

## The Asian Arts & Culture Program at UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center

---

**CONTACT:** Sue McFarland, 413-577-2486 (aacp@acad.umass.edu)  
**WHAT:** Trash to Treasure: The River's Song Art Exhibit  
**WHEN:** April 4 – May 27, 2015  
**HOURS:** April 4-May 8, Fridays and Saturdays and daily starting May 9 from 10-4  
**WHERE:** Great Hall, Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Maple sugar tubing, Tyvek, old bottles and car parts form the basic building blocks for the work featured in a juried art exhibit taking place April 4 through May 27, 2015, in the Great Hall at the Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls. The show, juried by Annaliese Bischoff, Department of Landscape Architecture & Regional Planning, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Shawn Farley, Director of Marketing at UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center and Suzanne LoManto, Director of Turners Falls RiverCulture, showcases the creative work of eleven artists using trash scavenged from the Connecticut River watershed. Many of the artists found their raw material during the annual Connecticut River Watershed Council *Source to Sea Clean-up* this past fall. The resulting work selected for the show integrates found objects into a range of media including sculpture, painting, and textile art. Exhibiting artists include Nina Rossi, Carolyn Bessette, Candace Bradbury-Carlin, Phyllis Labanowski, Jane Beatrice Wegscheider, Laura Iveson, Allen Fowler, Beryl Salinger Schmitt, Jane R. Cohen, Jose L. Santos and Barbara Milot. The Great Hall exhibit will be open starting April 4 through May 8 on Fridays and Saturdays and daily after May 9. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An artist reception will take place Saturday, May 16 from 6:30-8 p.m. during the River's Song Celebration.

**The River's Song Project Celebration is a collaborative effort between the UMass Fine Arts Center Asian Arts and Culture Program, the Connecticut River Watershed Council (CRWC), Turners Falls RiverCulture, the Great Falls Discovery Center, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Wildlife Refuge System, the Nolumbeka Project, the Shelburne Falls Art Garden, Millers Fall Art Bridge and the UMass Departments of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning and Education. For more background information about the project please see: [fineartscenter.com-  
https://fac.umass.edu/Online/PressImages](http://fineartscenter.com-https://fac.umass.edu/Online/PressImages)**

###END###