

JENNIFER FALCK LINSSSEN:
BEYOND KATAGAMI

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**NEW EXHIBIT AT THE LONGMONT MUSEUM
BLENDS CONTEMPORARY ART WITH
TRADITIONAL JAPANESE CRAFT**

The Longmont Museum's exhibit *Jennifer Falck Linssen: Beyond Katagami*, combines the tradition of Japanese cut-paper stencils, or *katagami*, with a 21st-century aesthetic. Niwot, Colorado artist Jennifer Falck Linssen's creations will be on exhibit at the Longmont Museum from January 24 to March 22, 2009.

Linssen is inspired by Japanese *katagami*, paper stencils used in the *katazome* printing technique, often used in kimono fabric. Trained in *katazome* printing, Linssen found herself drawn to the stencils used to create it. These stencils are not meant to be seen, but their airy, organic beauty often matches that of the finished printed fabric. She began experimenting with turning the two-dimensional stencil into a three-dimensional form. Each piece is hand carved from heavy paper, then folded, woven and stitched to produce the final form. Working with indigo and other natural dyes to color the works, and using basketry techniques to assemble the final artwork, she creates pieces that seem to have grown in some lost world.

Linssen's work has been shown nationally and internationally, with a solo exhibition at the Craft and Folk Art Museum of Los Angeles and a show at the International Exposition of Sculpture, Objects and Functional Art in Chicago.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Friday, January 23, 7 pm

Public Opening Reception. Free



Wednesday, January 28, 7 pm

Under the Knife: Carved Paper Sculpture lecture by Jennifer Falck Linssen

Linssen's paper sculptures evolved from her work with Japanese katagami stencils, used in making katazome prints for kimonos and other fine textiles. In this lecture, she explores the history of the stencil form, and how she has turned an artistic tool into fine art.

\$5, Friends members free

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Longmont Museum & Cultural Center is located at 400 Quail Road in Longmont, Colorado. It is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, Wednesday evenings until 8 p.m., 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays, and closed Mondays. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Museum at **303 651-8374**, or visit their website, www.ci.longmont.co.us/museum.

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