Some Things to Smile At*, Nina Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL, 14 February - 2 May 2020

2014 *Beatrice Wood: Living in the Timeless*, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA, 11 May - 31 August 2014

2013 *Beatrice Wood: Mama of Dada*, Flint Institute of Arts, Flint, MI, 16 November 2013 - 12 January 2014

2011 *Beatrice Wood: The Virgin's Dream: Drawings and Ceramics*, Oceanside Museum of Art, Oceanside, CA, 21 May - 18 September 2011  
*Beatrice Wood: Career Woman; Drawings, Paintings, Vessels and Objects*, Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA (catalogue)

1999 *Beatrice Wood*, Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
*Beatrice Wood: Drawing for Life*, Achim Moeller Fine Art Gallery, New York, NY

1997 *Beatrice Wood: A Centennial Tribute*, American Craft Museum, New York, NY; traveled to Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA, (catalogue)

1995 *Beatrice Wood: Aphrodisia*, CSUN Art Galleries, Northridge, CA

1990 *Beatrice Wood: Drawings and Ceramics*, Amerika Haus, Cologne, Germany (catalogue)

1989-90 *Intimate Appeal: The Figurative Art of Beatrice Wood*, The Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA; traveled to The Craft and Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, CA (catalogue)

1988 *Beatrice Wood*, Galleria Civica D'Arte Moderna, Palazzo dei Diamanti, Ferrara, Italy

1986 *Beatrice Wood - A Legend*, Fresno Art Center and Museum, Fresno, CA  
*Beatrice Wood*, Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, CA; traveled to Hilberry Gallery, Ann Arbor, Michigan

1985 *Beatrice Wood*, Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, CA; traveled to Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY

1984 *Beatrice Wood: Retrospective*, Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, CA; traveled to Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY

1983 *Beatrice Wood Retrospective*, California State University, Fullerton, Art Gallery, Fullerton, CA (catalogue)

1981 *Beatrice Wood: A Very Private View*, Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

1978 *Beatrice Wood: Ceramics and Drawings*, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY  
*Life with Dada: Beatrice Wood Drawings*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA

- 1973 *Beatrice Wood, Ceramics*, Hadler Galleries, New York, NY  
*Beatrice Wood: A Retrospective*, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AR; traveled to Tuscon Art Center, Tuscon, AR (catalogue)
- 1964-65 *Beatrice Wood*, Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA; traveled to Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA
- 1959 *Ceramics: Beatrice Wood*, Pasadena Art Museum, Pasadena, CA
- 1955 *Ceramics by Beatrice Wood*, American Gallery, Statler Center, Los Angeles, CA
- 1951 *B. Wood – Ceramics*, Honolulu Academy of Art, Honolulu, HI
- 1949 *Ceramics of Beatrice Wood*, American House, New York, NY

