



## ILLINOIS ARTISANS PROGRAM, ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM

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*Atrium Exhibition: January 27-31, 2014*  
*9am-5pm Daily*

**Filling the Atrium with Art.** The last week of January the Illinois Artisans, Chicago will display works by 18 Illinois Artisans in the historic atrium of the James R. Thompson Center. The week long exhibition highlights a broad range of media:

Painting, Drawing, Photography, Scratchboard, Glass, Ceramics and Fiber Arts. **Meet the Artisans.** Each day between 10am- 4pm, Artisans featured in the exhibition will be on hand demonstrating their technique and answering questions. **On Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>, mingle with the artisans in the exhibition during our Opening Reception from 4pm-6pm, Atrium & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Illinois Artisans, Chicago.** All work on display is for sale through the Illinois Artisans, Chicago.



Exhibition Highlight: Chicago painter Sarah Kaiser. Painting for Kaiser is a way of slowing down and processing reality. Through a range of techniques including sanding, scraping and gouging the agitated surface of the work becomes as important as the subject:

*When rendering objects and figures, I focus on the inherent meanings my subjects possess. Some of my paintings portray metaphorical objects derived from domestic interiors while others explore the interplay of the figure within an abstract space. All of my work is concerned with the discovery of the formal and poetic potential of metaphorical content.*

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Illinois Artisans, a not-for-profit endeavor, is a showcase for art work created by the state's finest artisans. It provides an ongoing opportunity to view and purchase the best designed and crafted traditional, contemporary, ethnic and folk art made in Illinois. **Illinois Artisans, Chicago 100 W. Randolph, James R. Thompson Center Ste. 2-200, 312-814-5321, Monday - Friday 9 - 5.**