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Ulrich Museum of Art welcomes artist-in-residence, Lisa Solomon

California-based artist will create custom installation with locally crowd-sourced work throughout July

Wichita, Kan., June 30, 2014 — Oakland, California-based artist, Lisa Solomon, will install an exhibition of her work, create a new piece, and participate in community art making activities when she visits the Ulrich Museum of Art as its first-ever artist-in-residence for the month of July. The museum anticipates its first floor Ulrich Underground gallery becoming Solomon’s laboratory—a place for wild ideas, collaboration, and tinkering—in an evolving space where visitors can experience the artistic process as it happens. Her installations will remain on view through Sept. 28.

Solomon’s installation of 1,000 handmade doilies addresses her interest in the way that work is categorized according to gender, and how that categorization affects the way the work is received. Doily making is often seen as an activity confined to the domestic sphere, but Solomon’s installation monumentalizes the doily and equates its making with fine art practices.

Solomon uses the Internet to create a new community of makers and to share a time-honored craft that may soon be forgotten. She crowd-sourced the materials for her Sen 1000 Doilies installation by sharing her self-produced “how to make a doily” video via social media and her blog, receiving responses from all over the world. As handmade objects often reflect the touch of the person who makes them, no two sets of doilies look the same.

While in Wichita, the artist will locally crowdsource elements to create a new installation for the Ulrich
through a series of demonstrations and workshops. The public can participate in Solomon’s artistic process by attending any of these free events. Learn more at ulrich.wichita.edu/events.

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 6–7 P.M.
Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State University

**OPENING RECEPTION | Ulrich Underground Artist-in-Residence: Lisa Solomon**
Join us in celebrating the Ulrich Underground’s resident artist, Lisa Solomon, with light fare and a meet-and-greet with the artist. Try your hand at drawing doilies for Solomon’s new installation as singer-songwriter Ellis Paul performs at the Ulrich Museum’s free summer music series, *Art For Your Ears*, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the McKnight Outdoor Plaza.

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 10 A.M.–2 P.M.
The Workroom, 150 N. Cleveland Ave., Wichita
(316) 295-4520

**ARTIST WORKSHOP: Lisa Solomon**
**Doilies & French Knots**
Learn how to draw doilies and tie French knots, and more importantly, be part of a working artist’s process. As Lisa Solomon mounts her installation of 1,000 handmade doilies at the Ulrich Museum, she will also lead this workshop to create elements for a new work especially for the Ulrich. The work you produce can help complete Solomon’s work in progress. Sound fun? Interesting? Come check it out.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 10:30 A.M.
Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State University

**SENIOR WEDNESDAY: Lisa Solomon**
Learn about Ulrich Underground Artist-in-Residence Lisa Solomon’s creative process and her leaps of faith in collaborating with people from all over the world on crowd-sourced art projects. Become a part of her process as she continues her effort to gather hand drawn doilies and hand-tied French knots for a new installation especially for the Ulrich Museum.

**About the Ulrich Museum of Art**
The Ulrich Museum of Art at Wichita State University serves as the area’s premier venue for new work by emerging and established artists of national and international reputation. The Ulrich Museum is home to the renowned 76-piece Martin H. Bush Outdoor Sculpture Collection—rated one of the top collections of its kind by *Public Art Review*—and a permanent collection of more than 6,300 works of modern and contemporary art. Established in 1974, the mission of the Ulrich is to expand human experience through encounters with the art of our time. To learn more about the dynamic public programs, events and exhibitions at the Ulrich, visit [www.ulrich.wichita.edu](http://www.ulrich.wichita.edu) and follow the Ulrich on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/ulrichmuseum) and [Twitter](http://www.twitter.com/ulrichmuseum). The galleries are open Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m.–5 p.m., and weekends 11–5 p.m. The Outdoor Sculpture Collection is always open. Admission, parking, and group tours are free.

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