

John and Andrea Gill honored as Renwick Alliance Distinguished Educators

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Andrea (left) and John Gill (right) received Renwick Alliance Distinguished Educator Awards.

WASHINGTON, D.C. John Gill, professor of ceramic art at Alfred University, and Andrea Gill, retired professor of ceramic art, were honored last weekend as recipients of James Renwick Alliance 2018 Distinguished Craft Educator Awards.

The Gills were among five recipients of the awards, presented during the Renwick Alliance's Spring Craft Weekend, Friday-Sunday (April 27-29) in Washington, D.C. The award-winners participated in a symposium Saturday at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and were honored that evening at a reception at the Glenview Mansion.

The Renwick Alliance is an independent national non-profit organization that celebrates the achievements of America's craft artists and fosters scholarship, education, connoisseurship and public appreciation of craft art. Founded in 1982, the Alliance fulfills its mission through public programs, educational trips, publications, recognition of craft artists, and financial support of museums and other non-profit organizations, including the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

Distinguished Craft Educators Awards are based on the recipient's reputation for excellence and innovation in education, influence on future artists in an education program, significant contributions to American education in the craft field.

The Renwick Alliance names Distinguished Craft Educators every two years and the Gills are the latest in a line of art educators affiliated with Alfred University to receive the award. Previous honorees with ties to Alfred include Ferguson (awarded in 2000); Higby (2002); William Carlson (MFA, 1976, awarded in 2004); and Don Reitz (MFA, 1963, awarded in 2006).