### Select Group Exhibitions

- 2022-23 *Breaking Ground: Women in California Clay*, American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA, 10 September 2022 - 19 February 2023  
*Precedents: Past Meets Present in Contemporary Glass and Clay*, Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI, 9 February - 24 September 2022
- 2021-22 *The Flames: The Age of Ceramics*, Musée d'Art Moderne de Paris, Paris, France, 15 October 2021 - 6 February 2022  
*Crafting America*, Jule Collins Smith Museum of Art, Auburn, AL, 29 June - 12 September 2021  
*Reflect, Reframe, Remake, Remodel: 40 Years of Recrafting KMAC*, KMAC Museum, Louisville, KY, 24 April - 1 August 2021  
*Vessels*, Nina Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL, 11 February - 1 May 2021
- 2020 *Open Storage: RAM Showcases Ceramic, Fiber, and Regional Archives*, Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI, 26 January - 30 August 2020
- 2019 *New York Dada and the Arensberg Circle of Artists*, Francis M. Naumann Fine Art, New York, NY, 12 September - 23 November 2019 (catalogue)  
*Bowdoin Collects: Emerging Modernisms, 1900–1950*, Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, ME, 29 June - 31 December 2019  
*Clayblazers: Women Artists Of The '50s, '60s And '70s*, ASU Art Museum, Tempe, AR, 20 April - 10 August 2019
- 2018-19 *Rising Tide: 12 Women Artist*, Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, MM, 14 December 2018 - 15 March 2019
- 2017-18 *Dada is Dada*, Bildmuseet, Umeå University, Umeå, Sweden, 17 November 2017 - 20 May 2018
- 2016-17 *American and European Folk Art*, Mingei International Museum, San Diego, CA, 19 November 2016 - 18 June 2017  
*Rendering Homage: Portraits of a Patron*, Fresno Art Museum, Fresno, CA, 20 May - 28 August 2016
- 2015-16 *Seeing the Light: Illuminating Objects*, Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Palm Springs, CA, 10 October 2015 - 3 January 2016  
*Looking Forward Looking Back*, New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe, NM, 11 September 2015 - 17 January 2016  
*Self: Portraits of Artists in Their Absence*, National Academy of Design, New York, NY, 29 January - 3 May 2015
- 2014 *Three Ceramic Artists: Gustavo Pérez, Cheryl Ann Thomas and Beatrice Wood*, Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, CA, 24 May - 28 June 2014 (catalogue)
- 2012-13 *The Female Gaze: Women Artists Making Their World*, The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA, 17 November 2012 - 7 April 2013 (catalogue)  
*Shifting Paradigms in Contemporary Ceramics: The Garth Clark and Mark Del Vecchio Collection*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX, 4 May - 3 June 2012 (catalogue)
- 2011-12 *Through the Fire, From Dirt to Dazzle*, Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI, 20 October 2011 - 29 January 2012  
*A Legacy Continued: New Acquisitions from the Stéphane Janssen & R. Michael Johns Collection*, ASU Art Museum, Tempe, AR, 30 April 2011 - 6 August 2022
- 2010 *The Visible Vagina*, David Nolan, New York, NY, 28 January - 20 March 2010 (catalogue)

- 2008 *Celebrating California Clay*, Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL, 11 July - 14 September 2008
- 1996 *Making Mischief: Dada Invades New York*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY (catalogue)
- 1990 *Clay Today: Contemporary Ceramists and Their Work*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA (catalogue)
- 1985 *The Vessel as Metaphor: Southern California 1950-1980*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
*Living Treasures of California*, E. B. Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA (catalogue)
- 1980 *The Contemporary American Potter: Recent Vessels*, University of North Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA (catalogue)  
*Le Espiritu Dada 1915-1925*, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Caracas, Caracas, Venezuela (catalogue)
- 1979-81 *A Century of Ceramics in the United States, 1878-1978*, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY; traveled to Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C., Cooper-Hewitt Museum, New York (catalogue)
- 1978 *Beatrice Wood and Friends: From Dada to Deco*, Rosa Esman Gallery, New York, NY (catalogue)
- 1975 *Avant-Garde: Painting and Sculpture in America 1910-1925*, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE (catalogue)
- 1947 *California Guild*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 1941 *Four Craftsmen of the Arts*, Raymond and Raymond Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
- 1940 *Contemporary American Industrial Art*, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY (catalogue)
- 1917 *First Exhibition of the Society of Independent Artists*, Grand Central Palace, New York, NY (catalogue)

### Grants and Awards

- 1994 California Governor's Awards for the Arts
- 1993 Recognition as A Role Model by Women in Film
- 1992 Gold Medal for Highest Achievement in Craftsmanship, American Craft Council
- 1989 Women's International Center Living Legacy Award
- 1988 Distinguished Service Award, Arizona State University
- 1987 Women's Art Caucus, Outstanding Achievement Award Fellow, NCECA  
 Fellow of American Craft Council
- 1986 Women's Building Award
- 1984 Living Treasure of California
- 1983 Symposium Award of the Institute for Ceramic History
- 1961 Goodwill Ambassador from USA to India

### Collections

American Craft Museum, New York, NY  
 Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AR  
 Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, NY  
 Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Centre d'Art et de Culture Georges Pompidou, Paris, France  
 Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, Racine, WI  
 Cooper Hewitt Museum, New York, NY  
 Detroit Institute for the Arts, Detroit, MI  
 Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY  
 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
 Mint Museum of Craft + Design, Charlotte, NC  
 Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY  
 Museum of Fine Art, Boston, MA  
 Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO  
Newark Museum of Art, Newark, NJ  
Oakland Museum of Art, Oakland, CA  
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA  
Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.  
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA  
Staatliche Museen Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin, Germany  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England